

IFLA Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults



International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

Minutes WLIC 2020 meeting on ZOOM

Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15

6:00 AM - 8:00 AM Eastern Time (ET)

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Central European Time (CET)

1. Welcome, introduction, and apologies

Introduction from Jorun Systad (Norway).

Apologies received from: Salomon Hellman (Sweden), Huey-Bin Heng (Singapore), Antonella Lamberti (Italy).

Anton Purnik (Russia), Maria Alekseeva (Russia), and Alica Kolaric (Croatia) won't be able to attend Saturday.

Friday

Present:

Members: Jorun Systad (Chair), Marianne Martens (USA, Secretary), Benjamin Scheffler (Germany, Information Coordinator), Anton Purnik, Maria Alekseeva, Claire Stuckey (Australia), Søren Dahl Mortensen (Denmark), Emiko Goeku (Japan), Naoko Nakajima (Japan), Razina Akhter (Bangladesh), Maria Alexiusson (Sweden)

Corresponding members: Alica Kolaric, Melanie Ramirez (Phillipines)

*Advisors:*Carolynn Rankin (UK), and Annie Everall (UK)

Saturday:

Present:

Members: Jorun Systad (Chair), Marianne Martens (Secretary), Benjamin Scheffler (Information Coordinator), Claire Stuckey, Søren Dahl Mortensen, Emiko Goeku, Naoko Nakajima, Razina Akhter, Maria Alexiusson

Advisors: Carolynn Rankin, Annie Everall

Absent w/o excuse:

Members:

Charlotta Boström (Sweden)
Cosmas Mabeya (South-Africa)
Soo Hyun Park (Korea)
Daniela Skokovic (Serbia)
Annie Tam (Hongkong)
Taina Tranquille (Haiti)

Corresponding Members

Ingrid Källström (Sweden)
Joanne Plante (Canada)

The members and corresponding members uploaded short videos introducing themselves on the section's Basecamp page. Thanks to everyone for the insight into your work and life.

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved with some minor changes in the agenda. Items 3.d - f were deleted. Because Anton Purnik and Maria Alekseeva were unable to attend the meeting on Saturday, their working group report was moved to Friday.

3. Standing Committee membership matters (Jorun)

- a. Introduction to the Standing Committee of new members: Annie Tam from Hongkong. While absent today, she attended in March (Virtual Odense).
- b. Jorun Systad and Benjamin Scheffler explained the election procedures for 2021:
 - Candidates for the term 2021-2025 (starting with the end of WLIC 2021) must be presumably nominated until the end of December 2020.
 - Individual members can nominate persons they consider to be eligible for the tasks and work at our SC.
 - A library or an institution like a library association can nominate candidates.
 - If you are asked to run for the SC C&YA make sure your library supports you (financially, and in terms of your work commitments).
 - If your library is an IFLA member, it can vote for you IF it has signed up for the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section.
 - Each library can sign up for two sections and vote within this section for new members.
 - The whole process starts presumably in **September**.
 - If you are nominated, you will have to write a "letter of motivation" in January.
 - If you are accepted as a candidate, voting lists are usually closed by the end of January.

- In March, the results of the elections are published and you will be informed if you got elected or not.
- Your term starts officially with the end of next WLIC congress, but you are expected to attend the congress.
- Here's full information from IFLA for the last elections, but the procedure is the same: <https://www.ifla.org/node/81922>

Corresponding members are not elected - they are appointed by the committee. We can have up to five corresponding members. New for our section: Professional Advisors. We have two active earlier members of the committee. These are not "official" members. Corresponding members are expected to attend 50% of meetings. These Professional Advisor spots could be used either for newcomers, or for former members who provide valuable historical perspectives.

IFLA wants us to ensure that our section is global. Our committee lacks representation from Latin America and Africa, and we need to consider nominating people ourselves. Claire suggests reaching out to contacts for World Through Picture Books (Jorun asked **Claire** and **Benjamin** to draft and send out a letter). Annie Everall suggests we put something out in newsletters / IFLA list / social media, adding something about "we especially welcome applicants from... Latin America and Africa." Claire volunteers to draft a text. It is important to share information about the requirements (attendance at conferences, engagement in working groups, etc.).

Personal members who can nominate: Jorun Systad, Benjamin Scheffler, Claire Stuckey and Marianne Martens.

- c. For the term starting with the end of WLIC 2021 there will be vacancies. Nominees need to be identified this fall: Those leaving next year because their 2nd term runs out:

- Jorun Systad and Cosmas Mabeya.

They cannot be re-elected. There are several members whose 1st term ends in 2021 who could be re-elected:

- Marianne Martens, Benjamin Scheffler, Anton Purnik, Daniela Skokovic, Razina Akhter, Charlotta Boström, Taina Tranquille. Naoko Nakajima could also be re-elected, but she is leaving because her library no longer supports her membership in the SC.

