Minutes
BUSINESS MEETINGS
SSL-SC Meetings #1 & 2, Kuala Lumpur (2018)

Friday, August 24, 2018, 11:15 – 13:15
Social Science Libraries Business Meeting (Session 012 SC I)
Location: Conference Center, room 409

Present: Debora Cheney, Lynne M. Rudasill; Fabien Vandermarcq; Heike vom Orde, Linda Kellam; Donatus Duesterhaus Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu; Araceli Garcia Margin
Regrets: Kayo Denda, Eugene Hayworth, Maud Mundava, Magali Hurtrel-Pizarro,
Observers: 20 (per sign up sheet)

Lynne Rudasill, Chair, Convened Meeting, Adopted agenda, reviewed and approved Minutes SSL-SC (Wroclaw, Poland 2017) Business Meetings #1 & #2, Saturday, August 19 and August 21, 2017 (completed at 2nd meeting on 8/27/2018)

Announcements
• SCECSALXXIV Conference 20-24 April 2020
  Namibia will be hosting Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) Conference in Windhoek, Namibia. Theme: Inclusive libraries and information services towards achieving prosperity for sustainable development http://scecsal2020.org/ (contact Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu for additional information)

• The Social Science Libraries dinner for members (and accompanying significant others); Time: Tuesday, August 28, 2018; Place: Skillet at 163, 163 Fraser Place, No. 10 Jalan Perak 50450

Reports (Lynne)
• The following reports were completed and posted in Basecamp for the SSLS Standing Committee
  o SSC Action Plan 2017-18 sent to members
  o Annual Report 2016-17
  o Global Vision report from SSL-SC 2018
  o SIG Review

• Barcelona meeting
  o Announced Global Vision—Opportunities and Directions and ideas for projects moving forward to enact the Global Vision
Debora, Lynne, Donatus attended the meeting

- Report on June 7, 2018 SC Standing Committee Zoom Conference Call
  - Lynne summarized. Minutes of meeting posted in Basecamp

- Division Leadership Meeting (Saturday, August 23, 2018)
  - Lynne provided overview of meeting and slide deck provided in Basecamp

- Reported there was a Division I Zoom conference to discuss Review of IFLA’s Professional Structure. Ideas will be further discussed at this conference (May 2018)

Report on Kuala Lumpur Pre-Conference: Text Mining with the HathiTrust: Empowering Librarians to Support Digital Scholarship Research (9:00 -4:00)

- Learned about Hathi Trust, Python Anywhere,
- 14 attended;
- Many thanks to Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia for their work in setting up the workshop and local arrangements
- Thanks to the HTRC Digging Deeper, Reaching Further Team for providing the Workshop
- Corporate Sponsor: Sage (for lunch)

Pre-Conference Planning for Athens, Greece 2019 –(Lynne, Linda)

Still working to determine if they could conduct an international workshop focused on open data. Possibility: Civic Switchboard open data project workshop.
https://civic-switchboard.github.io/ (“Civic Switchboard is an Institute of Museum and Library Services supported effort that aims to develop the capacity of academic and public libraries in civic data ecosystems.”)

Programme for Athens (Lynne led discussion)

The Committee on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPWDL) is piloting a “coaching” idea at this conference. The will use round tables for person to obtain coaching to develop career goals and how IFLA can support global workforce development and IFLA Goals.
Discussed What alternative ways SSL Section could approach its own programmes—Mini workshop, lightening talks?
Ideas generated:
- Reminded by committee members that due to economic downtown in Africa, academic institutions will only support if people are presenting papers; If Ifla would give those who present a subsidized registration fees; this would encourage more attendance and papers
- IFLA session to write academic papers for the IFLA Journal
  - Develop a relationship with person writing
  - How many will publish a paper or make a presentation
• Write a report of the meetings or experience at IFLA congress; sometimes required to do this if attending a conference

