



CPDWL Section
ANNUAL REPORT 2015
Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning

This report covers the period of January to December 2015.

Section members on December 31st 2015

On December 31st the section had ??? registered members (compared to 2014, 85 registered members). There were 20 Standing Committee members and 5 Corresponding members. In addition there are a number of CPDWL consultants.

Standing committee (SC) members on December 31st 2015

SC Officers

Catharina Isberg, Sweden, Co-Chair (second term: 2015-2019))
Ewa Stenberg, Sweden, Co-Chair (first term 2013 – 2017)
Vivian Lewis, Canada, Secretary (first term 2013-2017)
Mary S. Laskowski, United States, Information Coordinator (first term 2015-2019)
Juanita Jara de Sumar, Canada, Newsletter editor (first term 2013 – 2017)

SC Members

Eileen Breen, United Kingdom (first term 2013-2017)
Matilde Fontanin, Italy (second term 2013-2017)
Loida Garcia-Febo, United States (second term 2015-2019)
Almuth Gastinger, Norway (first term 2015-2019)
Gillian Hallam, Australia (first term 2015-2019)
Sandra Hirsh, United States (first term 2013-2017)
Holly Hubenschmidt, United States (first term 2015-2019)
Juanita Jara de Sumar, Canada (first term 2013-2017)
Anne Lehto, Finland (second term 2013-2017)
Cindy Lombardo, United States (first term 2013-2017)
Nadia Temmar, Algeria (first term 2015-2019)
Wilhelm Elinashe Uutoni, Namibia (first term 2015-2019)

SC Corresponding members

Lydia Namugera, Uganda (second term: 2015-2017)
Susan Schnuer, USA (second term: 2015-2017)
Ulrike Lang, Germany (first term: 2015-2017)
Svetlana Gorokhova, Russia (first term: 2015-2017)
Lawrence Abraham Gojeh, Ethiopia (first term: 2015-2017)

CPDWL Consultants

As an addition to the standing committee and corresponding members CPDWL has a number of CPDWL consultants who are deeply involved in the CPDWL business.

Mary L. Chute, United States (first term: 2015-2017)
Mary Ellen K. Davis, United States (first term: 2015-2017)
Monica Mooney Ertel, United States (first term: 2015-2017)
Jana Varlejs, United States (first term: 2015-2017)

Meetings

Two meetings were held during the WLIC in Cape Town, South Africa in August 2015. The minutes of the meetings are published on the CPDWL website <http://www.ifla.org/cpdwl/minutes>. When necessary, different groups within the standing committee meet virtually on several occasions and topics. CPDWL does not hold any mid-term meetings.

Cooperation with other sections and groups in 2015

CPDWL has a strong tradition of cooperation with different sections. The list of collaborating sections includes for example the Knowledge Management Section, the New Professionals Special Interest Group and the Information Literacy Section.

In 2014 the CPDWL section started up a collaboration with the Public Library section. The two sections planned and arranged a workshop during 2015 which was very well perceived.

Discussion has also started with the BSLA to find out ways to collaborate in strategic CPD as BSLA works to develop strong library associations.

Programs during 2015

“Taking charge of your LIS career: Personal strategies, institutional programs, strong libraries”

CPDWL was very busy during the year in preparing and giving the CPDWL Satellite conference in Milnerton, Cape Town, South Africa. The program “Taking charge of your LIS career: Personal strategies, institutional programs, strong libraries” covered workshops, lectures, round table discussions etc. and included the key initiatives of IFLA. During the conference CPDWL also celebrated its work during the last 30 years. A Recognition Ceremony for honored members of CPDWL was performed.

“Learning across boundaries– a workshop”

“Learning across boundaries– a workshop” was the theme of a very well attended session which CPDWL and the Public Library section arranged during the WLIC in Cape Town, South Africa. A short introduction was followed by four presentations. Each presenter had prepared a number of questions which were discussed at the different tables during the workshop. The result of this was published on the Public Library section web page http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/public-libraries/publications/cape_town_-_learning_across_boundaries_-_questions.pdf so colleagues who were not able to participate in Cape Town had the chance to follow the program details afterwards.

“New Librarians Global Connection: Best practices, models and recommendations”.

For the fourth consecutive year, CPDWL and IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group are partnering with the American Library Association to present a series of free webinars on issues of interest to new librarians, library associations and library schools, library-decision makers, and all library workers. The webinars are a great opportunity for membership participation via new worldwide online programming. The series title is: “New Librarians Global Connection: Best practices, models and recommendations.” In October 2014 the collaboration was developed further as the LAC started up a series of webinars in Spanish and Portuguese. This work has continued during 2015 and the recordings have received more than 11,000 hits. On December 2015 we partnered with the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) to present a webinar entitled "Libraries, Advocacy and the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda" which highlighted the importance of CPD related to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

When the webinars started in 2012 the hits/visitors per webinar was 300-500. In 2013 the ALA switched to Adobe Connect which only allows 100 live participants. This together with an increased amount of available online learning has lowered the participants of the webinars. That said, due to a system glitch, it is not entirely possible to know how many people have accessed all the recordings.

We do receive communications from colleagues from all continents asking and commenting about the webinars.

The recording of the webinars is available on the NPSIG website.

Professional activities

CPDWL Satellite Guide

CPDWL has a reputation for running excellent satellite meetings. Over the years committee members have acquired a lot of experience and documents about running a successful satellite meeting. In 2015 the CPDWL section launched its CPDWL Satellite Guide. The purpose of the guide is to gather all the experience, and documents, in an easy-to-use format for future satellite conveners. The hope is that this guide will be a living document, edited as needed, and with additional documents added by committee members to chronicle their work on future CPDWL satellite meetings. <http://www.ifla.org/publications/node/10044?og=82>

CPDWL quality guidelines

The work on updating and creating new CPDWL quality guidelines has during the year almost been finalized. The guidelines have been commented on by several different sections within IFLA. The plan is to publish the quality guidelines as an IFLA report online.

2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

CPDWL Section intends to draft a CPDWL statement on the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030. The work on the statement has started during 2015 and intends to be short and impactful, a one page advocacy piece: concise, practical, and easy-to-understand. We will focus on the professional development needed to get librarians positioned to respond to the SDG goals.

Information and projects

During 2016 a Satellite conference is being planned prior to the WLIC in Columbus, USA. The Satellite will be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 10-11.

CPDWL still informs members and interested colleagues via a newsletter and also runs a blog and a Facebook group with more than 1500 followers (compared to 760 followers in December 2014). We can reach more people with these tools with more up to date information. We also hope for a closer connection to the members because of the ability to comment on the content.

Finances

CPDWL has not applied for administration funds in 2015.

For the 2015 Milnerton satellite CPDWL offered grants covering the registration fee for participants from South Africa and neighbouring countries. However, we did not foresee that only providing free registration would not be enough funding for local and regional librarians to attend the satellite. Thus, some of the award receivers ended up declining the scholarship because they could not obtain travel funding. Preparations are being made to offer the remaining resources as grants to the CPDWL Cleveland satellite conference in 2016 with focus on participants from developing countries.

Action Plan

The CPDWL Action Plan supports the IFLA Strategic plan and Key Initiatives, especially strategic direction number 1, Libraries in Society as well as number 4, Capacity Building. The Action Plan 2016-17 is available on the CPDWL website. <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cpdwl/strategic-plan/2016-2017.pdf>

December, 31st 2015

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