



National Libraries Section Action plan 2017–2018

Objectives of Professional Unit 2017–2018

The mission of the IFLA National Libraries Section is to act a focal point for supporting the vital role of national libraries in society as custodians of the worlds' intellectual heritage, providing organisation, preservation of and access to the national imprint in all its forms.

The Section aims to provide leadership in the areas of concern to national libraries, always in recognition of the needs and views of every region of the world and in recognition of IFLA's vision as the trusted global voice of the library and information community.

For the period August 2017-August 2018, the Section will concentrate on five objectives. These are given below, with information on how they have progressed from August 2017 to January 2018

1. Prepare a programme for WLIC 2018

The Section will organize a 2-hour session on the following topic:

National Libraries and social media – meeting the challenges of acquiring, preserving and providing long-term access.

Discussions are under way with potential speakers to ensure that a range of experience from different regions is presented.

The Section will participate in a joint Division I / Division IV session on the theme of social networks.

2. Actively participate in the Working Group on Digital Unification

The Section is working with IFLA on the question of digital unification (Strategic direction 3 cultural heritage) <https://www.ifla.org/cultural-heritage/digital-unification>

Three members of the Section are taking part in the Digital Unification working group:

- Guy Berthiaume (Chair of the IFLA National Libraries Section)
- Jaesun Lee (Expert member, National Library of Korea)
- Isabelle Nyffenegger (Expert member, Bibliothèque nationale de France).
- Caroline Brazier (Expert member, British Library)
- Oren Weinberg (Expert member national Library of Israel)

A template for describing projects has been drafted and will be distributed in Spring 2018

3. Develop synergies with CDNL

The Section continues to work with CDNL to ensure synergies in annual programme and ongoing work

Guy Berthiaume, Genevieve Clavel and Stuart Hamilton met CDNL Chair and EC in The Hague on December 8 2017 to discuss the CDNL programme and potential joint activities.

4. Build on the results of the survey on national library functions

Two papers on the topic were presented at WLIC 2017 (see annual report).

Unfortunately, the site hosting the survey and results has been discontinued. The data has been saved and work is ongoing concerning the best way to present this in a more sustainable form.

5. Improve Communications across the Section

Current activities : the new Information Coordinator, Stuart Hamilton has set up a Twitter account for the NL Section <https://twitter.com/IFLANatLibs> and also posts to the NAT-LIB list.

NL Korea (Jaesun Lee) developed a section logo which will be launched in Spring 2018 on the Section's new one page information handout.