**SC Section Communications (Lynne led discussion)**
• Please take pictures and send them to Maud or post them in the Basecamp Pictures Folder
• Need to use our Social Media more effectively — Linkedin Blog, Twitter, etc.
• Newsletter — provide Maud with ideas and content when she calls for them
• IFLA Website
  o IFLA is redesigning the IFLA website and it will become a more important part of the IFLA Communications plan and moving the Global Vision forward
• Papers in IFLA Library can be difficult to locate them for specific SIGs or groups (Relindial, for example)
  o Possible suggestions and research who keywords and Sections/SIGS are added to the metadata for papers so they can be found in the IFLA Library – RELINDIAL example
• Basecamp — has been well-adopted and is generally liked. Please continue to use it for communicating with our SSLS members, for posting information, and all reports, minutes, etc. will be posted there. We need to understand how to use Basecamp and our IFLA website most effectively to attract potential members and make our Section more visible.

Monday, August 27, 2018, 16:15 – 18:45
**Social Science Libraries Business Meeting (Session 175 SC II)**
Location: Room: 305

**Present:** Debora Cheney, Lynne M. Rudasill; Fabien Vandermarcq; Heike vom Orde, Linda Kellam; Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu; Araceli Garcia Margin; Robin Kear, Segametsi Molowa; Robin Kear

**Regrets:** Kayo Denda, Eugene Hayworth, Maud Mundava, Magali Hurtrel-Pizarro

**Observers:** 3 (per Sign up sheet)

**SSL SC Programme: Session 149 - Defining the Digital Social Sciences - Social Science Libraries—impressions, etc. (Debora reporting)**
• 89 attendees; questions from audience; well-received.
• Thank you to our two presenters: Harriet Green (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA) and Zbigniew Gruszka University of Lodz, Poland

**Discussion of IFLA Development Roadmap—Lynne bringing paper copies, also a PDF available in SSLS Basecamp**
• Strategic planning effort for IFLA resulting in launch of IFLA Strategy 2019-2024, new IFLA Organization and governance structure
• Hasn’t been undertaken since last reorganization
• Change governance to follow strategy by August 2020
• Using input from Global Vision Reports (40 total reports)
Division 1, Chair, Vicki McDonald responded to questions about the Roadmap and IFLA future directions and incorporated into notes above.

- Emphasized this is a strategic planning process and that there is not an intention to eliminate Sections
- Discussed SIGs and some of the challenges they face and the Sections they are affiliated with. There needs to be more attention to this at the IFLA governance level and possibly into future planning about the role and purpose of SIGs. This conversation in light of the renewal of the RELINCIAL SIG.

Pre-Conference and Programme Planning for Athens, Greece 2019 (Lynne led discussion)

- Civic Switchboard idea isn’t viable, they require support for Travel (information received during congress)
- After much discussion, Lynne will contact her connections in Athens and try to determine what workshops or programmes would be of most interest to local librarians. This in keeping with the approach we’ve taken with recent programmes and pre-conferences to provide hands-on workshops and programmes which focus of social sciences information and data at the local level. Lynne will get back to those who will help develop programme and preconference requests in time to meet deadlines.
- Lynne reports it’s increasingly difficult to find support for programmes and pre-conferences from our publishing/commercial sources.

Future of Social Sciences Libraries Section (Lynne led discussion)

Discussed

- Should we be just the social sciences? What are the social sciences? Are the social sciences disappearing (Toronto conference them)?
- How do we approach the problems of today from our individual silos to reach out to individual communities
- Some of our members are representatives from ALA Social Science Section—feel they would need to discuss changes with them
- Interested in what social sciences vs. sci/tech librarianship is about
- Interest in new services: Data that cross-over disciplines
- Social sciences is very wide (can even include art)
- What issues are we going to deal with on an annual basis
- We need expertise across social sciences to support: data, government information, newspapers, law, etc.

SIG RELINDIAL –Update

- The RELINDIAL SIG was continued by the Professional Committee
- Relindial is having a business meeting on Sunday morning and a Satellite meeting on Islamic art
- The recommendation for RELINDIAL is on the SSLS Basecamp site
Action Plan and Project request update  Lynne, All

Note: MUST BE TIED TO IFLA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES: can collaborate with other Sections (items taken from the TREND REPORT, 2017)