

**IFLA Library Theory and Research (LTR) Standing
Committee Minutes from the LTR Standing
Committee Meeting I
World Library and Information Congress,
Athens, Saturday, 24 August 2019**

SC members present:

Jennifer Weil Arns, Theo Bothma (Chair), Clara Chu, Carla Colombati, Agnese Galeffi, Benôit Epron, Premila Gamage, Chu Jingli, Jung Eun Kim, Krystyna Matusiak (Secretary), Jaya Raju, Egbert Sanchez (Information Coordinator), Debbie Schachter, Stefan Schmunk, Takahisa Shimoda, Kerry Smith, Anna Maria Tammaro, Rebecca Vargha, Zuzanna Wiorogórska, Steven Witt, Daniel G. Dorner (connecting over Zoom)

Apologies

Raphaelle Bats and Heidi Kristin Olsen

Observers

The session was attended by 8 observers.

1. Introduction and welcome

Introductions were made of officers, SC members and observers. There were no changes to the agenda. Theo Bothma recognized Flavia Renon, SC member and newsletter editor, who passed away last January.

2. Minutes of SC meetings in Kuala Lumpur

The minutes from the meetings in Kuala Lumpur were approved.

3. Election of officers for 2019 – 2021

The election of new officers was conducted during the business meeting. Anna Maria Tammaro, LTR past Chair and outgoing SC member oversaw the election process. She had issued a call for nominations prior to the meeting and received two nominations for Chair, one nomination for Secretary, and two nominations for Information Coordinator. One of the candidates for the Information Coordinator withdrew. During the business meeting, the election was held for the Chair position with two candidates running. The following officers were elected:

Chair: Krystyna Matusiak

Secretary: Egbert Sanchez

Information Coordinator: Agnese Galeffi

In addition, the following SC members assumed new roles in the communication team: Carla Colombati (social media coordinator), Debbie Schachter (LTR blog coordinator), and Rebecca Vargha (newsletter editor).

4. Officer reports

Chair, Theo Bothma thanked Anna Maria for conducting the elections and congratulated the new officers. He shared the information about the upcoming Division meeting. Secretary, Krystyna Matusiak summarized the information from the Hague workshop about the development of Action Plans. Information Coordinator, Egbert Sanchez thanked the communication team for their work in the past year.

5. 2019 WLIC Program

• Open sessions:

1. Clara Chu and Jaya Raju provided an update on the session, Session 193, “International Framework for the Assessment of Quality

Standards in LIS Education: The Role of Associations, Higher Education and the Professional Community” scheduled for Tuesday 27 August and organized in collaboration with the Education and Training section.

2. Egbert Sanchez shared the information about the joint open session (Session 207), “Information Literacy in Context: Research Informing Practice informing Research” organized in collaboration with the Information Literacy with Library Theory and Research and scheduled for Wednesday, 28 August 2019. Egbert thanked the LTR members who served on the planning committee and reviewed the papers.
3. Kerry Smith provided the information about the WLIC Session 271, “Local History Collections, Genealogy and Oral History as Critical Information Services in Libraries” organized by Local History and Genealogy with Asia & Oceania Section and Library History and scheduled for Thursday, 29 August 2019.
 - Post-conference satellite meeting
Anna Maria Tammaro shared the information about the post-conference satellite meeting, “Transforming LIS education for professionals in a global information world: digital inclusion, social inclusion and lifelong learning”, taking place in Rome, 30 – 31 August, 2019. The satellite was organized in collaboration with the Vatican Library and two IFLA sections: Education and Training and Information Technology.
6. Projects and publications
 - Clara Chu and Jaya Raju provided an update on the presentation delivered about the Building Strong LIS Education (BSLISE) project.
 - Theo Bothma shared that four papers presented at the 2017 Satellite Meeting in Warsaw on data curation were published in June 2019 issue of *Libri* journal.
7. 2019 – 2020 Action Plan
Krystyna Matusiak discussed the drafts of the Action Plan 1 and 2 that were shared earlier with the SC members and asked for feedback. She proposed forming a working group to support the projects and activities outlined in Action Plan 1.
8. 2020 Conference Planning
 - Satellite meeting
Peter Lor, former IFLA Secretary and past LTR member attended the meeting to discuss his proposal for organizing a satellite meeting focused on the challenges of conducting international and comparative LIS research. A copy of the proposal was shared with SC members prior to the meeting. The proposal was very well received, and the committee members expressed interest in organizing a satellite on this topic.