



# LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH

## Action Plan 2017 – 2018

### Objectives of Professional Unit 2017-18:

1. Stimulate discussion and debate about theory and research through increased collaboration with other IFLA Sections and SIGs (*Key Initiative 2.1 Advocating for a long-term sustainable information environment*)
2. Contribute to the development of sound research methodology and evidence-based practice in LIS education and frameworks and data curation (*Key Initiatives 2.1 Advocating for a long-term sustainable information environment and 3.2 Developing standards for the collection and preservation of content in its diverse forms*)
3. Increase the level of awareness of the activities of the Library Theory and Research Section to encourage wider membership and participation. This will enable the Section to build capacity for future activities (*Key Initiative 4.5 Strengthening IFLA by building regional and sectoral capacity and participation across our activities*)

<b>Objectives</b> <i>What do you want to achieve? Use your list above</i>	<b>Project or activity</b> <i>What project or activity are you going to do?</i>	<b>Main tasks</b> <i>What are the specific things you need to do?</i>	<b>Responsibilities and timeline</b> <i>Who will do them and by when?</i>	<b>Resources</b> <i>Do you need specific skills, money or technology?</i>	<b>Communications</b> <i>How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?</i>	<b>Measures of success</b> <i>How will you show the impact of your work?</i>	<b>Progress</b> <i>Report here briefly the progress of your work, a least every month</i>
<b>1. Stimulate discussion and debate about theory and research through increased collaboration with other IFLA Sections and SIGs</b>	1.1 WLIC 2018 joint session with Information Literacy Section: <i>Information literacy: from practice to research and back again.</i>	1.1.1 Write Call for Papers and disseminate widely.  1.1.2 Review submissions and select presentations.  1.1.3 Invite panel members to participate in interactive session.	1.1.1 Gaby and Dan (co-chairs), Premila. Egbert, end of January. Communication Coordinators to assist in dissemination through IFLA-L and other lists.  1.1.2 Programme Committee to do selection and give feedback to authors, end of March.  1.1.3 Programme Committee to develop discussion topics and establish panel, end of March.	No	Final programme will be posted to relevant sites and disseminated by Information Coordinators. Gaby to report back to SC meeting prior to and following WLIC 2018, for discussion.  Chair to report on success of the project via annual report to IFLA.	Quality submissions, good attendance at session and programme that meets objective. Positive feedback from presenters and audience.  Presenters invited to contribute to journal/ publication.	In progress. Communication will be via LTR Website, Blog and social media channels.

	<p>1.2 WLIC 2018 joint session with Education &amp; Training Section, CPDWL and LIS Developing Countries SIG: <i>Driving principles of accreditation worldwide.</i></p>	<p>1.2.1 Write Call for Papers and disseminate widely.</p> <p>1.2.2 Review submissions and select presentations.</p>	<p>1.2.1 Clara and Jaya, Education &amp; Training Section, CPDWL and LIS Developing Countries SIG.</p> <p>1.2.2 Programme Committee to do selection and give feedback to authors, end of March.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Final programme will be posted to relevant sites and disseminated by Information Coordinators. Clara to report back to SC meeting prior to and following WLIC 2018 for discussion.</p> <p>Chair to report on success of the project via annual report to IFLA.</p>	<p>Quality submissions, good attendance at session and programme that meets objectives. Positive feedback from presenters and audience. Presenters invited to contribute to journal/publication.</p>	<p>In progress. Communication will be via LTR Website, Blog and social media channels.</p>
	<p>1.3 SIG Lib Hist WLIC 2018 session, possibly in collaboration with another Section.</p>	<p>Working with the informal SIG Lib Hist committee; book expression of interest for session with IFLA; find a theme to fit with conference theme; finalise title and expectations of papers; send out Call for Papers.</p>	<p>Kerry to advise IFLA HQ of proposed theme by 15 November 2017. Work on Call for Papers to meet IFLA deadlines.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Final programme will be posted to relevant sites and disseminated by Information Coordinators. Kerry to report back to SC meeting prior to and following WLIC 2018 for discussion.</p> <p>Chair to report on success of the project via annual report to IFLA.</p>	<p>Quality submissions, good attendance at session and programme that meets objectives. Positive feedback from presenters and audience. Presenters invited to contribute to journal/publication.</p>	<p>Session title discussions are underway. Possible co-operation with another IFLA group.</p>

	1.4 WLIC 2018 Satellite Conference, together with BSLISE, SET, SIG for LIS Education in Developing Countries, and the University of Malaya	1.4.1 Write Call for Papers and disseminate widely.  1.4.2 Review submissions and select presentations.	1.4.1 Prof Diljit Singh (University of Malaya), Clara, Jaya, Premila.  1.4.2 Programme Committee to do selection and give feedback to authors, end of March.	No	Final programme will be posted to relevant sites and disseminated by Information Coordinators. Clara to report back to SC meeting prior to and following WLIC 2018 for discussion. Chair to report on success of the project via annual report to IFLA	Quality submissions, good attendance at session and programme that meets objective  Positive feedback from presenters and audience.  Presenters invited to contribute to journal/publication.	In progress. Communication will be via LTR Website, Blog and social media channels.
	1.5 IFLA De Gruyter Research Award 2018	Collaborate with Education & Training Section to write a proposal to be submitted to IFLA PC for the December meeting.	Theo and Anna Maria (LTR), Saif and Kendra (SET), Claudia (De Gruyter); proposal to be submitted during November. If the proposal is accepted, Theo and Kendra will write the Call for Papers and disseminate it widely (December/ January), as well as select the evaluators (February/ March).	No	If proposal is accepted, the Call for Papers will be posted to relevant sites and via relevant mailing lists. It will also be distributed to all stakeholders for promotion.	Quality submissions, winner selection.	In progress. Communication will be via e-mail and Basecamp/ Google Drive.

