

Meeting Report SOCRS August 2019

Attendees: see attached list

SOCRS Business meeting 1 (08/24/2019)

Meg Mering, SOCRS Chair, opened the meeting and informed the participants that she had received no apologies.

Gaëlle Béquet, SOCRS Secretary, and Ted Westervelt, Information officer, greeted the participants.

Participants have received the agenda. They did not wish to add another item.

The Chair thanked outgoing members. Participants introduced themselves.

Ezra S. Obaje, Nigeria, is the University librarian at Lokoja University. His main area of expertise is open access. He was a SOCRS corresponding member before becoming a full member this year.

Vladimir Lazarev, Belarussian National Technical University, Belarus, participated as an observer. He is a bibliometrician and his areas of expertise are the assessment of serials and open access.

Sandy Roe, USA, is the editor of the journal *Cataloguing and Classification Quarterly*. This is her first term with SOCRS but she was previously with IFLA Subject Analysis and Access Section.

Parisa Pasyar, Iran, is a librarian specialised in institutional repositories and scholarly communication.

Hamideh Memari, Iran, is a librarian specialised in serials cataloguing. She works at ISSN Iran.

Vicky Sangaratti, Greece

Felipe Martinez, Mexico, is the Chair of UNAM's institutional repository and his area of expertise is the organisation of information.

Nadège Isbègue, Belgium, was appointed head of periodicals at the Royal Library of Belgium in July 2019. She supervises the Belgian ISSN Centre. This is her first IFLA meeting.

Chris MacCawley, USA, joined IFLA in 2013. She is a retired academic librarian.

Andrea Wirth, USA, is the Scholarly Communication Librarian at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and is in the middle of her first term on the committee.

Sharon Dyas Correia, Canada, is Head of description at the Bodleian Library, UK. She is also the editor of the journal *Serials librarian*.

Ted Westervelt, USA, works at the Library of Congress where he is a supervisor of digital content in the library.

Meg Mering, USA, is Metadata quality librarian at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. She served as SOCRS officer for 6 years and is the Outgoing chair.

Daniela Mayara Silva, Brazil, works at IBICT and does research about journal quality to create a model to measure the quality of Brazilian journals, and to analyse the level of maturity of journals.

Gaëlle Béquet, France, is the Director of the ISSN International Centre. She has been SOCRS Secretary for 2 years.

The election of SOCRS officers was the next item on the agenda. There were altogether five nominees. T. Westervelt ran for the Chair position, Andrea Wirth for the Information coordinator position, Gaëlle Béquet, Anders Cato, Sandy Roe for the Secretary position.

Since Ted Westervelt was the sole candidate for Chair and Andrea Wirth the sole candidate for Information Coordinator, they were elected.

Anders Cato could not attend this meeting. He sent a brief note to introduce himself. Meg Mering read the note.

Sandy Roe and Gaëlle Béquet said a few words about their candidatures.

Ezra and Meg supervised the voting process. 12 votes were cast. Gaelle received the highest number of votes.

Gaelle committed to return the specific form listing SOCRS officers to IFLA headquarters before 08/26/2019.

Meg raised the possibility for non-member participants to become corresponding members. She also suggested that presenters could become corresponding members (up to five per section). Gaelle committed to send a message to the presenters.

Gaelle added that sponsor organisations should be informed more regularly about SOCRS activities. It is a concern that they do not nominate people.

Sharon suggested to list former officers on SOCRS web page. Andrea should take care of updating information.

Kuala Lumpur meeting minutes were approved.

Meg shared information with attendees about IFLA Strategy that was presented to officers earlier on the same day.

Regarding the report from officers, Gaëlle discussed the preparation of elections and how she had found sponsors for Anders Cato and Hamideh Memari. She also mentioned the preparation of the open session and her contacts with presenters to ensure that papers would be published in IFLA library in due time. Ted reminded the attendees that IFLA website was on hold because major update was to happen shortly. The blog was not much used by members to communicate about their actions. SOCRS meetings were announced on social media and via the mailing list.

At this point of the meeting, Christine Mackenzie, IFLA President-elect, dropped in to introduce herself and to invite delegates to her session on Wednesday 28 August. Her motto is « Let's work together ».

The session about grey literature on August 23rd, 2019 was successful. A few attendees requested certificates of attendance that should be provided by the Secretary. A few papers have not been sent yet. Meg Mering will follow up with them.

De Gruyter has contacted the Chair and offered to publish the papers presented during this satellite session. This is a beautiful opportunity for the section. There is anyway an issue about how this publication is related to the dissemination of papers on IFLA Library. A conversation between the Chair and a representative from De Gruyter is to take place on Sunday 25 August and a report will be shared with section members on Monday 26 August.

At this point of the meeting, Helen Vincent, incoming Chair of Division 2, entered the room. SOCRS officers will meet with her at Division 2 meeting planned on Sunday 25 August.

Meg gave the floor to Ted to lead the brainstorming session about the Action Plan.

Ted explained Focus Area N°1 about standards.

Gaelle suggested the section produce a short brief and a video to explain for example how libraries support Open science and Open access.

There is a need to enhance the cooperation with the Committee on Standards and the Technical Libraries Section.

SOCRS Business Meeting 2 (08/26/2019)

Meg, Chris, Sandy and Sharon met a representative from De Gruyter on Aug. 25th, 2019. Apparently, De Gruyter did not want to do any editorial work on the manuscripts. SOCRS would be responsible for editing them. The language should be British English. The book could be about 100-page long. Authors should transfer their copyright to De Gruyter.

Decision: Meg to draft a formal proposal for this publication and submit it to the section.

Andrea added that IFLA papers were available in Open Access and that it would be strange for SOCRS section to support a publication that would actually reduce the availability of these papers.

Parisa informed the section that IFLA Journal could publish a special issue about grey literature. IFLA journal is open access upon publication. It is also peer-reviewed.

IFLA Statement on Open Access (available on IFLA website) is about to be reviewed because it was issued 8 years ago. A working group has been set up to which Ezra and Ted have been nominated by Meg. It would be good to get more information about the sections that actually participate in the working group. A document has been distributed within the working group. It was not clear whether it could be shared with the section. Ted and Ezra will provide feedback to the section.

Action Plan

Ted wanted to get the participants' input about the overarching focus area of the section and suggested to discuss the following statement related to the section's main objective:

Sharing, Promoting, and Establishing Best Practices for continuing resources and their role in scholarly communication worldwide

Underlying focus areas would be Open Access, digital preservation, standards, serials and continuing resources.

Meg asked how many Focus areas the section wanted to pursue.

Ted answered that the first year of the action plan was a test to see how much could be achieved. The section could then adapt its action plan. He added that NASIG and UKSG were evolving to include scholarly communication.

The action plan should contain a definition of scholarly communication (dissemination of research for current and future users) and of continuing resources (see ISO 3297 definition).

Action items could be for example How to recognize a good quality scholarly resource (Gaelle) or Best practices for libraries which conduct publishing activities in OA (Ezra).

2020 Open Session

The call for proposals should be issued before Nov. 4th, 2019.

Sharon suggested to address Funder/government mandates for open access worldwide and how they affect academic libraries. Sharon also suggested to address Plan S although it is Europe-centered.

A satellite meeting about copyright could be organized jointly with IFLA Copyright Committee in 2021.

Next meeting

A Doodle will be set up to schedule the section's next meeting. Gotomeeting should be preferred to Zoom for distant meetings. The action plan will be on the agenda.