



## Section Library Theory and Research

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### Annual Report 2014

#### 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 programme, 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

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### **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 17<sup>th</sup>, h- 15:00-16:00

The LTR Strategic Plan and the Action Plan have been revised by Krystyna Matusiak,Carolynn 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 Tamaro and Steve Witt are participating to the project together with Carolynne Ranking 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

<https://satelliteturin2014.wordpress.com/programme-2/>

The theme of convergence and digital technology has been discussed in the 3 sessions and in the Round Table. About 79 participants mostly (48%) from Italy, of which 79% newcomers to IFLA Conference, have participated to this Satellite

which received an excellent evaluation from 50% of respondents and good from others.

**Open Session (Conference Session 200)** : "Libraries in the political process: benefits and risks of political visibility" August 21st 2014, 08:30 - 10:30. It was a very interesting conference with four different contributions. Originally there had to be six presentations, but unfortunately, two of the speakers had to cancel their venue to the congress.

*Risks and benefits of visibility: librarians navigating social and political turbulence*

PETER LOR (Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

*Neoliberalism, Democracy and the Library as a Radically Inclusive Space*

TIM HUZAR (Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics, University of Brighton, Brighton, United Kingdom)

*The Effects of Political and Social Turmoil on LIS Research in the Arab World*

AMANDA B. CLICK (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, United States) and JOSIAH M. DREWRY (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, United States) and MAHMOUD KHALIFA (Library of Congress Field Office, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt)

*South Africa's LIS Transformation Charter: Policies, Politics and Professionals*

GENEVIEVE HART (Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa) and MARY NASSIMBENI (Library & Information Studies Centre, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa)

*Government policies and public libraries in the Republic of Turkey*

HASAN S. KESEROGLU (Kastamonu University, Kastamonu, Turkey)

*Sortir des Crises. Un bond en avant pour les bibliothèques*

JOSEPH BELLETANTE (Le Trente, Vienne, France)

## **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

*Building resilient public libraries with Carnegie in South Africa (1927 – 2012): regularities, singularities and South African exceptionalism*

MARY NASSIMBENI (Library and Information Studies Centre, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa)

*Universal Decimal Classification as a standard for international intellectual cooperation: the global network's project of Paul Otlet and the International Institute of Bibliography (IIB) at the beginnings of the 20th century*

LAURENCE FAVIER (Université Charles-de-Gaulle (Lille 3), Villeneuve d'Ascq Cedex, France) and STEPHANIE MANFROID (Centre des archives de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles & Espace d'expositions Temporaires, Mons, Belgium) and WIDAD MUSTAFA EL HADI (Université Charles-de-Gaulle (Lille 3), Villeneuve d'Ascq Cedex, France)

*Mapping professional development: a technical library story*

CLAUDIA SERBANUTA (Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Champaign, Illinois, United States) and RALUCA CHITIMIA (Mures County Library, Targu Mures, Romania)

*International Librarianship in Europe (1990-2000)*

GIUSEPPE VITIELLO (NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy)

*Mr Hutchings Goes to Washington: British Librarians in the United States, 1876-1951*

ALISTAIR BLACK (Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States)

*A Matter of Influence: International librarianship and its impact in Australia*

MARY CARROLL (School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, Australia) and SUE

REYNOLDS (School of Business, IT and Logistics, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia)

**Satellite Meeting: “History of Librarianship”**, Ecole nationale supérieure des sciences de l’information et des bibliothèques (enssib), Lyon, 25–26 August 2014

Library History Special Interest Group with 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.

**Library Theory and Research (LTR) Blog has been updated montly**

**In partnership with the publisher De Gruyter Saur, LTR has launched a call for paper for a De Gruyter Saur / IFLA Research Paper Award 2015 (deadline 15th of February)**

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