



Division IV – Support of the Profession – Mid-Year Zoom Meeting

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Minutes of the Mid-Year Zoom Meeting
Monday 09 January 2020
Monday 20 January 2020

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1. Opening and confirmation of the agenda

The meeting was opened at 05.00 pm (Europe/Sweden). The agenda was confirmed for the meeting.

2. Introduction

Short introduction made by Sections officers.

3. Update from the Division Chair

Catharina shared news from the Professional Committee meeting held in the Hague in December 2019. There were some important points.

Communication

PC called IFLA members to the action in initiating joint projects. Catharina encouraged SC officers to use Zoom and Basecamp as the preferred communication channel. If there is any difficulty with these tools, one should contact the Professional Support Officer at professionalsupport@ifla.org for assistance. Early 2020 a new website will be launched.

Unit Action Plans and Action Plan Mapping

Catharina thanked attendees for the work done on unit Action Plans. She reminded that Action Plans should align to the IFLA strategy, and that they are a part of the process and learning.

PC reviewed outcome of the Unit Action Plans 2019-2020 and looked for opportunities to collaborate. The mapping of the all units Action Plans is published on Basecamp in order to make it easier for the units to find new opportunities for collaboration.

WLIC 2020 programme proposals

PC discussed proposals that were developed by units. Approval and comments has been sent from HQ. A preliminary and draft programme will be available in February 2020.

For WLIC 2019, many units asked for extra things in the room. In 2019 this was covered by the conference budget and in 2020 the PC budget will have to cover this.

Satellite meeting proposals for 2020

PC discussed data from satellite meeting attendance and WLIC attendance in 2019. Such data helps PC to provide guidance on future WLIC programming.

The Professional Committee is interested in seeing if there is a correlation between attendance at satellite meetings and WLIC attendance, so that they can strategise the best ways to encourage attendance at both.

Catharina reminded that a visa is required for some people if they go to UK and then Ireland. It might cause some problems.

WLIC 2020 Professional Committee Programme to support Units

The PC has been working on developing ideas for its Officer Support program at WLIC 2020. It will continue to focus on capacity building, and discussion and alignment of Professional Units with the IFLA strategy.

Catharina asked to send to her any suggestions and ideas for these Officer Sessions.

IFLA Awards nominations

PC asked to use the opportunity to recognize those who have made a substantial impact on the field via their work with IFLA or within a professional unit. Professional units are asked to nominate individuals being particularly outstanding in their IFLA work.

IFLA's honours and awards which include:

- Honorary Fellow
- IFLA Medal
- IFLA Scroll of Appreciation

The awards are presented each year at the World Library and Information Congress Closing Ceremony. The deadline for all awards is 28 February 2020.

Last year, the Professional Committee raised the awards with their units and there was more discussion among units regarding worthy candidates and the submission of nominations was slightly higher.

During the meeting on 09 January 2020 there was a question whether you need to be an IFLA member in order to nominate. See below for the answer.

Dates of next PC meetings

Next meetings of the PC will be held on 27 April 2020, 14 August and 21 August.

Catharina reminded the officers that the PC meetings are open for observers. The August meetings are the day before and the day after the WLIC in Dublin.

IFLA Governance review

Catharina shared with the outcome of the IFLA Governance Review. It was disseminated before via e-mail.

PC is still working on this in a process of reviewing and there are no decisions taken before. PC will focus on updating the structures and processes by which IFLA operates, in order to improve efficiency, effectiveness and participation. To advance this process IFLA's Governing Board held a workshop in The Hague in December 2019. By using the October survey results, consultations with key stakeholders, and the experience of Board members, the PC clarified the professional structure. The Governing Board stated key principles in the IFLA Governance Review uploaded at <https://www.ifla.org/node/92711>.

4. Projects and activities in the units

On 09 & 20 January representatives from sections and SIGs shared ongoing projects and raised some questions.

Kendra and Albina told about launching a joint project with the Knowledge Management Section. Kendra mentioned that there were various views of Knowledge Management in different countries. The focus is to advance the profession through understanding best practices in knowledge management education. She admitted that a project team could use statistics the SET Section and other units had on other projects.

Krystyna talked about a joint project with SET Section on investigating library and information science (LIS) education in research methods. LTR Section currently is preparing the conference on

research methods in March 2020 in Mexico. This conference will unite specialists from Latin American countries.

Evviva shared experience on working with IFLA Africa Section. She said that Women, Information and Libraries SIG might change its name since the SIG went beyond the current field.

Bella Gerlich told about cooperation with Rare Books and Special Collections Section and a plan to organize Knowledge Café at IFLA WLIC 2020.

Halo told of the Mid-term Meeting of the MLAS in Chicago late February 2020. One of the questions to discuss is how to get new members to IFLA. Another question is sharing experience on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and discussion it at IFLA WLIC 2020. Albina gave some information on the US-Russia Library Dialogue that was held in September 2019 and was dedicated to the libraries' experience in achieving SDGs. She promised to send additional information by e-mail.

Magdalena told about the IFLA camp before the WLIC. NPSIG has been also working on a session on music in the library world, including some competition. New Professional map is another project.

Ray told about the CPDWL pod cast series. Newsletter for January 2020 went out and uploaded on the website (<https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cpdwl/newsletters/jan-2020.pdf>). Catharina mentioned that this Newsletter includes her address to Division IV Sections. She gave a permission to sections to use this text for their own newsletters.

Saif was concerned of the situation that there is only one person working in SIGs. He is now working on setting up a working committee. It will help to attract more members to join the work of the SIG.

5. Other business

Kendra raised a question on IFLA Honours and Awards – Do you have to be a personal member in order to nominate someone for an IFLA award? Catharina promised to find out it¹.

Catharina told that she planned to have another Zoom meeting in April 2020 before the PC and GB meetings. Division IV will plan to have two different timings in order to cover all time zones.

If any SC officer has any questions she will be happy to answer via e-mail or during Zoom meeting. Catharina also encouraged representatives to give any suggestions or comments on how members of the Division IV can improve our collaboration within the division.

Close

¹ One day later Catharina addressed this question to the Professional Support Officer Megan Price who gave this answer:

All authorised representatives of Members and Personal Affiliates are eligible to make nominations. You can find more information about awards and nominations here <https://www.ifla.org/honours-awards> and here <https://www.ifla.org/honours-awards/call-for-nominations>. So if you wanted to nominate someone (and you are not a member), you would need to propose that nomination to a member who would serve as a sort of sponsor – they would “sign off” on the nomination for you. Members can nominate more than one person, so just because they sponsor your nominee, this does not preclude them from sponsoring nominees of others.

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

The Zoom meeting closed at 06.00 pm.