



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Terry Weech, Chair of the section LTR

Dear Library Theory and Research Section Members:

Welcome to our second issue of the re-established LTR Newsletter. I hope you are able to join us in Helsinki, Finland 10-17 August, 2012.

We are looking forward to exciting sessions in Helsinki. Our Library Theory and Research program on Monday, 12 August, which is jointly sponsored with the Education and Training Section and the Library Education for Developing Countries SIG.

Our program is being held on Monday, 12 August in the Conference Center Room 2. I hope to see you there.



You are also invited to attend as observers at the Standing Committee meetings of the Library Theory and Research Section on Saturday, 11 August in Room 216 from 12:30 to 15:00 hours and on Tuesday, 14 August in Room 203 from 13:15 to 14:45.

The Agenda for these meetings can be found at <https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/weech/IFLA/LTRagenda12dft.pdf> or elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please let me know if you have questions. I hope to see you in Helsinki in August.

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IFLA RESEARCHER-LIBRARIAN PARTNERSHIP: A MENTORING PROGRAM FOR NEW LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

Helen Partridge & Terry Weech

The *Researcher-Librarian Partnership* was a new initiative of IFLA's Library Theory and Research Section that was introduced in 2010.

Research skill and knowledge are *the* essential tool kit for ensuring that libraries and librarians continue to effectively and efficiently meet the evolving needs of the clients and communities they serve. Proudly supported by the Library Theory and Research Section of IFLA the *Researcher-Librarian Partnership* was a mentoring program that provided the opportunity for new library professionals to develop and refine their skill, knowledge and confidence in conducting research.

Six library and information professionals within their first seven years of professional practice took part in the 12-month program. Each new professional was partnered with an experienced library researcher or professional who provided mentoring and support. Together the protégés and mentors represented eight of the world's countries, Canada, Fiji, Germany, Italy, Jamaica, Nigeria, United States of America, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Congratulations to the protégés and mentors who all took part in the program:

Tamara Braithwaite (Trinidad & Tobago)

Mentor: Claudette F E Durrant

Title: Identifying gender themes in the teaching curriculum of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) at University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine: towards influencing the collection development policy of the IIR Library

Pegge Cabrera (USA)

Mentor: Sandy Hirsh

Title: A gateway for learning: The Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Library and the high school student experience.

Sara Chiessi, (Italy)

Mentor: Roswitha Poll

Topic: What are libraries worth? A way to assess the impact of Italian public libraries on users lives and society?

Victoria Itsekor (Nigeria)

Mentor: Lenrie O Aina

Title: The role of librarians in the development of education in Nigeria.

Gwen Mar, (Fiji)

Mentor: Lavinia Tablala,

Topic: Better Understanding Teaching Faculty's Beliefs and Behaviour towards Information Literacy. The University of the South Pacific Perspective.

Christina Nilsen (Canada)

Mentor: Heather O'Brien

Title: Faculty Perceptions of Information Literacy Instruction

Thank you to the mentors and to the peer reviewers who kindly contributed their time and energy in supporting the new professionals who were eager to develop their research skill and knowledge.

Congratulations are also offered to Sara Chiessi and Christina Nilsen who were selected to present the results of their research study at the 2012 World Library and Information Congress to be held in Helsinki. Details of the Library Theory and Research Section program can be found at the conference web site <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78>

Further information on the program, including copies of the protégé final reports, is available at <http://www.ifla.org/en/librariy-theory-and-research/projects>



PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE IFLA LIBRARY THEORY AND RESEARCH (LTR) STANDING COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 11th 2012, 12:30 – 15:00 pm, **Room 216**, and Tuesday, August 14th 2012, 13:15 - 14:45 pm, **Room203**, The Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre, Helsinki, Finland.

