



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Anna Maria Tammaro

Dear Library Theory and Research Section Members,

We have had a very dynamic and successful 2014!

The 2014 IFLA Professional Unit Communication Award has been awarded to our section and Raphaëlle Bats (enssib, France), Information Coordinator of LTR, has received this award for the section. Much thanks go to Raphaëlle Bats who has been working on revitalizing our communication strategy together with a Team of students.

We have had a successful pre-congress satellite meeting that took place in Turin on August 13-14, 2014. The two-day program titled "Theory and research on the convergence of professional identity in cultural heritage institutions (Libraries, Museums, and Archives) beyond technology" attracted about 80 participants. The meeting was organized by Anna Maria Tammaro (Chair of the planning committee) together with Jennifer Weil Ams, Krystyna Matusiak, Patricia Overall, and Terry Weech. The representatives of ALISE (Suzie Allard) and of EUCLID (Serap Kurbanoglu and Tatjana Aparac) also served on the organizing committee and participated in the program.

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Raphaëlle Bats and Peter Lor were Co-Chairs with Milan Vasiljevic of the Open Session with the title "Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility". The papers presented may be found in the IFLA Library going to Session 200 at: <http://library.ifla.org/view/conferences/2014/2014-08-21/424.html>.

Steve Witt, Convenor of the SIG History of libraries, reported about the success of the Open Session and the 2014 SIG Satellite meeting focused on the history of librarianship.

81st IFLA WLIC Cape Town 2015

After a very active and successful year 2014, we are now on the way of preparing the 2015 Cape Town Conference.

Peter Lor is the Chair of the Planning Committee of the 2015 Satellite program in Cape Town together with Krystyna Matusiak, Patricia Overall, and Simon Jules Koudjam Yameni. The proposed program is titled: "Digital preservation as a site of contestation: national heritage, memory, politics and power – beyond technology and management." The focus of the planned session is on political and economic issues surrounding preservation of cultural memory in the context of digitization. The Call for papers is open with deadline on 21st February.

Yasuyo Inoue (Chair) together with Carolynne Ranking and Heidi K. Olsen are working on the LTR program planning committee. Our section is planning a first Open Session with the Education and Training Section and the LIS Education and the Developing Countries Special Interest Group. The working title is "Quality Assurance of Library and information science (LIS) programs ." The Call for Papers is just closed. An other Open Session is organized jointly with Statistics and Evaluation Section SSE. The theme is: The Lyon Declaration in Action: Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development. The Call for Papers is out with the expectation that submissions will be received by the end of February.

LTR Projects

The project on Impact of IFLA standards in collaboration with the IFLA Standards Committee and the Statistics Section has been initiated by Patrice Landry in 2013 and the working committee includes Peter Lor, Anna Maria Tamaro, Terry Weech, and Steve Witt. The first meeting in presence was held on August 18 in Lyon and the methodology was discussed together with the activities to be planned.

Heidi Kristin Olsen, leading the Project on LinkedIn Group, during the SC meeting in Lyon shared the information about the LTR LinkedIn group. The newly formed group has currently 75 members.

LTR membership

Our Section has 85 members and 20 Standing Committee members. This year, 2015, is an election year for IFLA Section Standing Committees. Nine of our Standing Committee positions will be open for nomination. More information on the process of nomination can be found here: <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/sc-nomination>.

We wish you a happy and successful 2015 and hope to see you all in Cape Town! I cannot finish this letter without a condemn of the terrorists attack on the offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris. We believe on freedom of speech which is integral part of our ethics.

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Anna Maria Tammaro

For the full report, please click [here](#).

SCOPE

The Section on Library Theory and Research concerns itself with the continuing development of library and information science through theoretical and applied research in all aspects of the discipline. The Section promotes the importance of investigation and research activities within IFLA's program, upholds scientific integrity in research and development activities, supports the design and investigation of research projects and the reporting and publication of research results within the library and information science community worldwide.

MEMBERSHIP and STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

The number of Section members is 83. Africa: 7%, Asia 23%, Europe 48%, Latin America 7%, United States and Canada 14%.

Standing Committee Members are 21 members. Helen Partridge has resigned in 2014.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS MEETINGS

- 1) Standing Committee Meeting 1, August 16th (h. 12:30 – 15:00, Lyon WLIC Room Gratte Ciel)
- 2) Standing Committee Meeting 2, August 20th (h. 11:30 - 13:00, Lyon WLIC Bellecour 1)
- 3) Standing Committee Virtual meeting, November 17th, (h. 15:00-16:00)

The LTR Strategic Plan and the Action Plan have been revised by Krystyna Matusiak, Carolyn Rankin, and Steve W. Witt.

