



Library Theory and Research Section

LTR Standing Committee Meeting 15 August 2015, h 12:30-15:00

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

Yasuyo Inoue and Theo Bothma left at 13:00.

Division IV Chair Clara Chu arrived at c. 14:20.

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, Savithri Heerakoon, Michael Seadle, Livhuwani Nemutanzhela, Lethabo Edwaba, Khumbello Theweli, Charlene Barina, Elisha Chiware, Barbora Drobikova, Radka Rimanova, Kerry Smith

1. Introduction and welcome

Introductions of SC officers, members and observers were made. The minutes of Lyon 2014 Standing Committee and the Agenda were approved.

Election of Chair and Secretary/Treasurer: the nominations of Anna Maria Tamaro as Chair for the second term and Yasuyo Inoue as Secretary/Treasurer were received. As there was no other nomination, Anna Maria Tamaro and Yasuyo Inoue were elected Chair and

Secretary/Treasurer respectively. Other roles nominated in the SC were that of Information Coordinator and Newsletter Editor: Koudjam Yameni Simon Jules is nominated for the role of Information Coordinator and Krystyna Matusiak for the role of Newsletter Editor. The SC will elect them at the 2nd SC meeting.

2. Officers Report

Anna Maria Tamaro provided a synthesis of the Annual report of the Section. The LTR Section has the same number of members as in 2014: 46 Institutions, 23 National Associations, 1 International Association, 11 Personal Affiliates (83 registered members). Anna Maria suggested a campaign for recruiting new members of the Section, in particular young generation people interested in research methodology.

Anna Maria read the Report prepared by Krystyna Matusiak as Secretary/Treasurer of LTR Section and the Report prepared by Raphaelle Bats as Information Coordinator and Web manager. The SC members appreciated the very good work done for the Committee by Krystyna and Raphaelle. In particular in 2014 the Section got the IFLA Communication award thanks to Raphaelle and her students in ENSSIB work for diffusing internal and external information about the LTR Section. Krystyna Matusiak developed a collaboration with Denver University and ENSSIB for updating online information about LTR, has been member of the jury IFLA De Gruyter Award, has collaborated to the 2015 Programme Planning Committee for the Satellite and is Team member of the Project Data Curator.

Clara Chu commented on the IFLA Strategic Directions and IFLA Key Initiatives, inviting members of the SC to participate to the IFLA meetings and sessions planned during the week. She said that 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.

3. Conference Programme Planning

2015 Program Planning Committee for Cape Town: Yasuyo Inoue with Heidi Kristin Olsen, Lavrik Olga Lvovna, Patricia Montiel Overall, Britt Omstedt from SSE; Yasuyo Inoue with Anna Maria Tamaro and Gillian Hallam from SET

Heidi Kristin Olsen introduced the Joint Open Session 088 together with Statistics and Evaluation Session, to be held on Monday 17 Aug. Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development

Anna Maria 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.

2015 pre-Congress Satellite Conference on Digitization as a Site of Contestation: Peter Lor reported about the successful Satellite, with the participation of about 45 participants. The subject of digitization and preservation has been discussed by a theoretical and methodological approach, beyond technology and organization. The Programme Planning Committee would look into the possibility of publishing the papers in a journal which should be available on open access and accredited for subsidy purposes for South African universities. Jennifer Arns and Michael Seadle both mentioned that they are editing journals which may be interested.

2016 Program Planning Committee (Raphaëlle Bats and Milan Vasiljevic, Proposed Co-Chairs). Milan And Raphaëlle have prepared a 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. The SC members approved the proposal and there was the suggestion that Milan Vasiljevic could contact the Public Libraries Section with a view to collaboration. Other SC members were invited to join the 2016 Planning Committee.

2017 Program Planning Committee: Gaby Haddow and Heidi Kristen were nominated Co-chairs of the Committee.

4. Projects and publications

Impact of IFLA standards

Anna Maria reported on the project investigating the Impact of IFLA Standards. The project Chair Patrice Landry has stopped the project because of the difficulty to find a volunteer with the expertise to do the statistical analysis of data. The Project has collected Web analytics data in the last 5 years (Landry- Sept. 2014), together with sale and distribution data of published standards (De Gruyter) (Landry Sept. 2014). Also has been prepared a short questionnaire to be attached to IFLA standards downloads (Lor and Rankin) which has been finished in October but not implemented. Peter Lor suggested to ask support from IFLA HQ for the statistical analysis.

IFLA De Gruyter Award

In 2015, the LTR Section has participated to the De Gruyter Research Award by proposing a theme, Digital Library, serving as the jury (Anna Maria Tammaro, Krystyna Matusiak, Liu Xiwen) and selecting the author winning the Award. The LTR Jury has received and reviewed 8 papers. The paper by Ana Pervan titled "The role of data curator in CERN Particle Physics data sharing Community" presents the results of original research.

Data curator

In 2015 LR Section has submitted a Project "Data curator: who is he/she?".

Expected outcomes:

Glossary with definition of data curator at international and interdisciplinary level

Ontology for formal representation of concepts

IFLA PC suggested that LTR collaborate with the Information technology Section and find partnerships with other interested associations at the regional and local levels, such as LIBER. Anna Maria will contact the Chair of Information Technology Section during the week.

LTR LinkedIn Project

Heidi Kristin Olsen reported on progress. Until now there has been very few postings; this is not very lively, but she proposes to continue for now.

Publications

Peter Lor reported on the project to publish the papers of last year's Open Session "Libraries in the Political Process: benefits and risks of political visibility" in *Library Trends*.

5. LTR Strategic Plan

Anna Maria reported on the information presented in the Officers' Session regarding the IFLA Strategic directions 2016-2021 and the IFLA Key Initiatives, and invited the SC members to participate to the Officers Training Session and the IFLA Market Session. A subcommittee has been nominated to prepare the IFLA LTR Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and the Action Plan 2015-2016: Peter Lor, Dan Dorner, Gaby Haddow.

IFLA HQ is requesting us to relate Section Strategies to the IFLA Strategic directions and Key Initiatives More information can be found here:

<http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/officers/conference-information/wlic-sessions-for-standing-committees-briefing-paper-to-officers.pdf>

6. Special Interest Group - Report on Library History SIG

Steve Witt reported on the Special Interest Group (SIG) for Library History and the Open Session in Cape Town. He said that he is finishing his term as Convenor and a new Convenor has to be appointed by the Section. At the session he would invite volunteers to come forward. SC members decided to nominate a new Convenor in the second SC meeting.