1 Introduction and welcome

- Introduction of Officers, Standing Committee members, and observers. *Terry Weech*, chair
- Approval of the Agenda for the August 11th
- Draft Minutes: <http://www.ifla.org/files/library-theory-and-research/minutes/august-2011.pdf>
- Approval of the Minutes from San Juan, 2011

2. Officer reports

- Report from the Chair, Terry Weech
- Report from the Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Partridge
- Report from the Information Officer and Webmaster on LTR Newsletter, Website, and related matters (Raphaëlle Bats and Eileen Breen)
- Report from Division IV Chair, Anna Maria Tammaro

3. Conference Program Planning

- 2012 Program Planning Committee for Helsinki, Finland. 13 August 2012, 13:45-18:00, Rm 2. *International and comparative librarianship: toward valid, relevant and authentic research and education* (Peter Lor, Marydee Ojala and Steve Witt)
- 2013 Satellite Conference Planning (Steve Witt)
- 2013 Program Planning Committee for Singapore (Raphaëlle Bats and Yasuko Inoue.)
- 2014 Program Planning Committee (*Site and committee membership to be determined*)

4. Projects and publications

- Report Professional Norms Project (Ragnar Audunson)
- Report on the publication of the 2009 Turin Satellite meeting papers coupled with papers from the 2008 LTR session in Quebec (Marydee Ojala)
- Report on the Research-Librarian Partnership project (Helen Partridge)
- New project or publication proposals (Please submit draft proposals to T. Weech weech@illinois.edu no later than August 1, 2012.)

5. LTR Strategic Plan

- Revision of LTR Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 (Subcommittee to be appointed)

English: <http://www.ifla.org/files/library-theory-and-research/strategic-plan/2011-2013.pdf>

French: http://www.ifla.org/files/library-theory-and-research/strategic-plan/ltr_2011-2013-fr.pdf

IFLA HQ is requesting to relate Section Strategies to the Key Initiatives More information can be found here: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/strategic-plans-for-2012>

6. Special Interest Group

- Report on Library History SIG (Hermina Anghelescu)

7. Other Business



FOCUS ON LTR STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Peter Lor,

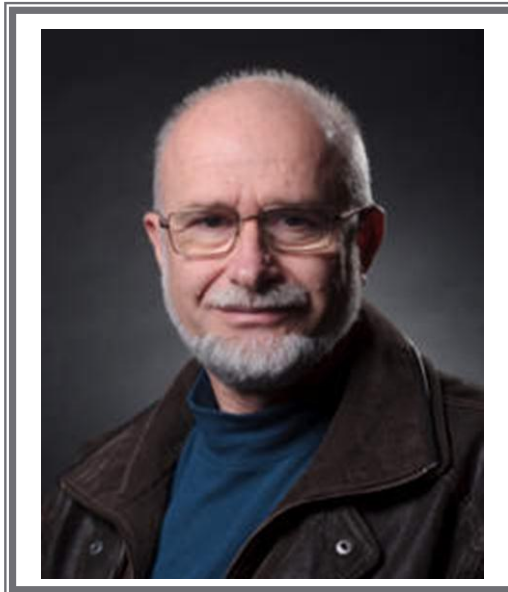
Peter Lor is looking forward to attending his 21st IFLA Congress in Helsinki this year. The first was in 1983, in Munich. That was an exciting experience, not quite as mind-blowing perhaps, as the much bigger congresses today, but it certainly opened his eyes to international librarianship. Following this introduction, IFLA conferences were out of his reach for the best part of a decade, but in 1992 Peter became the Director of the State Library, in Pretoria, South Africa, and active involvement in IFLA ensued. It is a paradox of national librarianship that national librarians tend to be very *internationally* minded. Most countries have only one national library, and the major forums in which national librarians can discuss the challenges of their jobs with colleagues are international meetings.

Since 1992 Peter has attended all but one of the IFLA conferences/congresses. In 1996 he was elected to serve a four-year term as chair of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL). He was also a member of the SC of the Section of National Libraries.

