

Preservation & Conservation Section Meeting

10 November 2020

Attending: Jeanne Drewes, Becky Ryder, Claire McGuire, Mariia Kolpakova, Sylvain Bélanger, Miguel Angel Mardero Arellano, Sônia Casquiço, Alenka Kavčič-Čolić, and Russell Lynch

Apologies from Yoriko Sato, Nevine Konsowa, and Ornella Foglieni

1. IFLA General Assembly with WLIC 2021

Jeanne received some notes from the Professional Committee:

The General Assembly authorises the Governing Board to convene the General Assembly to coincide with the next IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) which shall take place in August 2021. In the case of an unavoidable delay the General Assembly may be convened at a later date, but no later than 30 November 2021. The motion was approved.

The Governing Board will investigate alternative and sustainable ways to conduct future World Library and Information Congresses and arrange WLIC as a global event only every third year. The motion was carried and approved.

The Governing Board will undertake further work and investigations into sustainable ways to hold the WLIC and will carry out extensive consultations exploring the pros and cons of a change in the frequency of WLICs, and will keep members informed about the progress.

The Governing Board will meet again in the week beginning 7 December 2020.

This means that the section needs to plan for virtual meetings now and into the future of 2022 at least.

2. Section Brochure

As more events are virtual, it doesn't make much sense to have a paper designed brochure. The foreseeable future might only have virtual meetings. We may be better off with a webpage design for the information instead. We will also review the IFLA style guide to check our design, colours, and use of the IFLA logo. We should design the content for a page. The Section landing page could promote information in multiple languages.

Action Item: Claire will check with the Communications team on the logo and the use of colour. **Mariia, Yoriko and Jeanne will discuss how best to transfer from trifold brochure to webpage.**

3. IFLA Journal

Special Issue on storage. Things are moving forward. The committee has reviewed all the submissions. Some articles will have a second review. Sônia reports that they are on schedule.

Jeanne asked if they have enough reviewers. Sônia will ask for experts to review articles once they know what is needed. **UPDATE on extending the call date will be announced soon.**

4. Programme for the Congress in 2021

Sônia had recommended the topic of packing for mailing and the housing for objects. The housing are not just for books but other objects which are also held in library collections. The programme could also cover housing for digital. Miguel said that he could help. There are different tools for packaging digital

items. **Sônia and Miguel agreed to write up a call for papers. They'll discuss their ideas in Portuguese but write the call in English.**

Another proposal is for flood mitigation. Christiane Beylara had volunteered for our Satellite Meeting. We cannot hold a Satellite Meeting but we can do a walk through of institutions who have created solutions. We could have video tours of buildings to walk through spaces virtually instead of in person as an effective way to still have a meaningful program on this topic. PAC is interested in being part of this program. **Claire will share with PAC after Jeanne creates draft concept description**

Jeanne asked Claire if she knew about the Congress in 2022. There are not many details for that Congress. It will be a hybrid. We should expect some of it to be virtual and some in person.

5. Webinar on Complex Digital Objects

Alenka will moderate the sessions. The first session is on Wednesday, 18 November at 10 am CET (UTC+1). We will allow questions after each presentation.

The second session will repeat the presentations on Thursday, 19 November at 4 pm CET. Since this will be the broadcast of the first session, the questions will be at the end of all presentations.

The speakers have recorded their presentations. Michael Day, from the British Library, is the keynote speaker. He will represent the GLAM community. The IT Section will help us with the technical part.

Please promote the webinar. It is on the main IFLA page in the event calendar.

6. Oral History Project

Russell has reviewed the project proposal with Kerry Smith, Convenor of the Library History SIG. Kerry Smith shared the proposal with the SIG members. They received it favorably. Jeanne asked if we were holding the interviews in person or through technology. Russell said we would use both approaches. We could report our results in a future Congress programme.

7. Annual Report and Action Plan

They are not final yet. Jeanne posted both of them on as drafts on Basecamp.

Action Item: All of us need to review these documents this week.

8. Working with PAC

Future webinar for Cultural Heritage. The Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee has a proposal. Likely in first quarter 2021. We would like attendees to know that all libraries have a role and can advocate for Cultural Heritage.

There's a lot of working going on in Cult Her in IFLA and we want to promote those.

Action item: Everyone needs to review it and give comments. Jeanne will collect them.

9. Other

Claire is compiling the action plans from the PAC Centres. She wants to make it clear what each group is doing and share it.

Claire talked about the Adapting Standards Project. There are two parts to the project: 1) determine which standards need updating and 2) examine how to make the standards more usable (to help build capacity). The committee has completed the review of standards and made an analysis. Some standards will need updating. Claire will come back to us with a specific request for assistance from P&C Section. They will start delegating work. Céline has been extremely active as our representative but will be asked to update our group.

They will identify some progressive levels. If a library cannot achieve 'excellent', what steps can they achieve. (An example of progressive levels is the ISO standard on disaster recovery.)

We will schedule our next meeting for January 2021. Jeanne asked Russell to send a Doodle poll before the end of November.