IFLA Professional Unit Communication Award

IFLA Professional Unit Communication Award has been awarded to our section Library Theory and Research (LTR). Raphaëlle Bats (Enssib, France), Information Coordinator of LTR, has received during the WLIC closure ceremony with pride

and emotion this award for the section. Enssib students have collaborated to distribute information through the different channels with the strong coordination of LTR Information Officer, Raphaëlle Bats.

PROJECTS

Impact of IFLA Standards

In 2013, Patrice Landry asked for the collaboration of LTR in the preparation of a project proposal, "Impact study of IFLA standards and guidelines," which was approved by IFLA PC. Peter Lor, Terry Weech, Anna Maria Tammaro and Steve Witt are participating in the project together with Carolynne Rankin and Heidi K. Olsen. A literature study has been conducted by Steve Witt and students from University of Illinois.

WLIC 2014 CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

Satellite Meeting: "Theory and research on the convergence of professional identity in cultural heritage institutions (Libraries, Museums, and Archives) beyond technology" 13-14 August 2014 | Turin Italy

Open Session (Conference Session 200): "Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility" 21 August 2014, 08:30 - 10:30

Special Interest Group - Library History SIG

Open Session 71 — "Building a global network: International librarianship at the confluence of cultures, practices, and standards" 17 August 2014 13:45 - 15:45 | Room: Auditorium Pasteur

Satellite Meeting: "History of Librarianship", Ecole nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques (enssib), Lyon, 25–26 August 2014 | Rare Books & Manuscripts Section, Centre Gabriel Naudé

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter: Two issues of the Section Newsletter were published in electronic form last year: 2014/1 in January, and 2014/2 in June.

The newsletter has been distributed via email to all LTR members.

LTR Blog: Blog has been updated monthly.

MINUTES

LTR Standing Committee Meetings, World Library and Information Congress, Lyon

Here are the highlights from last year's meetings:

- Officer reports: including a discussion of possible collaborative projects with the Education and Training Section, a demonstration of Diigo (a social book-marking tool used for monitoring and sharing information) and a briefing from the chair of IFLA Division IV on our role in initiating research projects.
- New agenda report: Collaboration with the section Education and Training, including a workshop on digital curating, an open session on distance LIS education and an accreditation equivalency project between countries.
- Conference program planning of the following events: LTR Satellite 2014 meeting in Turin, LTR open session at the 2014 IFLA Congress in Lyon, LTR Satellite 2015 meetings in Cape Town, LTR open session at the 2015 IFLA Congress in Cape Town and LTR open session at the 2016 IFLA Congress.
- Projects such as the *Impact Study of the IFLA Standards and Guidelines*, conducted in coloration with the Standards Committee, and the LTR LinkedIn group, which encourages members to take advantage of the social network.
- Publications, planning, special interest in the history of librarianship, as well as other business

To read the minutes in their entirety, go to

[Meeting 1, August 16, 2014: 12:30-15:00](#)

and

[Meeting 2, August 20, 2014: 11:30-13:00](#)

FOCUS ON A STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Carolynn Rankin, United Kingdom

I am currently a Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Arts, Environment and Technology at Leeds Beckett University (formerly Leeds Metropolitan University) in the UK. I graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a Bachelor of Social Science in Human Geography and had thoughts of pursuing a career in town planning. However, having discovered the wonders of Geographical Abstracts in the university library as a final year student (the printed version, of course, as this was a long time ago!), I realised I was more interested in information management. I undertook postgraduate library qualifications at the University of Strathclyde and Leeds Polytechnic and went on to become a Chartered Member of the Library Association, now the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP).

I have had a varied career as an information professional. After 20 years experience in special and academic library and information services as an information specialist and manager, I took the opportunity to move into professional education at Leeds Metropolitan University in 2000. I was a senior lecturer in the School of Information Management for six years, and postgraduate course leader of the CILIP accredited MSc Information Studies - I still enjoy hearing from former students and finding out where their career paths have taken them. During my time as a 'library school' lecturer I specialised in lecturing on the management of information and library services and the role of the information professional. I also focused on teaching research methods and supervising Masters dissertations and PhD students.

My research interests are disciplinary, exploring the connections between civil society, social

justice and access to literacy and learning via libraries. I have undertaken research on the impact of the National Year of Reading in the UK and am currently involved in undertaking a longitudinal evaluation of the development of the Sister Libraries programme for the Children and Young Adults Section of IFLA. My PhD research examined the role of the UK public library in the 21st century in supporting the development of communication, language and literacy in young children. My current professional activities include the role of External Examiner for the CILIP Professional Registration and Accreditation Board, Chair of the Library and Information Research Group, and Assessor for CILIP Accreditation for Learning Providers.

