



Division IV – Support of the Profession – Leadership Meeting
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Minutes of the meeting held in Athens, Greece
Saturday 25 August 2019, 08.30-10.15, Room 4

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New Professionals SIG

No representatives attending

Women, Information and Libraries SIG

No representatives attending

LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG

No representatives attending

1. Opening and confirmation of the agenda

The meeting was opened at 08.35am. The agenda was confirmed for the meeting.

2. Who we are

Antonia Arahova introduced herself as Outgoing Chair of Division IV, and Gillian Hallam, as Outgoing Secretary. Antonia thanked everyone for cooperation and introduced Catharina Isberg as Incoming Chair of Division IV. Antonia has been elected as member of the IFLA Governing Board and will continue in that role.

3. Minutes of the Division IV Leadership Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 25 August 2018

The draft minutes of the 2018 meeting were approved. These minutes will be uploaded to the Division IV website.

4. Division IV Annual Report 2018-19

The Outgoing Chair will take care of the Division IV Annual Report 2018-2019. The Annual Report of 2017-2018 as circulated at the meeting in KL should be added to the website.

5. Report from Division Chair; News from the Professional Committee and Governing Board

This item was moved to later in the meeting (following Agenda Item 8).

6. Activities of Division IV sections and SIGs in Athens combined with:

7. Short update by section chairs and convenors of SIGs

Representatives from each section and SIG reviewed the key activities and highlights from the past year.

Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning

- WLIC Session 104: *Active and interactive learning and development strategy to extend LIS practice*, jointly with Evidence for Global and Disaster Health (E4GDH) SIG.
- WLIC Session 182: *Navigating your own Professional Development*.
- WLIC Session 184: *Knowledge Café 2019: Continuous Learning for Successful Info Pros in the Knowledge Economy*. A joint session with Knowledge Management Section and Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section
- WLIC Session 251: *Coaching Drop in Session - CPDWL with M&M*. An initiative introduced by CPDWL at WLIC 2018 is being continued at the current WLIC. It offers career and professional development coaching for the individual.
- Prior to WLIC there was a satellite meeting on 20–21 August in Zagreb (Croatia) at the National and University Library: *Librarians and information professionals as (pro)motors of change: immersing, including and initiating digital transformation for smart societies*
- The Section hosted webinars throughout the year, in conjunction with NPSIG, which served as easy to access events on topical issues, reaching out to the global library community.

Statistics and Evaluation

- The Section continued to consult on the IFLA Library Map of the World project.
- Prior to WLIC 2019 S&E help a satellite meeting on 22-23 August 2019 at the University of Piraeus (Greece): *More than numbers: Implementing new assessment methods for libraries*.
- WLIC Session 237: *Assessment and Data Visualisation for Librarians - Statistics and Evaluation*. It included Knowledge Cafe format with facilitated discussion among all audience members within smaller group.
- WLIC Session 272: *Enter the third dimension: measuring impact in metropolitan libraries – jointly Sections for Metropolitan Library and Public Libraries*.

Library Buildings & Equipment

- WLIC Session 180: *Public Library of the Year Awards - Public Libraries*, jointly with Public Libraries and Metropolitan Libraries. The winner is Oodi Helsinki Central Library (Finland). This year the award committee received 16 entries from countries across the world.
- WLIC Session 205: *Augmenting Reality: Technology and Equipment and their Impact on Library Design*.
- A 2-day satellite event was held on 21-22 August 2019 in Roma Capitale – Sistema Biblioteche Centri Culturali (Rome, Italy) in collaboration with Public Libraries, Metropolitan Libraries and Academic and Research Libraries: *The evolving concept of “library” and its impact on building design*. Website: <https://thechangingnatureoflibraries.com/>

Management and Marketing

- The mid-term meeting was held in Stockholm (Sweden), hosted by the Swedish Library Association, on 14 February 2019. 8 SC members participated in it. Attendance on Zoom was possible as well (two more members were able to participate).
- IFLA International Marketing Award 2019 in collaboration with PressReader: the winner was the “2018 UBC Library Digital Colouring Books Campaign” to the University of British Columbia – Canada. The second place was “Taskukirjasto tutuksi/ Bring Pocket Library to Light” (Vantaa City Library - Finland). The third place was “Story Seat – 10 seats, 10 stories, 10 parks” (Sunshine Coast Libraries - Australia).

- WLIC Session 259: *Library Love Stories* (live streamed). Run in collaboration with NPSIG.
- A prior satellite meeting was held in Public Library of Samos (Pythagoreion, Samos, Greece) on 22-23 August 2019: *Recruiting and managing the new generation of employees to attract new markets and create new services*

Library Theory and Research

- WLIC Session 193: *International Framework for the Assessment of Quality Standards in LIS Education: the Role of Associations, Higher Education and the Professional Community*. The Building Strong Library and Information Science Education (BSLISE) project website: <https://lisedu.wordpress.com/>. This is a collaborative project with SET and LIS Education for Developing Countries SIG.
- WLIC Session 207: *Information Literacy in Context: Research Informing Practice informing Research*. Ran together with Information Literacy Section.
- A satellite meeting was held in Rome, Italy (Vatican Library and Palazzo Cardinal Cesi) on 30-31 August 2019. The topic was *Transforming LIS education for professionals in a global information world: digital inclusion, social inclusion and lifelong learning*. This was collaboration between SET, LTR, and Information Technology Section. Website: <https://iflasatellitevatican2019.wordpress.com/>. The conference included formal presentations and a panel discussion.
- Plans are underway for working on BSLISE Working Group Project in 2019-2020.