Peter's involvement in IFLA took a different turn in 2005, when he moved to The Hague as Secretary General of IFLA, a position he held until the 2008 IFLA Congress in Quebec. This was a fascinating experience both culturally and professionally. Culturally, because moving back to the country of his birth after 52 years in South Africa turned out to be unexpectedly challenging – society changes in many, sometimes disorienting, ways over

half a century if one is not around to experience it. Professionally it was challenging too, because in spite of many years of involvement as an IFLA member, joining IFLA's headquarters staff as the chief executive entailed a steep learning curve, for which a career as a library director does not necessarily prepare one.

Following his stint at IFLA Peter moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he taught until 2011 as a visiting professor in the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, developing and teaching a new course in International and Comparative Librarianship. He also started work on a book on international and comparative librarianship. In 2009 Peter was elected to the Standing Committee of our Section.



Now back in South Africa, he still teaches online at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Pretoria, and continues to work on his book, provisionally entitled *International and comparative librarianship: a thematic approach*. As

the title suggests, the book will present a systematic overview of major themes, rather than a country-by-country or regional approach. Drafts have been posted on Peter's blog at <http://peterlor.com/the-book/>. By reading and researching well beyond the boundaries of LIS Peter hopes to contribute to the development of a more theoretically based study of international and comparative librarianship.



INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LIBRARIANSHIP: TOWARD VALID, RELEVANT AND AUTHENTIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The 2012 Program Planning Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the program of the conference that will held the 13 August 2012, 13:45-18:00, Rm 2

Introduction: Towards excellence in international and comparative research in LIS: Peter LOR (University of Pretoria, South Africa).

African libraries as centres of e-learning: Tord HØIVIK (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway)

Commonwealth of uncertainty: how British and American professional models of library practice have shaped LIS education in former British colonies and dominions: Mary CARROL (Charles Sturt University, Australia), Paulette KERR (University of the West Indies, Jamaica), Abdullahi I. MUSA (Emporia State University, USA) and Waseem AFZAL (Charles Sturt University, Australia).

Cataloguing and classification education and training in library and information science/studies in South Africa, USA and Brazil : Dennis N. OCHOLLA (University of Zululand, South Africa), Lyudmila OCHOLLA (University of Zululand, South Africa), Hope A. OLSON (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA), Jeannette R. GLOVER (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA), José Augusto GUIMARÃES (Sao Paulo State University, Brazil)

Improving the resources for supporting information literacy education in developing countries: Dan DORNER(Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand).

Agents of change: International development, LIS, and globalization theory: Steve W. WITT (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA)

Faculty perceptions of librarian-led information literacy instruction in postsecondary education : Christina NILSEN (Thompson Rivers University, Canada)

Conclusion: Lessons from International and Comparative Librarianship: Clara M. CHU (University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA)

Assessing the Impact of Italian public libraries. A research study supported by the IFLA Researcher-Librarian Partnership: Sara CHIESSI (Consorzio Sistema Bibliotecario Nord-Ovest, Italy)

Papers available:

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/programme-and-proceedings-day/2012-08-13>



LTR SATELLITE MEETING 2013

Steve Witt

LTR to Sponsor Singapore Satellite Meeting
Focusing on Support for International Scholarship

On August 14th and 15th, 2013, the LTR will host a satellite meeting that will focus ways to conduct Library Research aimed at developing a better understanding of research habits amidst an increasingly global scholarly landscape. In recent years, many libraries have used a variety of research models to conduct research on undergraduate student work habits and how these might influence the design of library spaces and services. The 2013 LTR Satellite meeting will focus on faculty research habits in order to design scholarly services that suite the changing research environment. If we accept that one implication of changes in the scholarly landscape is that scholarship is increasingly global, and that issues such as access to multilingual resources and interfaces, design of openly accessible

digital learning objects, open access publishing, institutional/disciplinary repositories, and data services and data curation are all of concern to researchers around the world, then it is imperative that librarians who support research focus on scholarly work habits within an international and global context. Such research will improve the design and delivery of library services, as well as the potential for international partnerships designed to support those services.

The focus of this satellite meeting will be to present research on this topic and bring together librarians from research institutions who might wish engage in future collaborative research in this area. A call for papers and participants will be issued in September of 2012. For further information, please contact Steve Witt at swwitt@illinois.edu.

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