

**IFLA Library Theory and Research (LTR) Standing Committee
Minutes from the LTR Standing Committee Meeting I,
World Library and Information Congress, Kuala Lumpur
Friday, August 24, 2018**

SC members present:

Raphaelle Bats, Theo Bothma (Chair), Clara Chu, Bill Fischer, Premila Gamage, Gaby Haddow, Chu Jingli, Krystyna Matusiak (Secretary), Amada Marcos, Jaya Raju, Egbert Sanchez (Information Coordinator), Takahisa Shimoda, Kerry Smith, Anna Maria Tamaro, Simon Koudjam Yameni

Apologies

Dan Dorner, Flavia Renon, Heidi Olsen, Jennifer Arns

Observers

The session was attended by 20 observers.

1. Introduction

Introductions were made of officers, SC members and observers. There were no changes to the agenda. The minutes of the second meeting in Wroclaw were approved.

2. Officer reports

- Report from the Chair - Theo Bothma provided a summary of the Professional Committee's Officer Forum that took place in the morning of August 23, 2018. He also reported on the revision of the LTR website that was initiated by the IFLA Headquarters. The initial selection of the pages for deletion, archiving, and active maintenance was initially conducted by the IFLA Headquarters. The LTR officers, Krystyna Matusiak and Theo Bothma reviewed and approved IFLA recommendations with minor changes. The Chair discussed the communication plan and emphasized that communication is really a priority for IFLA in the new strategic plan.
- Report from the Secretary – Krystyna Matusiak summarized the information shared at the Professional Committee's Officer Forum about the incoming elections. The call for nominations of new LTR Standing Committee members will be issued at the beginning of October 2018. The elections need to be completed by January 3, 2019. The names of new officers will be announced in March 2019. Newly elected officers are expected to attend the Congress in Athens in August 2019.
- Report from the Information Coordinator – Egbert Sanchez reported on the work of the communication team. He acknowledged the work of the newsletter editor, Flavia Renon and encouraged SC members to submit to the newsletter. Egbert also expressed his thanks to Heidi Olson and Amada Marcos for their collaboration during this period. The three methods of communication were discussed in the meeting: LTR newsletter, blog, and social media. In addition, SC members were encouraged to contribute brief translations of the Newsletter to reflect multilingual composition of the committee and increase the visibility of LTR.

3. Report on the LTR Midterm Meeting in Milan

Krystyna Matusiak and Anna Maria Tammaro reported on the mid-term meeting that took place in Milan in March 2018. In the midterm meeting, the committee members finalized the plans for WLIC 2018 and discussed a theme and location of the 2019 satellite conference. Anna Maria Tammaro reported on the workshop that was sponsored by LTR. The workshop was held at the Italian Library Conference and was attended by Italian students and librarians. The workshop focused on research on research methods and included overview of research methodology in LIS and student presentations.

4. Report on the Global Vision project

Anna Maria reported on the LTR involvement in the Global Vision project. Three SC members participated in the Barcelona workshop on Global Vision in March 2018. LTR activities are led by the LTR past-chair, Anna Maria Tammaro, who organized a Zoom meeting after the Barcelona workshop and prepared a draft report. She received feedback on the draft from 11 SC members. LTR SC members selected three items from the IFLA Global Vision Report: 1.) We must update our traditional roles in the digital age; 2.) We need to understand community needs better and design services for impact; 3.) We must give young professionals effective opportunities to learn, develop and lead. The LTR Report outlines ideas for actions to support the selected opportunities and emphasizes the transformation of the roles of librarians and information professionals who are more engaged in the social contexts. The document titled “Report of the Library Theory and Research Section meeting: How a united library field can tackle the challenges of the future – Ideas for actions” was shared with the section’s members in July 2018.

Theo Bothma provided a summary of the findings from the Global Vision project and shared the slides that were presented in the morning Officers’ meeting. He focused on the IFLA Development Roadmap and the reported on the IFLA strategy 2020 – 2024 that would be launched next August in Athens. Furthermore, he emphasized that the Global Vision project would lead to restructuring of IFLA organization and would have a tremendous impact on all sections, including LTR.

5. 2018 WLIC Program

- Gaby Haddow reported on the joint open session with Information Literacy Section "Information Literacy: From Practice to Research and Back Again." The planning committee received a large number of submission (over 60); eight papers were selected for the session. The Open Session will be held on Sunday, August 26 at 13:45. IFLA Journal expressed interested in preparing a special issue on the topic and plans to invite the authors to expand their papers for publication.
- Clara Chu and Jaya Raju reported on the joint open session with Education and Training Section and LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group, “IFLA's role in building strong LIS education: an international approach to quality assessment and qualification in the library and information profession,” which will be held on Wednesday, August 29.

- Kerry Smith reported on the SIG Library History session, “Transform Libraries. Transform Societies: Library outreach to marginalized populations: historical perspectives,” scheduled on Sunday, August 26 at 9:30 AM.

6. Projects and publications

- Clara Chu reported on the “Building Strong LIS Education” (BSLISE) project that resulted in numerous conference presentation and writing a White Paper “Building Strong LIS Education: A Call to Global and Local Action.” The project generated a lot of interested in the IFLA community and is a very good example of collaboration between professional units. The White Paper will be available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.15641/0-7992-2542-6> on 29 August 2018.
- Theo Bothma and Krystyna Matusiak reported that selected papers from the 2017 Satellite Meeting in Warsaw on data curation would be published in a special issue of *Libri* in 2019.
- Kerry Smith informed that the *IFLA Journal* would be publishing the papers from the 2017 SIG Library History session in Wroclaw.

7. 2019 Conference planning

- Planning of the 2019 Satellite post conference in Rome was discussed.
- Kerry Smith proposed a topic for the SIG Library History session that would focus on oral histories of librarians.

8. Other business

Steve Witt, the editor of the *IFLA Journal*, discussed a possible IFLA project focused on increasing the research capacity of library practitioners. LTR may collaborate on a workshop with librarians who have some research projects; the workshop could include training on research methodology. Steve also mentioned a vacancy in the editorial board of the *IFLA Journal* and efforts to diversify the representation on the board.

One of the observers suggested expanding the scope of LTR and including more information science topics in conference presentations and projects. SC members commented that LTR projects and conference presentation include information science topics. However, the name of the section does not reflect it. Jaya Raju posed a question about changing the name of the section.

9. Closing

The Chair thanked everyone present for their participation. The meeting closed at 15:30.