

**The IFLA Library Theory & Research Section**  
**Minutes of the IFLA Library Theory & Research Section, Standing Committee Meeting 1,**  
**World Library and Information Congress, Lyon [draft 9-13-2014]**

Meeting 1, August 16, 2014, 12:30-15:00

***SC members present:***

Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair), Krystyna K. Matusiak (Secretary/Treasurer), Raphaëlle Bats (Information Coordinator), Petra Hauke, Olga Lavrik, Xiwen Liu, Peter J. Lor, Heidi Kristin Olsen, Patricia Montiel Overall,Carolynn Rankin, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Milan Vasiljevic, Terry L. Weech, Steve W. Witt, Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni.

***Observers:***

Julie Arros, Anne-Marie Bertrand, Alistair Black, Susmita Chakraborty, Bill Fisher, Camille Lefebvre, Dibounse Madiba, Giovanna Montano, Michael Seadle, Marine Vandermeiren, Giuseppe Vitiello,

***Apologies:***

Jennifer Weil Ams, Eileen Breen, Yasuyo Inoue, Tae Kyung Kim, Wei Liu, Bernd Lorenz.

**1. Introduction and welcome**

Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair) welcomed the Standing Committee (SC) members and observers. Introductions of the SC officers, members, and observers were made. Terry Weech proposed a new agenda item: a report on the meeting of the Education and Training section and a discussion of possible collaborative projects. The agenda was approved with a new item added by Terry Weech.

**2. Officer report**

Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair) provided a summary of the Section's annual report, including information about Section membership. According to the information provided by the IFLA office, the LTR Section currently has 83 registered members. Anna Maria also shared the information presented at the Officers Training meeting and emphasized the importance of aligning the Section's strategic plan and activities with the IFLA Key Initiatives. According to the guidelines provided at the Officers Training, planning of new activities and projects should be done in light of the IFLA Trend Report. Collaboration with other sections is strongly encouraged. The Education and Training Section is a close partner in many LTR projects.

Krystyna K. Matusiak (Secretary/Treasurer) reported on the availability of the minutes of the 2013 meetings and provided information on the Section's budget. The funding was allocated to the Impact Study of IFLA Standards and Guidelines project.

Raphaëlle Bats (Information Coordinator) reported on the Section's newsletter and blog as well as social media tools used in disseminating information. She demonstrated Diigo, a social bookmarking tool used by the Section for monitoring and sharing the information in the areas of library and information science, history of books, and history of libraries. The newsletter is available in English and French. Raphaëlle asked for volunteers to translate the newsletter into

other languages, especially into Spanish to improve the distribution of information in Latin America. Raphaëlle's significant role in improving the LTR Section's communication and distribution of information was acknowledged at the meeting.

Clara Chu, Chair of the IFLA Division IV attended the meeting and provided a brief introduction to the activities of Division IV. She emphasized the importance of the LTR Section in initiating research projects. She mentioned the participation of LTR members in the project examining the impact of the IFLA standards.

### **3. New agenda item: report on the Education and Training section meeting and equivalency project**

Terry Weech and Michael Seadle reported on the activities and planned projects of the Education and Training Section, including a workshop on digital curation, an open session on distance LIS education, and an equivalency project. They suggested a possible joint project with LTR focused on the issues of LIS professional preparation, specifically on equivalency and the recognition of qualifications. The topic of professional preparation generated a lively discussion during the meeting where the committee members and observers presented multiple perspectives and touched on the tension between library and information science with some members calling for a broader approach to professional preparation. Moreover, the participants indicated the complexity of the equivalency topic and its long history in the LIS discussions and emphasized the differences between the countries in professional preparation and accreditation systems as well as the need for new research on equivalency. It has been agreed that the topic of equivalency can be a subject of a collaborative project between LTR and Education and Training sections. The Chairs of both sections will discuss further the collaborative project and will call for volunteers to form a committee.