Identification of any inactive members who could be considered to have resigned: Because they missed two meetings without excuse, the following members are considered as resigned:

- Charlotta Boström and Taina Tranquille. Viviana Quinones is considered resigned for private reasons.

~~d. Co-option of replacement members for any members that have already resigned.~~

~~e. Renewal or retirement of corresponding members or SC advisors (and place to thank them for their service)! strikethrough per chair~~

f. Other

4. Approval of Minutes and matters arising from previous meetings (available in Basecamp)

c. [SC meeting Athens](#): **Minutes approved**

d. [SC Midyear meeting](#) (Virtual Odense): **Minutes approved with addition of last names and countries**

5. Announcements and report from the Leadership Team [moves to Saturday]

- Chair's report 2019-2020
- Information Coordinator's Report 2019-2020
 - Communication – mailing lists and Facebook
 - Newsletters. Marketing of the newsletter 2020 and theme for next newsletter
- Secretary's Report 2019-2020

[Short Break 7:30-7:40]

6. Working Groups

● **The World through Picture Books (Claire Stuckey)**

Claire Stuckey drafted brief report:

The working group had a response from the new director of the national library in Japan which holds one of the collections. They are interested in current and future exhibitions. The International Library of Children's Literature said it would continue to loan current exhibition as it is and do not want to pick old titles and replace them to new ones. But when SC develops the new catalog and physical exhibitions, the ILCL will consider how to deal with it. Possibility the ILCL will hold new exhibition or not will become clear in the process of discussion with it.

For home of future exhibitions - the working group needs to figure out the number of hardcopies to request, who is requesting, etc. and clarify who will send emails to various countries, and in which languages.

Some books might remain as they are classics in particular countries. If books have gone out of print, lists could be updated with new additions. We need to finish the catalog first, then work on the exhibitions. Design and funding is also not clear for this program. We have another opportunity in our action plan to request funding for the next year. Annie Everall has contact with the designer that we used on the first 2 editions and she will reach out.

- **Sister Library Program (report on basecamp by Maria Alekseva and Anton Purnik)**

The libraries have changed the last year, and virtual meetings and connections are more common. Anton Purnik is working on a website on wordpress. Anton also talked of the need to have a more engaging model - with posts on social media, and sharing. We know that we have “sisters” (about 110 libraries at the moment), but we don’t know what they are doing. Maria Alexiusson’s library in Sweden has a sister library - Westerville in Ohio. They use the program to get to know each other and do joint activities. They have sent things to work with, and do lots of things on makerspaces, and share those back and forth with Westerville. Now they are talking about filming libraries in Sweden, and sharing that with Westerville, and they’d do the same.

- Marianne Martens reminded Anton Purnik about the library contact in Zimbabwe that searched for a sister library.
- We talked about how we can promote these partnerships, and Carolyn Rankinn informed us about earlier research with Ulla Pötsonen about the program and said because of COVID19, there’s much more interest in putting programs online and sharing.
- The program must be actively shared on website / newsletter / social media.
- All members (new and old) must share information they have on the project on basecamp. Also raw-material from the survey on Sister Libraries must be archived on Basecamp.
- Jorun Systad asked Anton Purnic as chair of the working group to create a timeline for the program development.
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- **Best Practices project (report on basecamp by Maria Alekseeva and Anton Purnik)**
 - Created a Google sheet to come up with a consistent way of describing videos.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNbNYMA4VIIIn3XhaPuOkwIIPtY-OzHvq>

The next step for the working group is to come up with naming conventions. They plan to do this by September 2020.

There were questions about creating special videos specifically for our IFLA section, vs. curating content on YouTube. Jorun Systad said that you can't use the same video 2x on YouTube. Videos need major changes to be published twice on Youtube.

Anton Purnik says that if you change the titles - that this video is specific for our project. It is important that we don't use copyrighted material, and we have already re-uploaded videos to our channel. Already appeared 2x on YouTube.

- Dynamic Unit Award: **Discuss further Saturday!**
- Revision of Guidelines - quick update on translations (Benjamin Scheffler)

We have the problem of old documents, such as guidelines in an old version, lingering on the website. A Spanish group decided to create a Catalan edition of the old guidelines and without informing the chair or information coordinator this translation suddenly is on our website. There are now 11 translations on the IFLA webpage of the new Guidelines.

Alica Kolarić is working on a translation of the Guidelines into Croatian. Antonella Lamberti is working on the Italian translation, and Razina Akhter is working on a Bengali version of guidelines.

We need a French and a Spanish edition. Joanne Plante might be able to help with French edition. Benjamin will ask Joanne to be the point person for French translation. Annie Everall and Claire Stuckey also have contacts that can help with a French translation.

Short Version of the Guidelines (infographic)

Huey Bin and Salomon are absent, butCarolynn Rankin and Claire Stuckey have also been added to this project. Didn't get far regarding infographic design. Jorun and Marianne both made comments. When we get initial design, per Carolynn Rankin , we'll want to pilot this in different countries to make sure it can be understood in different countries / regions of the world.

