



## **Library Theory and Research Section**

### **LTR Standing Committee Meeting 20 August 2015, h 08:00-09:30**

SC members present: Anna Maria Tamaro, Yasuyo Inoue, Heidi Kristin Olsen, Petra Hauke, Peter Lor, Jennifer Weil Arns, Milan Vasiljevic, Incoming members: Gaby Haddow, Theo Bothma, Dan Dorner.

Apologies: Beth Sandore Namachchivaya; Kouakou Sylvestre; Liu Xiwen; Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni; Lynn Connaway; Bernd Lorenz; Rankin Carolynn; Taekyung Kim; Terry Weech; Krystyna Matusiak; Raphaëlle Bats

Observers: Dan Dano Mahamadou Lawaly, Kerry Smith

### **1. Introduction**

Koudjam Yameni Simon Jules is elected for the role of Information Coordinator and Krystyna Matusiak for the role of Newsletter Editor. The SC committee gives to Jacqueline Bayer (Jacqueline.bayer@ibi.hu-berlin.de), student from Humboldt University and volunteering to accept the task of preparing a LTR communication strategy for young generation.

### **2. Officers Report**

Anna Maria said that she has participated to the Division IV Leadership Forum meeting on August 16th: the incoming Division Chair is Perry Moree (2015-17) and Gillian Hallam is the new secretary (2015-17). Together with Gaby Haddow she has participated to IFLA Market about the new IFLA Strategic Plan and there is a framework prepared by IFLA as a model to facilitate the

preparation of the Action Plan, the Communication Plan and the Strategy of the Section and link the activities to the priorities in the Plan.

### **3. Conference Programme Planning**

2015 Program Planning Committee for Cape Town: Yasuyo Inoue with Heidi Kristin Olsen have presented the Session 088 with Statistics and Evaluation Section, held on Monday 17 Aug. with the title “Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development”. The participants were about 100, many questions came from the floor. Co-chair together with Yasuyo Rebecca Varga (co-chairs of the SSE) professor at Univ. of North Carolina.

Yasuyo Inoue with Anna Maria Tammaro and Gillian Hallam from SET have commented on Session 169, Quality Assurance in LIS Education - Education & Training; Library Theory & Research; LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG and the final panel about accreditation issues. *She read the letter sent by Terry Weech as Chair of the International Accreditation Committee and the request of the Committee to plan a Session in WLIC 2016 about the accreditation and equivalency topic.*

2016 Program Planning Committee (Raphaëlle Bats and Milan Vasiljevic, Proposed Co-Chairs). Milan has presented the proposal of Open Session about the participatory library with the title “*Participatory Projects in Libraries: connecting collaborative communities*” together with the Call for paper to be sent on 15 February 2016. Milan Vasiljevic was not able to contact the Public Libraries Section for possible collaboration. SC members agreed with the proposal and asked to Milan to clarify better the focus on the research methodology in the Call. Other SC members were invited to join the 2016 Planning Committee: Jennefer Arns was volunteering.

Jennifer Arns submitted a proposal of a Satellite in North Carolina together with the Statistics and Evaluation Section continuing the successful session on evaluation. This proposal has been stimulated by the success of the Open Session on “Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development”. The SC members accepted to endorse the proposal of a Satellite together with SSE, in case IFLA will accept the late submission of the proposal.

2017 Program Planning Committee: Gaby Haddow and Heidi Kristen Co-chairs of the Committee have presented a first proposal to plan a Session together with the SIG New Professionals about the transformation of the librarian role.

Heidi Kristen suggested the organization of a Satellite investigating “What is Library Theory?”. Krystyna Matusiak will be requested to collaborate to the organization

### **4. Projects and publications**

Data curator

Anna Maria communicated that IFLA PC suggested to LTR to collaborate with the Information Technology Section and find partnerships with other interested associations at the regional and local levels, such as LIBER. Anna Maria has contacted the Chair of Information Technology Section during the week and they have designated one of the member for collaborating with LTR. SET Section has accepted to collaborate too.

### Publications

Jennifer Arns has described the Annual Review of Cultural Heritage Informatics (ARCHI) series and invited the members to submit publications proposal.

Theo Bothma has invited the SC members of considering to publish papers in Libri, journal with impact factor published by De Gruyter, where he is member of the Editorial Board together with Anna Maria Tamaro.

## **5. LTR Strategic Plan**

The subcommittee nominated to prepare the IFLA LTR Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and the Action Plan 2015-2016: Peter Lor, Dan Dorner, Gaby Haddow (Chair) has started his work.

The SC members have agreed to plan a virtual meeting of the LTR SC in September and to engage every members in the discussion of the Strategic Plan. A first document will be shared very soon to facilitate the discussion by Gaby Haddow.

Some suggestions came from the table: Peter Lor evidenced the importance of multilingualism in an international Association and stimulated to do research between IFLA members about perceptions and concepts. Petra Hauke stressed the importance of attracting young professionals to research methods and theory, organizing something such as Doctoral Colloquium or Research Clinics.

## **6. Special Interest Group - Report on Library History SIG**

SC members nominated Kerry Smith new Convenor of the SIG Library History. She accepted the nomination and suggested to plan the next Open Session of the SIG about History of Indigenous Knowledge.

## **7. Other**

Dan Dano Mahamadou Lawaly has been nominated LTR Corresponding member for supporting the collection and analysis of data for the survey of the Data Curator Project in Africa. Yasuyo Inoue, Dan Dorner and Heidi Kristen were volunteer of participating to SET SC for planning a possible Satellite/Open Session in collaboration of the International Accreditation Committee.