	1.6 BSLISE Group International Quality Assessment of LIS Education Programs	Carry on with research for Project with SET, and SIG LIS Education in Developing Countries on "Building Strong LIS Education" (BSLISE).	Clara, Jaya and other team members.	No	Clara to report back to SC meeting prior to and following WLIC 2018 for discussion.  Chair to report on success of the project via annual report to IFLA.	Indicators of quality of LIS education. Conference presentations (inter alia ALISE, SCECSAL). Papers in academic and professional journals. Webinar.	In progress – regular videoconferencing sessions are held. Data sharing via Google Drive and communication via e-mail.
	1.7 LTR mid-term meeting in Florence to finalise 2018 WLIC programme (one day) and on research methodologies and to engage with the Italian library community (one day). (Also see 2.2 below.)	Anna Maria and Theo.	Date for meeting to be determined based on Global Vision Project date. Anna Maria, compile proposal for logistics and hospitality. Anna Maria and Theo, call for participation in January; compile programme in February.	No	Communication to SC members via e-mail and Basecamp.	Successful programme for WLIC 2018 and engagement with the Italian library community. Publications and/or conference presentations on research methodologies.	In progress. Communication will be via LTR mailing list.
	1.8 Participation in the second phase of the IFLA Global Vision Projects	Theo and Anna Maria. Input from SC members will be collected on LTR report.	Date to be determined by IFLA HQ.	No	Communication via e-mail and Basecamp.	Successful LTR contribution to the next phase of the project.	Date and venue to be confirmed by IFLA.

<b>2. Contribute to the development of sound research methodology and evidence-based practice in data curation</b>	2.1 Publish papers from WLIC 2017 Satellite in Warsaw on “Data Curator’s Roles and Responsibilities: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives”, in collaboration with Information Technology and Preservation & Conservation Sections.	Publish papers in LIBRI. Obtain and peer review papers for book.	Anna Maria and Krystyna, in collaboration with Information Technology and Preservation & Conservation Sections.	No	Communicate the publications through LTR Website, Newsletter, and social media channels.	Via the number of article downloads and citations.	In progress.
	2.2 LTR mid-term meeting on research methodologies and to engage with the Italian library community (one day) and to finalise 2018 WLIC programme (one day). (Also see 1.7 above.)		Date for meeting to be determined based on Global Vision Project date. Anna Maria and Theo. Call for participation in January; compile programme in February.	No	Communication to SC members via e-mail and Basecamp.	Successful programme for WLIC 2018 and engagement with the Italian library community. Publications and/or conference presentations on research methodologies.	Defining a project on research methodologies for 2018/2019.
	2.3 Opening up conversation: International competency framework / Driving principles of accreditation worldwide	Assess feasibility of proposal for the proposed project and start planning activities.	Anna Maria and members of LTR, SET and CPDWL.	No	Dissemination using Basecamp and other communication channels, all team members	Register of Competency framework. Conference presentations. Papers in academic and professional journals.	In progress. Communication will be via Basecamp and e-mail.

<b>3. Increase the level of awareness of the activities of the Library Theory and Research Section</b>	3.1 LTR leaflet/ brochure and other communications materials.	Revise and update the LTR leaflet/ brochure and other communications materials and arrange for translation and dissemination of revised brochure.	LTR Communications Team, and LTR Chair.	Euro 100	LTR members promoting the section in their country, organizing meetings.	Recruiting new members.	LTR Website, Blog and social media channels.
	3.2 Doctoral Colloquium.	Develop a proposal for Doctoral Colloquium to engage doctoral students in LTR.	Theo to initiate discussion with LTR SC.	No	Distribute to LTR SC members for discussion. Theo to report back to SC meeting prior to and following WLIC 2018 for discussion.	Successful Doctoral Colloquium in 2019.	In progress.

### Resource Requirements

Project or activity and Main task Use your list above	<p>RR.1 An amount of Euro 100 was already allocated by the PC to Project 3.1 above (see the e-mail of Joanne Yeomans, dated 26 January 2016, to Anna Maria Tammaro), but not used during the previous reporting period. We request that this amount be made available for 2017-2018.</p> <p>RR.2 <i>Project Opening up conversation: international competency framework / Driving principles of accreditation worldwide</i> (2.3 above). This project was submitted for 2016-2017, with a request for Euro 2,000. Even though the PC found the project potentially interesting, no finances were made available and more details were required (see the e-mail of Joanne Yeomans, dated 26 January 2016, to Anna Maria Tammaro). Unfortunately, primarily due to the fact that the Data Curator project (see 2.1 above, and the 2016-2017 Annual Report) took up all available time and human resources, this project wasn't revised. We intend doing so during the coming year, inter alia at the proposed mid-term meeting (see 1.7 / 2.2 above). Once the project has been more clearly defined, we will either approach the PC later this year for financial support, or in the Action Plan 2018-2019.</p>
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<p>Resources. Do you need specific skills, money or technology? For what do you need resources in relation to this task? Match your needs again the resources listed below*</p>	<p>RR.1 Translation support, and possibly for limited printing. RR.2 To be defined and clarified.</p>
<p>Amount of funding. How much money would you like to request from Professional Committee Funds? Explain your rationale for the estimated amount in each case.</p>	<p>RR.1 Euro 100.00. RR.2 To be defined and clarified.</p>
<p>Timing. When would the money need reimbursement? Usually reimbursements are made on production of invoices following completion of the work, however, pre-payment can be arranged in some circumstances</p>	<p>RR.2 Reimbursement on production of invoices. RR.2 To be defined and clarified.</p>