Public Libraries Section
Action Plan
2018-2019

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Objectives of the Public Libraries Section Standing Committee 2018 -2019:

1. *Support the sector through the sharing of best practice*
2. *Advocate for equitable access to information and knowledge for communities world-wide that supports the democratic process, shared understanding and community well-being.*
3. *Build capacity for public libraries and public librarians internationally through an agile and engaged Section*

Objectives ***What do you want to achieve? Use your list above***	**Project or activity** ***What project or activity are you going to do?***	**Main tasks** ***What are the specific things you need to do?***	**Responsibilities and timeline** ***Who will do them and by when?***	**Communications** ***How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?***	**Measures of success** ***How will you show the impact of your work?***	**Progress** ***Report here the progress of your work, at least every month***
1. **Support the sector through the sharing of best practice**	Undertake a review of IFLA *Public Library Service Guidelines*.	Engage consultant to work with industry stakeholders to review and update	Jan, Corinne, Raymond, Jakob, Jane, Hitomi, Adriana, Fatemeh	Report back to Standing Committee at mid-term (March 2019) and annual (August 2019) meetings Report on agreed milestones to GB through Committee on Standards Communicate progress and engage with Public Library sector internationally.	Relevant and timely standards developed that meet the needs of the public library sector as identified through broad consultation and input. This will be measured through: • Number of downloads • Geographic distribution of use • Formal and informal feedback	

Undertake a review IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto 1994 for relevance	Review Manifesto	Jan, Sarah, Margaret, Ismena	Mark 25th anniversary of manifesto on 29 November 2018. Report back to Standing Committee at mid-term (March 2019) and annual (August 2019) meetings Consult with Public Library sector. Report to GB through PC	A relevant and useable document that meet the needs of the public library sector as identified through broad consultation and input. This will be measured through: - Number of downloads - Geographic distribution of use - Formal and informal feedback
Deliver the annual Public Library of the Year Award in partnership with the sponsor (Systematic) and other IFLA Professional Groups.	Review process in partnership with Systematic Establish partnership with IFLA Buildings and Equipment and MetLib sections. Explore Award becoming and official IFLA Award	Jakob, Leikny, Jan, August 2017 ongoing. Jury to be discussed at Mid-term meeting March 2019.	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical distribution of entries Number of participants in related program at WLIC Media coverage (including social media) about awards and

		Expand reach for application Determine format for 2019 awards			shortlisted/winning library/s	
2. **Advocate for equitable access to information and knowledge for communities world-wide that supports the democratic process, shared understanding and community well-being**	Monitor, record and share initiatives that support equitable access to information and knowledge	Continue to collect and share examples of best practice examples	SC members	IFLA PLS website, PUBLIB, PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical spread of stories Number of participants	
	Ensure the delivery of strong and relevant conference programs	WLIC 2019 Satellite Meeting Rome, Italy 21-22 August 2019	Lo, Leikny, Jan	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical spread of participants	Collaboration with Metlib, Academic and Research Libraries, Library Buildings and Equipment, and Public Libraries. Topic ‘The evolving concept of "library" and its impact on building design
		WLIC 2019 Public Library of the Year	Jakob, Leikny, Jan, Jane			

		WLIC 2019 Congress Program	TBC		Number and geographical spread of participants	Possible topics: • Community engagement and co design of facilities • Libraries as a 3rd Place • Outreach • Non-traditional staff members
	Encourage public librarians to participate in IFLA conferences through the presentation of innovative papers or posters	Promote IFLA Conferences, Satellites and other professional development opportunities through local networks and social media Mentor PLS Section members and other colleagues and identify opportunities	All PLS Standing Committee members	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical spread of participants	
		2019 Helsinki/Tampere Finland 12-15 March 2019	Pirkko		2019 Mid-term Satellite programme delivered Engagement of participants from host country	
		2020	Lenka		2020 Mid-term Satellite	

		Olomouc Czech Republic			programme delivered Engagement of participants from host country	
	Participate in the promoting and sharing information using PLS Social media platforms, web and national networks	Guest Blogger Facebook Local networks PLS Website and other channels PUBLIB	All PLS Standing Committee Members Information Co-ordinator	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Members of the public library community are engaged with IFLA PLS measured by number and geographical spread of hits Number of stories published.	
	Encourage active participation in the Section	Develop an e newsletter that can be distributed to Section members and beyond	Annie and Jane	Website, Social media	Members of the public library community are engaged with IFLA PLS measured by number and geographical spread of subscribers	.
		Establish mentor system for new SC members	Lo, Jakob	Email	Members of the SC feel confidence in	

					working within IFLAs structure as measured by their engagement in PLSC activities/projects	
		Ensure that Corresponding members are recruited to represent those geographic areas/language groups not covered by the SC	Jan	Established networks	SC is has diverse representation.	
	Participate in IFLA's Global Vision discussion	Be involved in formal and informal discussions around the Global Vison process	All SC members	Website, PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers	PLS voice is represented	
	To lead a project to work on Quality Assessment of Public Libraries Collections.	To set up the criteria on what and how to measure the quality of Public Libraries Collections, beyond that of loans and other	Jane, Margaret, Corinne, Pirkko	Website, PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers	Creation of relevant Guidelines that demonstrate broad consultation and applicability	

output measurements, with considerations of cultural diversity and sensitives that need to be added in such a documentation. The project would also include a proposal on how and who will conduct such an assessment for a Public Library.