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Letter from the Chair



Summer is glorious here in New Jersey. I hope you have been well and busy with exciting new projects in your respective institutions. A warm welcome to colleagues who are joining the Social Science Libraries Section for the first time! During the first week of April 2017, Sylvia Piggott and I had the honor to participate in the IFLA Global Vision Workshop in Athens, Greece representing the Social Science Libraries Section. The gathering, with approximately 150 participants, included Division and Section representatives, members of the IFLA Governing Board, distinctive guests (which included our wonderful section member Lynne Rudasill) and colleagues from IFLA

Headquarters. I am very grateful to Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General, to make this memorable meeting a reality.

The workshops took place in the magnificent [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center](#) designed by Renzo Piano, housing the Greek National Opera and the National Library of Greece. The Opera seemed functional already, but the relocation of the National Library was still ongoing at that time. The Center is located in a park with a long ornamental pool, olive groves and different thematic gardens (i.e. sound garden) seamlessly connected with an inclined roof garden, leading to the SNFCC Hall, an exhibition space on the eighth floor of the building. We met for 3 days in the SNFCC Hall that offered 360-degree view of Athens. As schoolchildren, families and visitors of all ages strolled through the park, it was very clear that the Center fulfilled the significant role of an urban cultural destination. It was also a metaphor of the role of libraries and its relationship with the community and could not have been more inspiring for our workshop. The IFLA Global Vision is in our standing committee meeting agenda in Wroclaw. I look forward for your input on this important matter.

I am finalizing the preparations for the 2017 WLIC/IFLA in Wroclaw, Poland. I am very excited with our conference program on library ethnography "Understanding Your Library from the Inside Out: a Workshop in Library Ethnography for User Assessment" co-sponsored with the Africa Section. The workshop will be on Tuesday 22 August 2017 at Wroclaw University Library with two accomplished presenters. [Lynn Silipigni Connaway](#), Senior Research Scientist and Director of User Research at OCLC, is a well-published author who just completed the project for the American Library Association, Association for College and Research Libraries "[Action-Oriented Research Agenda on Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success.](#)" [Celia Emmelhainz](#), Anthropology and Qualitative Research Librarian at UC Berkeley, presented in our conference program last year in Columbus "The User Experience (US) and Social Science Libraries in the Digital Age." Both Lynn and Celia will be presenting at the Division I program "Demonstrating value and/or assessing the impact of different types of libraries and information services: can you spot the difference?" during the WLIC/IFLA, sharing their talents more broadly. I would like to express my gratitude to the conference planning subcommittee, especially Lynne who helped secure the venue at the Wroclaw University Library and the funding from Sage. With the Arts Section, the Social Science Libraries Section is co-sponsoring the program "These Times to Us Are Worth Savin': Documenting the Art of Social Transformation since 1960" with presentations on activist art from different parts of the world.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Wroclaw!

Best wishes
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2017 WLIC/IFLA Social Science Libraries Section meetings and programs

Saturday, 19 August 2017

08:00 - 10:00 IASE 1st floor Session 011, SC I - Social Science Libraries

Monday, 21 August 2017

08:30 - 10:30 Conference Room C
Session 091, SC II - Social Science Libraries

09:30 - 11:30 IASE 1st floor
Session 099, Interreligious Dialogue as Library Initiatives Demonstrating Societal Solidarity - Religions: Libraries and Dialogue

16:00 - 18:00 IASE 1st floor
Session 123, These Times to Us Are Worth Savin': Documenting the Art of Social Transformation since 1960 - Art Libraries with Social Science Libraries

Tuesday, 22 August 2017

09:15 - 14:00 Off-site Location: Wroclaw University Library. ul. F. Joliot-Curie 12
50-383 Wroclaw, Poland

Session 137, Understanding Your Library from the Inside Out: a Workshop in Library Ethnography for User Assessment - Social Science Libraries and Africa Section

[Lynne S. Connaway, Senior Research Scientist and Director of User Research at OCLC](#) and [Celia Emmelhainz, Anthropology and Qualitative Research Librarian at UC Berkeley](#).

The workshop requires a [registration](#) and is limited to 30 participants. Lunch will be served.

Wednesday, 23 August 2017

13:45 - 15:45 IASE 1st floor

Session 211, Demonstrating Value and/or Assessing the Impact of Different Types of Libraries and Information Services: Can You Spot the Difference? - Division I -

Presenters

(Keynote & SSL Representative)

Lynn S. Connaway
Celia Emmelhainz

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OUTGOING AND INCOMING LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP



Thumbs up to Kayo Denda and Sylvia Piggott...!!! This coming congress in Poland marks the end of the leadership of Kayo Denda as the chair and Sylvia Piggott as the Secretary. They have both done an outstanding job shaping this section's vision and goals in the past 2 years. The SSL section takes this opportunity to thank Kayo and Sylvia for an extraordinary work, commitment, and leadership skills they have shown in the last 2 years. From a personal point of view, their support and energy have been very important to me and other SSL members throughout the last two years. On behalf of the incoming leadership team, Lynne Rudasill, Chair, Deborah Cheney, Secretary, and the rest of the SSL membership, thank you again Kayo and Sylvia for your dedication and great job for the work you accomplished during your terms. We wish you success as you serve in other IFLA sections and other professional organizations.

WELCOME

Welcome to all our new incoming members,, beginning August 2017! We are excited to have you as part of the membership and look forward to your contributions.

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2016 REFLECTIONS FLA World Library and Information Congress August, 13-19, 2016, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America

SSL SC section members and friends

Dinner at Forno restaurant:



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Debora Cheney, Celia Emmelhainz,
Sylvia Piggott



A tour of the Thompson Library to IFLA attendees

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Upcoming!!!

IFLA World Library and Information Congress
83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly
19–25 August 2017, Wrocław, [Poland](#)



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