



**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTION
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SUMMARY**

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Introduction

The full Annual Report was submitted to the Professional Committee on 7 March, 2016. This is a summary for distribution to IT Section members and is also available on the website.

The IT Section serves to promote and advance the innovation and application of information and communication technologies (ICT) to library and information services in all societies and countries, through activities related to standards, education and training, research and the marketplace. The Section undertakes activities that span many aspects of the work of IFLA, and collaborates widely with other Sections and with our Division III.

The strategic plan for 2015-2016 was approved by the SC in Cape Town, RSA in 2015.

Report on progress and activities

Objectives <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	Project or activity <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	Status
1. Pay special attention to the integration of library data into the web environment via linked data, support the Semantic Web SIG and the upcoming Big Data SIG.	Organise satellite meeting on big and linked data.	In progress.
2. Collaborate with other sections (particularly the Preservation and Conservation Section), to encourage innovation in technology supporting long term conservation, storage, and preservation of digital objects and libraries.	Supports joint session with News Media Section, Preservation and Conservation Section, and Asia/Oceania Section: "Long term preservation of news media".	In progress.
3. Provide leadership on the implications of ICT on standards, best practices, and experiences in various topics such as open source software, cloud computing, bibliographic ontologies, digital preservation, and metadata. These will be addressed in IFLA annual congress events as well as information dissemination through the IFLA ITS website	TV White Space as topic for Division III session on UN 2030 agenda.	In progress.
	Sponsorship and formation of the Big Data Special Interest group. Workshop on metadata design in Parliamentary libraries.	Completed. Completed.
4. Work with other national and international associations to enhance dissemination of information across associations and cross-fertilize activities among groups.	Participate in W3C and IETF activities.	In progress.

<p>5. Work with IFLA ALP (Advanced Librarianship Programme) and eIFL to support initiatives towards promoting ICT competencies.</p>	<p>Joint session with Education and Training Section and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL) Section: "Online learning environments".</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
<p>6. Develop a register of ITS competencies and communicate to the appropriate IFLA channel identifying current ITS capabilities and projects and offer assistance within the competencies of current members of the Standing Committee.</p>	<p>Update skills register and distribute to other sections.</p>	<p>An updated draft version of the register was sent to the Division III officers on 2015-10-24.</p>
<p>7. Address the topic of women and IT.</p>	<p>Pre-conference satellite session at Northwestern University with ITS at WLIC 2016: "Women & Library Technology – Empowering Women's Participation in Open Technology & Culture"</p>	<p>In progress.</p>