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**IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Section**

**Annual Report 2016-2017**

**OUR MISSION**

We promote the use and development of statistics, evaluation and assessment in libraries and information institutions, because these methods are essential

* To improve the quality of their services to the user,
* To demonstrate the value to the public, parent institutions and funding agencies and
* To manage them successfully.

**MEMBERSHIP**

*In 2016-2017, the standing committee had 12 members. They were:*

Rebecca Vargha (Chair), The University of Information Science and Technology at Chapel Hill

Britt Omstedt (Secretary), Linköpin University Library

Franck Hurinville (information coordinator), Bibliothèque Nationale de France

Helen Austin Booth, University of Buffalo

Patrice Landry, Swiss National Library

Svitlana Kolesnyk, Bergen University Library

Sebastian Mundt, Hochschule der Medien Stuttgart

Frank Seeliger, Library of the Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau

Harlinah Teoh, State Library of Victoria

Ulla Wimmer, Berlin School of Library and Information Science

Honhxia Zhang, Hainan University Library

Lyudmila Zaytseva, Russian State Library

Helen Adey, Nottingham Trent University

*At the Wrocław meeting, the following members stood down:*

Sebastian Mundt, Hochschule der Medien Stuttgart

Ulla Wimmer, Berlin School of Library and Information Science

Hongxia Zhang, Hainan University Library

Helen Adey, Nottingham Trent University

*The following nominees became members:*

Petra Düren, (Germany: Hamburg University of Applied Sciences)

Ping Ke, (China: Nankai University)

Na Linag, (China: Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences)

Bella Gerlich, (United States: Texas Tech University)

Lena Vania Pinheiro, (Brazil: Brazilian Institute of Information Science and Technology)

Mary-Jo Romaniuk, (Canada: University of Manitoba Libraries)

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**MEETINGS**

The Standing Committee of the Statistics& Evaluation Section met on August 19th and 22nd during the Wrocław conference. Standing Committee members and guests reported on their activities and discussed plans for the future conferences. 13 members and 6 observers attended the first meeting, 10 members and 7 observers attended the second.

**PROJECTS**

**Library Map of the World**. Rebecca Vargha attended a two-day meeting in Montreal, Canada, November 2016, that discussed the Library Map of the World project. IFLA followed up in December 2016 to seek feedback from this Section's committee members on draft definitions.

**Library Global Vision**. Rebecca Vargha and Britt Omstedt attended Global Vision Workshop in Athens, Greece, 3-4 April 2017. A workshop was conducted within the Section during the second section meeting, August 22nd 2017. The report from the workshop was sent to IFLA HQ.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

At the Wrocław conference, the Section had a joint session with the Section for Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning “The Accidental Assessment Librarian: Building Data Analysis and Evaluation Skills in Academic and Public Libraries”. The session was a combination of invited speakers and an interactive workshop. 155 persons participated in the session.

The talks were:

* Libraries as Creative Spaces: Measure Your Impact/JANE COWELL (State Library of Queensland, Australia)
* Quantitative Methods in CDP Mapping/EWA STENBERG (Malmo University, Sweden)
* Succession Planning, Capability Development and the Assessment Team: Building Expertise and Services within a Research Library/DEE MAGNONI (Los Alamos National Labrary, United States)
* Helping Assessment Professionals Thrive: A Director’s Perspective/VIVIAN LEWIS (McMaster University, Canada)

Svitlana Kolesnyk

September 2017