## **4. Conference Program Planning**

### ***LTR Satellite 2014 meeting in Turin***

Anna Maria Tammaro reported on a successful pre-congress satellite meeting that took place in Turin on August 13-14, 2014. The two-day program titled *Theory and research on the convergence of professional identity in cultural heritage institutions (Libraries, Museums, and Archives) beyond technology* attracted 70 participants and received very positive evaluations with 50% of participants marking it as excellent and 40% as very good. The meeting was organized by Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair of the planning committee) and other LTR SC committee members, including Jennifer Weil Arms, Krystyna Matusiak, Pat Overall, and Terry Weech. The representatives of ALISE (Suzie Allard) and of EUCLID (Serap Kurbanoglu and Tatjana Aparac) also served on the organizing committee and participated in the program. The LTR SC members, Heidi Olsen and Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni attended the meeting and assisted with the program. Anna Maria Tammaro highlighted the key themes that have emerged from the conference, including digital curation, cooperation and collaboration between library, archives, and museums, and the convergence in education library, archives, and museum professionals. These topics could be a focus of joint projects with the Education and Training Section.

### ***LTR open session at the 2014 IFLA Congress in Lyon***

Raphaëlle Bats and Peter Lor, Co-Chairs with Milan Vasiljevic reported on the LTR program at the 2014 IFLA Congress in Lyon. The session, *Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility* will be held on August 21, 8:30-10:30. Six papers have been selected for the program. The organizing committee has been impressed with the quality of the submissions and would like to pursue a publication of the submitted papers.

### ***LTR Satellite 2015 meetings in Cape Town***

Peter Lor discussed the planning of the 2015 satellite program in Cape Town. IFLA's Professional Committee has approved a LTR proposal to hold a pre-congress satellite meeting in Cape Town on August 12 and 13, 2015. The proposed program is titled: "Digital preservation as a site of contestation: national heritage, memory, politics and power – beyond technology and management." The focus of the planned session is on political and economic issues surrounding preservation of cultural memory in the context of digitization. Patricia Overall suggested introducing the topic of cultural competency. Peter Lor will chair the organizing committee. Krystyna Matusiak, Patricia Overall, and Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni volunteered to be the members of the planning committee.

The second satellite meeting in Cape Town will focus on the impact of the IFLA standards and will present the results of the two-year LTR research project on standards and professional norms.

### ***LTR open session at the 2015 IFLA Congress in Cape Town***

The topics of the open session for the 2015 Congress were discussed in the meeting and included research methodology in LIS or digital curation collaborating with the Education and Training Section Open session. The program planning committee includes the following SC members: Heidi Olsen, Carolyn Rankin, and Patricia Overall.

### ***LTR open session at the 2016 IFLA Congress***

The Planning Committee includes Raphaëlle Bats and Milan Vasiljevic.

## **5. Projects and publications**

### ***Impact Study of IFLA Standards and Guidelines***

Anna Maria Tamaro reported on the current LTR research project: "Impact Study of IFLA Standards and Guidelines" that is being conducted in collaboration with the Standards Committee. The project was initiated by Patrice Landry, Chair of the IFLA Standards Committee in 2013 and in collaboration with the Statistics Section. The working committee includes Peter Lor, Anna Maria Tamaro, Terry Weech, and Steve Witt. The first meeting has been planned for August 18.

### ***LTR LinkedIn group***

Heidi Kristin Olsen shared the information about forming the LTR LinkedIn group. The newly formed group has currently 75 members. Heidi encouraged the SC members to join and create profiles about their research interests. LTR LinkedIn group can extend the SC committee discussion and become a platform for future collaboration.

### ***Publications***

Co-Chairs of the 2014 open session Raphaëlle Bats, Peter Lor, Milan Vasiljevic would like to pursue a publication of the papers submitted for the session, *Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility*.

Anna Maria Tammaro proposed a publication of the papers presented at the 2014 satellite meeting in Turin.

#### **6. LTR Strategic Plan**

Krystyna Matusiak reported on the update of the Strategic Plan and the need to align the Section's goals with the IFLA Key Initiatives. She called for a wider participation of the SC members in revising the goals. A sub-committee was formed to update the Section's Strategic Plan and includes Krystyna Matusiak, Olga Lavrik, Xiwen Liu, Carolyn Rankin, and Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni.

#### **7. Special Interest Group**

Steve Witt reported on the 2014 satellite meeting focused on the history of librarianship.

#### **8. Other Business**

The nomination of Isto Huvila as a new LTR Standing Committee member was accepted. Isto Huvila replaces Helen Partidge, who resigned in spring 2014. The election for LTR Standing Committee will be held next year.