Attendance on 21 April 2020:

Kendra Albright – Chair (USA), Joan Weeks – Information Coordinator (USA), Albina Krymskaya – Secretary (Russia), Saif Aljsbri (Oman – Member), Howayda Kamel (Egypt – Member), Jaya Raju (South Africa – Member), Hiroyuki Tsunoda (Japan – Member), Sohaimi Zakaria (Malaysia – Member), Kathleen DeLong (Canada – Member), Anna Maria (Italy – Member), Susmita Chakraborty (India – Member), Ilmar Vaaro (Estonia – Member), Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean (France – Member), Linlin Geng (China – Corresponding Member), Susanne List-Tretthahn (Austria – Corresponding Member)

1. Opening and confirmation of the agenda

The meeting was opened at 9.30 – 11.00 am (New York). The agenda was confirmed for the meeting.

2. Update from the Section Chair

The meeting’s notes with news from the Zoom meeting with the Division IV chair Catharina Isberg (April 16, 2020) will be distributed by e-mail.

Reports on ongoing projects according to the Action Plan:

(1) BSLISE Working Group

Jaya (a co-chair of the BSLISE Working Group) gave a BSLISE report:

Action A – Asset mapping of LIS education programs

- BSLISE survey of LIS schools to gather information on program(s) and national qualification requirement(s) to practice in the library and information profession - conducted October 28 - December 31, 2019
- Response: total of 156 LIS schools were represented in the study from 67 different countries around the world.
- Action A sub-group to continue in 2020 with the following: use the dataset to populate the map; re-open the survey to collect additional data

Developing core knowledge in order to develop two LIS education/professional qualification frameworks: Guidelines on LIS Education, Certification process

- Since January 2020, a series of two-hour brainstorming workshops have been held outside of monthly BSLISE Working Group meetings towards developing Foundational Knowledge Areas (FKAs) for libraries, archives, museums and other information settings.
- Continuing workshops: working towards consolidating 8 FKAs and developing definitions for each of these FKAs

In view of cancellation of IFLA 2020, BSLISE Working Group to discuss at its May 2020 meeting the possibility of a Webinar in August 2020 to present progress on LIS education framework development as well as LIS education asset mapping.
BSLISE project funding proposal (via LTR) to IFLA PC for research assistant funding to assist with LIS education asset mapping was declined with the request to work with HQ and PC to map data [https://librarymap.ifla.org/](https://librarymap.ifla.org/) - concern expressed that the IFLA map may not be robust enough to address the data access and discoverability functions that BSLISE requires.

An updated version of the BSLISE Working Group website is available at [https://bslise.org](https://bslise.org).

News on LIS education have been posted on Facebook account [https://www.facebook.com/bslise](https://www.facebook.com/bslise)

(2) LTR-SET Joint Project
Anna Maria reported that there was no meeting on the project so unfortunately there was nothing to inform.

(3) KM-SET Joint Project
Albina told that the situation with the joint project with KM Section is the same as with LTR. There was no work done since October 2019. In the Basecamp KM-SET teams have discussed issues they were going to study. On April 20 KM Section chair Eva sent an e-mail with a main question what would be further steps with a project. Kendra suggested setting up another meeting with Howayda, Hiroyuki, Jasenka and Albina to talk about how we would like to get it forward.

3. Call for Papers
Kendra reminded that the Call for papers was uploaded on the website on February 27, 2020. Deadline was extended to April 15, 2020. SET received 8 proposals. It should make a decision on further action with proposals. Do we want to organize a webinar or to postpone proposals for WLIC 2021? Once we decide it we should contact speakers. Kendra told that to do a webinar with 8 speakers might be a lengthy webinar. Kendra asked Susmita to share her thoughts about a project with multiple webinars. We can postpone proposals for 2021 and do webinars with other speakers.

Susmita supposed that after reviewing proposals we would accept 3 or 4 proposals that meet our requirements. She volunteered to organize webinars.

Saif proposed to ask speakers if they would like to present their papers in a webinar.

Susanne said that for some speakers SET’s decision on acceptance influence on getting funded to attend IFLA conference. They may not agree to present their papers in a webinar if they want to join the IFLA conference.

Kendra asked if we were willing to have the whole same open session in 2021 that we were going to have in 2020.

Joan Weeks agreed with the suggestion to present this year’s papers in webinars in Aug. 2020. A webinar probably would have to be over a couple of days. One webinar is at the particular time and maybe it will have a paper or two. One of the SET officers can be a moderator. We may think again for next upcoming session and announce a call for papers.

Anna Maria shared her opining. Though there are no so many people as at the conference we still can stimulate LIS education discussion and show that SET members are active.

Other opinions from the chat:

- Jennifer Branch-Müller: Existing proposals for webinar.
- Thomas Chaimbault: I also agree with Anna Maria.
- Joan Weeks: I agree this year's proposals in series of webinars and BLISE updates.
- Jennifer Branch-Müller: A virtual conference would allow more flexibility and people can participate synchronously and asynchronously.

Kendra put the 3rd option: Hold open session with webinars and BLISE updates – open to everyone.

All SET members agreed to choose the 3rd option.

Susmita suggested having a series of webinars that would be opened to everyone. SET agreed to have one webinar per month with a speaker from SET. Susmita promised to send the list of topics to Albina for circulation among SET members.

Five SET members volunteered to be reviewers of proposals for 2020: Anna Maria, Jennifer, Joan, Susanne, Kathleen, Susmita.

Kendra asked Jaya if the BSLISE Working Group was going to have a webinar in August. Jaya informed that the BSLISE Working Group still was deciding it.

4. Website

Joan informed about New website content: About your Professional Unit. She thanked Susanne who submitted another option of the “About” page. SET members designed a new draft and agreed to discuss it one more time by e-mail.

5. New projects

Anna Maria presented a proposal for a new (renewed) SIG LIS education and E-learning. She told about the history of the E-learning SIG in 2008-2012. In 2004-2008, in IFLA there was an E-learning Discussion Group. Anna Maria believes that COVID 19 caught the LIS Schools teachers unprepared, who in a short time have had to transform the courses into distance courses. It is important that SET can provide support to meet the LIS teachers’ challenges and if possible improve LIS education.

SET members supported Anna Maria’s proposal. Kendra asked Albina to find out how we can establish the new SIG.

6. SET Bulletin

Albina reported that next issue is out in July 2020. She proposed to dedicate it to the LIS educational institutions during these pandemic times. Pieces dedicated to the LIS education worldwide might be 1,500–3,000 words in length. Illustrations (including photos) should be sent as electronic files. Photo captions should be provided in the Word document.
Susmita suggested collecting information on LIS education in pre, during and posting pandemic era info in each country. Anna Maria volunteered to share survey results on Open education.

Close

Albina said that next meeting will be organized in May. She thanked SET members for attending the meeting and wished everyone to stay safe.