Management of Library Associations

- A mid-term meeting was held on 18 April 2019 on Zoom. 6 SC members participated in it. So did 2 ex officio members.
- A satellite event was hosted by Bibliotheca Alexandria (Alexandria, Egypt) on 20-21 August 2019. It was held in cooperation with Division V (Regions) and LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG. The theme was *Leadership roles in international librarianship: how can information professionals from Africa, Asia & Oceania, Latin America & Caribbean be part of it?* Website: <https://www.bibalex.org/ifla-division-v/en/home/home.aspx>.
- WLIC Session 143: *Library Associations in Cross Border Action*.
- MLAS Midterm Meeting is planned at the ALA Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, USA in February 2020.
- Collaboration with S&E for Library Map of the World.
- Appeal to the national associations to ask again to submit contributions with a report on the library community in their countries.

Education & Training

- WLIC Session 193: *International Framework for the Assessment of Quality Standards in LIS Education: the Role of Associations, Higher Education and the Professional Community*. The Building Strong Library and Information Science Education (BSLISE) project website: <https://lisedu.wordpress.com/>. This is a collaborative project with LTR and LIS Education for Developing Countries SIG.
- WLIC Session 234: *LIS Education Role in Libraries Dialogue: Changes Start Here - Education and Training*.
- WLIC Session 275: *LIS Education in Developing Countries: Challenges and Trends - LIS Education in Developing Countries*. This is a collaborative project with LIS Education for Developing Countries SIG.

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- Cooperation with LTR and KM Sections in 2019-2020. A joint project with KM Section (Division III) is good since IFLA wants more work across divisions.

Library History SIG

- The SIG continues with Kerry Smith as Convenor, with some support from some corresponding members via email.
- WLIC Session 271: *Local History Collections, Genealogy and Oral History as Critical Information Services in Libraries* – in cooperation with Local History and Genealogy and Asia & Oceania Sections.

New Professionals SIG

- Prior to the WLIC, on 22–23 August NPSIG held the IFLA Camp in Heliopolis <https://iflacamp.wordpress.com/>.
- WLIC Session 259: *Library Love Stories* (live streamed). Run in collaboration with M&M.
- NPSIG partners with CPDWL to present a series of webinars (among topics were: *Library services to teenagers in the digital age; The benefits of international exchange programmes; Enhancing your strengths through coaching*).

Women, Information and Libraries SIG

- WLIC Session 144: *Ethics, Perspective, and Voice: Building Best Practices to serve Women and Girls* – with NPO Libraries without Borders. Session focused on Building Best Practices to serve Women and Girls. Its goal is to prepare a series of best practices and thematic kits to train actors around the world in empowerment of women and children across the globe.

LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG

- The SIG had been involved with SET and LTR in the BSLISE project.
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8. Short update on current and forthcoming Division IV projects

No report.

5. Report from Division Chair; News from the Professional Committee and Governing Board – IFLA Restructuring initiative

The Chair noted that, as the majority of those present at the meeting had attended the Professional Committee Officers' Meeting (WLIC Session 001: Friday 23 August, 8:30-11:00am), it was not necessary to present a detailed report. She highlighted that it was a special time for IFLA as it worked to reinvent itself as an international organisation. The support of the Sections and SIGs was a critical element of the process and there would be a focus on the future design of the Division.

The Chair reminded that current challenges are (1) to encourage young professional specialists into libraries, and (2) to teach young librarians to manage libraries. It was admitted that these issues are critical worldwide.

The Chair reported that she was very proud of the work that the sections and SIGs were involved during the year. She reminded that the strong collaboration between the units is welcome as well as between divisions.

The Chair highlighted the Library Map of the World with the direct involvement of Division IV sections, in particular S&E and MLAS.

The theme for the WLIC 2019 in Athens is "Libraries: Dialogue for change". IFLA is in the process of change itself. It is going to present the new Strategy 2019-2024. The Chair acknowledged that members of the Division had contributed well to the Strategy over the past months.

The Chair reported that a new Action Plan template and the Annual Report form would be introduced this year.

Some changes within IFLA will touch on the website. Sections and SIGs are encouraged to give ideas about the web content on IFLA's new site.

9. Any other business

The incoming Chair Division IV, Catharina Isberg, shared a big thank you to Antonia Arahova, for her role as the Chair of Division IV over the past two years and all the work she has done for the Division. It has been a very interesting time for the members of IFLA and Antonia have been an important part of the development of the new IFLA Strategy.

Election of Division Secretary – Albina Krymskaya was elected Secretary Division IV.

Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for contributing to such work of Division of IFLA.

The meeting closed at 10:15 am.