National Libraries Section Annual report
September 2016 – August 2017

Our Annual Report records our achievements and progress in relation to our Action Plan 2016-2017. 2017 was an election year: the number of candidates for the SC showed that there is a great interest in the Section and its activities. The new SC members are listed on the Section web page: https://www.ifla.org/standing-committee/01
Guy Berthiaume and Genevieve Clavel were re-elected Chair and Secretary for the period 2017-2019. Melita Ambrožič stood down from the position of Information Officer after 7 years; Stuart Hamilton was elected Information Officer for period 2017-2019.

Objectives identified in the action plan and their realization

1. **Finalize the survey on national library activities**.
   The survey was sent out and 46 responses from 45 sovereign states were received. The results were presented to SC members in the business meeting at WLIC 2017, to CDNL http://www.cdnl.info/images/PDFs/CDNL_2017/National-Library-Functions-CDNL-v0-DIN.pdf and in a very successful NILP session on National Libraries' core functions and best practices. http://library.ifla.org/1722/1/223-landry-en.pdf

2. **Organise a session at WLIC 2017 with the Information Technology Section**
   This has been very successful and well-attended session (340 attendees) with the following title and presentations:
   Session 186, A Memory Bank for the Digital Society: National Libraries and Web Archiving - National Libraries with Information Technology (SI)
   Chair: Guy Berthiaume (Library and Archives Canada, Canada)
   Chair: May Chang (University of Cincinnati, United States)

   1. Memory Entanglements and Collection Development in a Transnational Media Landscape Eva-Maria Häusner (National Library of Sweden, Sweden)
    http://library.ifla.org/1683/1/186-haeusner-en.pdf

   2. Access Strategies: Moderator Peter Webster (Webster Research and Consulting, United Kingdom)
   Access Strategies -1: Constituer un Réseau d'accès aux Archives de l'internet: L'exemple Français Ange Aniesa (Bibliothèque Nationale de France, France) Ariane Bouchard (Bibliothèque Nationale de France, France) http://library.ifla.org/1655/1/186-aniesa-fr.pdf .
   Access Strategies - 2 Mireille Laforce (Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec, Canada)
   Access Strategies - 3 Julien Masanès (Internet Memory Foundation and Internet Memory Research, France)
   Access Strategies - 4 Jason Webber (UK Web Archive, United Kingdom)

   3. Getting Started in Web Archiving Abbie Grotke (Library of Congress, United States)
   http://library.ifla.org/1637/1/186-grotke-en.pdf
   Getting Started - 1 Alenka Kavčič-Čolić (National and University Library, Slovenia)
   Getting Started - 2 Marie-Louise Ayres (National Library of Australia, Australia)

3. **Work with IFLA and CDNL on the question of digital collaboration / unification**
   See https://www.ifla.org/cultural-heritage/digital-unification The Chair of the NLSC chairs the group and two member of the SC (Isabelle Nyffeneger BnF and Jaesun Lee NL Korea) are active participants. A session was organised with CDNL to launch the discussion **Digital Unification – Connecting our Documentary Heritage**
   Chair: Guy Berthiaume, Introduction
   -      Poland, Dr Tomasz Makowski
   -      New Zealand, Mr Bill Macnaught, National Librarian, National Library of New Zealand
   -      France, Laurence Engel, Président, Bibliothèque Nationale de France

4. **Continue to work with CDNL to ensure synergies in annual programme and ongoing work**
   The Chair and Secretary met the Chair and Vice-Chairs of CDNL on November 1st 2016 to discuss the Terms of Reference of the Digital Unification Group and provide feedback to IFLA, as well as to prepare the CDNL annual meeting at which the topic was discussed (see point 3)

Standing Committee Meetings

The Section Standing Committee met twice during WLIC, with outgoing and incoming members attending. A new Convener for the NILP SIG was appointed: Winston Roberts. Melita Ambrožič was admitted as a Corresponding Member.

Minutes of the meetings were distributed to Section Members by email and posted on the section's website https://www.ifla.org/national-libraries/minutes

National Organizations and International Relations NOIR SIG
175 people attended the NOIR SIG session with the following topic and presentations
Session 245, How a Focus on International Relations Can Add Value to Your Work - New Insights (Perspectives) on Sustainable Collaboration - National Organizations and International Relations SIG
Chair: Katharina Beberweil (IBFD Library and Information Centre, Netherlands)
1. Value of SIG Activity: Why Do International Relations Add Value? - Intercultural Aspects and Perspective
Winston Roberts (National Library of New Zealand, New Zealand)
2. Best Practice Report 1 - International Relations from Libraries and Archives Canada's Perspective
Francesco Manganiello (Library and Archives Canada / Government of Canada, Canada)
3. Case Study Report - IFLA at SCCR
Stephen Wyber (IFLA Headquarters, Netherlands)
 4. Expectation Report - Young Professional Sharing Ideas and Hopes
Antoine Torrens (SIG Young Professionals)

National Information and Library Policy SIG
73 people attended Session 223, National Libraries' Core Functions and Best Practices – National Information and Library Policy Special Interest Group

This session presented a round-table discussion on the findings of the survey on National Library Functions: Results from the IFLA Survey of National Library Functions 2016. The round-table discussions reviewed the findings of the survey and their impact on National Library & Information Services policy imperatives. Attendees were invited to further identify

areas of best practice that can be replicated by National Libraries across the world, thereby enhancing their effectiveness, efficiency and impact.

Chair: Rocky Ralebipi-Simela (National Library of South Africa, South Africa)

Moderator: Patrice Landry (Swiss National Library, Switzerland)

1. National libraries' functions: results from the 2016 survey of national libraries' Functions Patrice Landry (Swiss National Library, Switzerland)