



Special Interest Group on Library History

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Introduction

As part of IFLA’s requirements, the SIG is required to prepare an Annual Report each year. The Annual Report refers to the activities identified in the Unit’s Action Plan and reports on the progress of these activities, the activities that have been completed and their impact.

The Annual Reports of all IFLA Sections provide important input to the fulfilment of IFLA’s Professional Programme, Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives, and also contribute to IFLA’s Annual Report.

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>	Progress <i>Please give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>	Risks <i>Please identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them</i>
1. Hold a session at the 2017 Wroclaw, Poland conference	Worked with the newly established informal SIG Lib Hist Committee whose members assisted with abstract analysis for 2017 conference session	Achieved and completed and from this am contemplating putting together either a themed issue of IFLA Journal, or an IFLA publication, since there was considerable interest in the topic.	No risks: all was on track
2. Continue to raise the relevance, significance and importance of library history to IFLA, the SIG itself, IFLA members and the library profession	Continue to liaise with relevant IFLA Sections/SIGs and other relevant bodies	Ongoing	No risks but issues include: not a lot of conversation on the SIG’s elist; Opened a blog and Webmaster to establish how to link it to SIG’s website.
3. Consider a possible research project on library history	To be determined	Ongoing	Nil
4. 2 years ago the "History of Librarianship" satellite conference held	The proceedings of the 2014 conference are not yet published.	Nil	Publication is in the hands of earlier SIG member/s and follow up continues.

Results

Completed project or activity <i>Please list those projects/activities identified as completed in the table above</i>	Output <i>Please state what the output of the project/activity was (e.g. Report, Standard, Workshop etc) and provide a URL to it</i>	Communications <i>Please state how the output and outcomes of the project/activity have been communicated to the Unit, IFLA members and the wider profession</i>	Impact of the completed project or activity <i>Through the Measures of Success identified in your Action Plan, describe what difference the project or activity has made to the Unit, IFLA members, the wider profession or society at large</i>
1. Session at the 2017 Wroclaw, Poland conference	Well attended session with 5 papers given. All papers to IFLA papers website in good time.	Report on SIG home page and email sent to SIG e-list. Perhaps a themed issue of IFLA Journal, or an IFLA book.	Increased interest in the SIG from speakers and also members of the audience.

SIG Library History membership

1. Kerry Smith, Australia - Convenor
2. Peter Lor, South Africa
3. Michele Fenton, USA
4. Stacy Hisle-Chaudri, USA
5. Irene Munster, USA
6. Suzanne Stauffer, USA
7. Anup Kumar Das, India, Web Editor

Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Date <i>When the meeting was held</i>	Location or type of meeting <i>Physical or virtual meeting (telephone, skype etc)</i>	Main outcomes <i>Briefly summarise the main outcomes of the meeting and how these were communicated to the membership of the Professional Unit</i>
1. No formal meetings were held. All feedback by email.		
2. Plans to hold a more formal meeting at the IFLA Wroclaw 2017 conference did not eventuate as few of the "Committee" attended although informal conversations were held where possible.		