

ACTION PLAN and RESOURCE REQUEST FORM for Professional Units 2018 – 2019

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- Name of Professional Unit: **Library History Special Interest Group, submitted by Dr Kerry Smith, Convenor**

Objectives of Professional Unit 2017-18: (*We recommend a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5. Please state how each contributes to the IFLA Strategic Plan and the Key Initiatives 2016-2021*)

1. **Libraries in Society** – *Throughout their history, libraries have played an important role in building literate, informed and participative societies. By keeping our library history on the agenda we can continue to learn from our past to build our future.*
2. **Information and Knowledge**- *libraries have always been repositories of these and in celebrating and reminding people of library history we hope to continue the respect and reputation for libraries and promote the study and research in library history, as a contribution to the intellectual foundations of our profession.*
3. **Cultural Heritage** - *library history as such is part of that heritage. Safeguarding documentary cultural heritage as libraries have done in the past and should continue to do. Our library history tells us the stories of how this was done, why, and the challenges faced and the opportunities; as well as developing standards for the collection and preservation of content in its diverse forms as shown in the history of libraries and their diverse collections.*
4. **Capacity Building** - *Strengthening IFLA by building regional and sectoral capacity and participation across our activities by promoting the importance of libraries in the past, the present and to learn from these stories and experiences for the future.*

Objectives <i>What do you want to achieve? Use your list above</i>	Project or activity <i>What project or activity are you going to do?</i>	Main tasks <i>What are the specific things you need to do?</i>	Responsibilities and timeline <i>Who will do them and by when?</i>	Resources <i>Do you need specific skills, money or technology?</i>	Communications <i>How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?</i>	Measures of success <i>How will you show the impact of your work?</i>	Progress <i>Report here briefly the progress of your work, at least every month</i>
1. Objectives 1,2,3,4	Survival of the SIG	Submission for the SIG's continuation-document to LTR, and Div IV Chair	SIG convenor – this came up during 2018	Nil	Email to SIG "Committee"	The SIG continues for another 3 years	Done – the SIG continues
2. Objectives 1, 2, 3,4	Hold a session at the 2019 Athens conference;	Working with the informal SIG Lib Hist committee; Find a theme to fit with conference theme; Book expression of interest for session with IFLA; Finalise title and expectations of papers; Send out Call for papers.	Convenor to advise IFLA HQ of proposed theme by 15 November 2018. Work on Call for Papers to meet IFLA deadlines	Nil required – to use the expertise of the SIG Committee to referee papers received.	IFLA and other e lists; SIG 's blog –	IFLA accepts the request for session; Abstracts received; Session organised	Session title discussions are underway; Potential co-operation with IFLA Genealogy & Local History Section

3. Objectives 1, 3 & 4	Continue to raise the relevance, significance and importance of library history to IFLA, the SIG itself, IFLA members and the library profession	Continue to liaise with relevant IFLA Sections/SIGs and other relevant bodies	Ongoing	The SIG has a Web editor who helps the Convenor enormously.	Continue to try and get conversations going amongst SIG members: On the e-list; the SIG Blog has 49 followers, with little use so far despite continued encouragement;	Continued interest from professionals to join the SIG's e-list but very few who are on it contribute posts	Contact with SIG's web editor to change blog to Wordpress; Possible Twitter account? Library History group underway in Western Australia;
4. Objectives 1, 2, 3,4	Theme issue for IFLA Journal on 2017 Wroclaw session "Libraries in times of crisis: historical perspectives"	Liaison with the Editor of IFLA Journal has lead to acceptance of the idea. The 26 abstracts received for the IFLA 2017 Wroclaw session have been re-assessed and most of the authors approached to seek a contribution;	SIG convenor SIG Convenor and Committee	Nil	SIG e-list, emails	The concept is accepted by IFLA Journal	Editor IFLA Journal has advised that the issue is underway
5. Objectives 1, 2,3	The proceedings of the 2014 "History of Librarianship" satellite conference held are not yet published.	Continue to follow up with Editor/s Raphaële Mouren	Underway – not much luck so far	Nil that the Convenor is aware of		The publication is produced	It would seem this initiative has died? One last attempt now made to contact the editor.

6. Objectives 1,2,3,4	Consider a research project on library oral history	Do considerable background reading to see if preferred topic/s have been covered and where gaps exist	If a topic comes to fruition then put a bid in for IFLA round of project funding next year	Nil at the moment	IFLA SIG LH e-list and others as required	To be determined, but essentially if there is interest	On oral histories of libraries and librarians
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Resource requirements – None required this 2018-19 round

Next steps

Please send your completed Action Plan to professionalsupport@ifla.org , sponsoring section and your Division Chair by 31st October 2018.