- **ALMA Award 2021 (Jorun Systad - short report on Basecamp) partnerships (IBBY - Claire)**

This year we just nominated 3 bodies to ALMA 2021:

1. Kyoko Matsuoka, Japan
2. Stiftung Lesen, Germany
3. Trøndelag Fylkesbibliotek, Norway

Two other projects were suggested on our midyear meeting: Christiano Islam Peace Library (Phillipines), and a project in Naples (Italy). Christiano Islam Peace Library has closed down and the Naples project is also on hold. We did not discuss possible partnerships.

- Revision and update of annual report of the Section to take into account completed activities (Jorun Systad)
- Jorun Systad informed us about the annual report and the new template.
- The Annual report is due October 1, as is the Action Plan and the Application for Funding. The new template on basecamp in the folder.
- A new change this year is that we have to report individual member's participation in the Annual Report. Each committee member needs to post a 250-word paragraph by September 1. Describe what you have done at the SC. Bullet points are fine.
- Benjamin Scheffler informed us about the working groups list on Basecamp, and that we include that in the Annual Report.

The section have to describe all activities (even counting facebook posts)

IFLA is planning on a new infrastructure: New divisions - regional divisions and organizational divisions. Our Division III have said they're worried about this change. IFLA GB and HQ will make the final decision, and will take opinions of committees in consideration, but in the end the decision is theirs to make. Jorun Systad (and others) worry that the change will possibly destroy and definitely reduce the global aspect of IFLA. Part of it is the environmental message. There are rumors that WLIC will move to every other year, or even every three years. Also, it is becoming increasingly difficult for countries to host. Carolynn Rankin mentioned sustainability, and being responsible citizens. Benjamin suggested that we perhaps could switch to alternate f-t-f mid-year meetings, and f-t-f conferences. Carolynn Rankin: Impact - could promote through webinars. Can be inclusive to more librarians that can't get funding for the participation. Annie and Carolynn have both been running webinars in their daily work.

- **Communication (Benjamin Scheffler):**

- A. Communication within the Standing Committee (email, Basecamp, Website, Zoom calls).**

- We published one newsletter in December and one in May. A 3rd newsletter in the works - Marianne Martens will put out last minute, late call for contributions on basecamp. The newsletter will be out Fall 2020.

- Salomon Hellman and Benjamin Scheffler also submitted information for the new About Page on IFLA. They organized new photos, cleared copyright, wrote new texts.

- We have 506 subscriptions on our mailing list.

- B: Establish expectations for involvement / working groups: Communication with members (mailing list, web pages, etc.). (Benjamin)**

Facebook page: Claire looking for programs on inclusivity, children with disabilities, included in regular storytimes, or if there is a special program. Looking for a committee in Australia. Anyone with information about interesting projects please mail a short description to Claire.

- Publications authored by the Section ([Newsletters](#), [leaflet](#)) (Benjamin and/or Marianne)
- Finalization and agreement on action plan: <https://www.ifla.org/node/91766> (Jorun)
 - Went through Action Plan - we will apply for same funding for next year.
 - Claire suggested a webinar- perhaps with the Oxford Satellite group
 - Carolynn - discuss with HQ
 - Webinar topics: (Annie) perhaps Sister Libraries
 - Could combine webinars with stuff we're already working on
 - For next year, keep the items we have. Add a webinar in conjunction with the Midyear meeting. If we are able to meet face-to-face, we'll meet as a small group, and then organize a webinar for what would be the "Danish librarian conference."

- Safer Internet Day (Marianne). Last statement is from 2015:
<https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/9961?og=51>

Need to set up Zoom meeting with the group

What does Safer Internet Day mean for young people? What can libraries do?

Annie - under 18, safe-guarding on Zoom, etc. public events - must shut down chat function between under 18s and adults. Organizing events: safety guidelines.

Tool for libraries / librarians -

Safety for children, librarians, adults.

Marianne will set up meeting- information in Basecamp.

Benjamin will add Annie to the group.

Possible dates: August 20th, August 24th, August 25th

6:00 AM Eastern Time (moved to 7:00 AM Eastern per Emiko).

- Off-site Mid-year 2021
 - Tentative Mid-Year 2021: March 19th -21st (with a webinar on the 19th)
 - Quarterly meetings: November 13th, January 15th (add ALMA to agenda)
- WLIC 2021
 - a. On-site (keep as in 2020 - early literacy)
 - b. Satellite 2021 (will need to be near Rotterdam - or could be a webinar)

15. Any other business

On behalf of our Standing Committee, Marianne Martens is presenting “How Covid-19 Has Impacted Library Service for Children and Young Adults: An International Perspective” at the (Korean) Library for Children and Young Adults’ Seminar on Library Services for Children and Young Adults (in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the National Library of Korea) on September 22, 2020. Among other sources, this presentation draws on our Special Edition Newsletter from April 2020.