



January, 2012 Letter from the Chair of the Library Theory & Research Section: —Terry L Weech

Dear Library Theory and Research Section Members:

I am very pleased that we have been able to reinstate our Section's Newsletter. I believe the scheduled communication with members of the Section is an important function of IFLA Section officers and I welcome any suggestions you may have for future content of the Newsletter or for ways to improve the Section's website or communications with the membership.

As you are aware, the Library Theory and Research Section is led by the LTR Standing Committee. The Standing Committee currently consists of fifteen members who have volunteered to stand for election to serve on the committee. We welcomed seven new members to the LTR Standing Committee who were elected for the 2011 – 2015 term. The new members are:

Raphaëlle Bats from Villeurbanne, France, is the Section's Information Coordinator and Newsletter Editor
Bernd Lorenz from Munich, Germany
Krystyna K. Matusiak from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Heidi Kristin Olsen from Tonsberg, Norway
Anna Maria Tamaro from Parma, Italy
Wei Liu, Shanghai, China
Steve W. Witt from Champaign, Illinois, USA

Lynn Silipigni Connaway, from Grand Junction, Colorado USA, Helen Partridge, your Secretary-Treasurer from Brisbane, Australia and your Chair, Terry L. Weech from Urbana, Illinois, USA were elected to their second four year terms to the Standing Committee.

Yasuyo Inoue from Souka, Saitama, Japan; Chu Jingli, Beijing, China; Peter J. Lor Sedgefield, South Africa; Marydee Ojala, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; and Ji Hye Song, Seoul, Korea all continue in their Standing Committee positions for their 2009-2013 term. Eileen Breen from Bingley, United Kingdom, continues as Associate Information Coordinator assisting in maintaining the Section's website.

Welcome to all the new and welcome back to the continuing Standing Committee members.. The full listing of Standing Committee members with contact information can be found linked from our [IFLA LTR Website](#)

Much thanks goes to Lynne Silipigni Connaway and Michael Seadle for their work as co-chairs of the Section's Program Planning Committee which resulted in a very successful program in San Juan "*Data collection in the service of libraries*" jointly coordinated with the IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Section. The papers presented may be found at: <http://conference.ifla.org/past/ifla77/2011-08-15.htm> and going to "Session 95." Photos of the LTR Standing Committee members and presenters at the San Juan program may be found at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/105826379079904088513/IFLALibraryTheoryAndResearchSection2011#>

Our section is planning a program for Helsinki in 2012 with the Education and Training Section and the LIS Education and the Developing Countries Special Interest Group. The working title is "International and Comparative Librarianship: Valid, Relevant and Authentic Research and Education." Peter Lor and Marydee Ojala are representing our section on the program planning committee. See our LTR website for the call for papers. Abstracts must be submitted by February 1, 2012.

At the meeting of the Standing Committee in San Juan the decision was made to retire the Section's Liserv "LTR-L." After several years of monitoring the listserv, it was decided to discontinue it because of lack of use.

I look forward to working with all the members of the Library Theory and Research Section in 2012. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions about any of the activities of the Section. I hope I will see you in Helsinki in August of 2012, if not at other conference or professional venues before then

Submitted by

Terry L. Weech, Chair of Library Theory Research Section, January 15, 2012