Never underestimate the potential benefits of networking. By chance I met Dr Avril Brock during a coffee break about nine years ago and began a writing partnership that is testament to the value of collaborative research. As research partners we have now co-authored and edited five books, including *Library Services for Children and Young People – Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Age* published by Facet. A revised edition of *Library Services from Birth to Five - Delivering the Best Start* is due for publication by Facet in February 2015 and includes country case study contributions from a number of IFLA colleagues - once again, the benefits of networking!

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COMMUNICATION

LTR GROUP ON LINKEDIN

Heidi Kristin Olsen

As mentioned in the June Newsletter, the LTR section established a LinkedIn group. The aim of the group is to stimulate discussions within the LIS theory subject area.

We invite you to join us in promoting the importance of investigation and research activities, supporting the design and investigation of research projects and the reporting and publication of research results within the library and information science community worldwide. We encourage an active discussion among our 80 plus members, including topics such as:

- Common research interests (global dimensions of librarianship and information work, Open

Access, and the digital library, for example). For the next newsletter, we would like to present an overview of these interests, so please add yours if you have not done so already!

- Experiences using the research method, Personas.

If you would like to join our open group, we encourage you come see us at the

[Library Theory and Research](#)

group and join in!

DIIGO: THE INFORMATION MONITORING OF THE IFLA LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH SECTION (LTR)

Raphaëlle Bats

The IFLA LTR team is doing information monitoring which is shared and spread through its blog and its twitter account. "Diigo is a bookmarking software which propose sharing features within an identified group and permits to mutualize the information monitoring of the different members on the subjects of the working group in order to:

- Gather all the information monitoring in the same space ;
- Organize the results of this monitoring through the use of keywords and find them more easily thereafter;
- Widely disseminated the results among the members of the group

and shared them with people interested."

The information monitoring is done by all the members of the IFLA LTR workshop of the Enssib, under the guidance of Raphaëlle Bats, information coordinator of the LTR section. Any person may report resources to add in the diigo:

- By sending an email to the following address: section.IFLA.LTR@gmail.com
- By adding the mention [@IFLA_LTR](#) to their twitter account

Follow the information monitoring of the IFLA LTR section

- The account of the LTR group is available at the following address: <https://groups.diigo.com/user/ifla-ltr>
- Each new addition in the diigo is automatically sent on the twitter account: https://twitter.com/IFLA_LTR
- An extraction is made each month on the blog section: <http://blogs.ifla.org/library-theory-research/>

Everyone can subscribe to the RSS diigo by topic:

- Library and information : <https://groups.diigo.com/group/library-and-information-sciences/rss>
- Book History : <https://groups.diigo.com/group/book-history/rss>
- History of Libraries : <https://groups.diigo.com/group/history-of-libraries/rss>

CALL FOR PAPERS IFLA 2015

➤ The Lyon Declaration in Action: Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development

The IFLA's [Library Theory and Research Section](#) (LTR) joint with [Statistics and Evaluation Section](#) (SSE) invites you to submit a proposal for its open program.

Theme: *The Lyon Declaration in Action: Measuring the Impact of Access to Information and Development*

Deadline: **28 February 2015**

More Details: [IFLA WLIC 2015 website](#)

➤ Quality assurance of Library and information science (LIS) programs

The [Education and Training Section](#) (SET) joint with [Library Theory and Research Section](#) (LTR) and [LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group](#) invite proposals for our joint open session.

Theme: *Quality assurance of Library and information science (LIS) programs*

Deadline: **18 January 2015**

More Details: [IFLA WLIC 2015 website](#)

➤ History of Libraries and Librarianship in Africa

The IFLA [Library History Special Interest Group](#) invites papers to be presented at its open session.

Theme: *History of Libraries and Librarianship in Africa*

Deadline: **9 March 2015**

More Details: [IFLA WLIC 2015 website](#)

➤ Satellite Conference on Digital Preservation

The IFLA [Library Theory and Research Section](#) is pleased to invite submissions for its forthcoming pre-Congress Satellite Conference, in link with the 81th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, to be held in Cape Town, 12 and 13 August 2015.

Theme: *Digital preservation as a site of contestation: national heritage, memory, politics and power - beyond technology and management.*

Deadline: **21 February 2015**

More Details: [IFLA WLIC 2015 website](#)

➤ **De Gruyter Saur / IFLA Research Paper Award 2015**



DE GRUYTER
SAUR



IFLA LTR in partnership with De Gruyter Saur launches this award for the best research paper on the topic of the importance of publishing and access to information.

Topic: *Digital Libraries:
Knowledge creation and sharing.*

Deadline: **15 February 2015**

Please refer to the [IFLA website](#) for full details.

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The newsletter will be translated into French, very soon. If you would like us to propose the newsletter in your language, don't hesitate to send us the texts translated.

See you this summer in Cape Town, South Africa, for IFLA WLIC 2015.

