



SIG review report 2012-2013

Please submit the report to Joanne.Yeomans@ifla.org by **9 November 2012** for discussion by the Professional Committee.

Please supply a review report for the Professional Committee addressing the following criteria:

- 1) That the SIG continues to be active and addresses emerging issues or trends or issues of continuing interest to a relatively small number of IFLA members.

The IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters is a special interest group for those interested in library services for and with indigenous peoples. The group includes indigenous members and those who support these issues.

The Group is one vehicle for discussion for members of the IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters, formally established in December 2008. The SIG evolved out of IFLA Past President Kay Raseroka's interests and Alex Bryne's Presidential Task Force on Indigenous Matters, a focus on library services for the traditional owners of the land.

The IFLA SIG has organized annual business meetings at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) and has been welcomed as an active participant under its sponsoring IFLA unit, the Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section (Section 32).

Issues addressed by the SIG continue to be of interest to IFLA members. Evidence of this interest is seen in the active participation of the Convener and other SIG members in the planning and delivery of the successful April 2012 IFLA President's program, Indigenous Knowledges: Local Priorities, Global Contexts," held on the campus of the University of British Columbia. Another example of the interest is the recent revision of the 2000 Guidelines for Professional Library/Information Educational Programs to include indigenous matters.

- 2) That the SIG exists as either a virtual group or as a group that meets at the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC).
 - a) That if it exists as a virtual group, it has sufficiently promoted its activities and discussions among SIG members and potential members.

The IFLA SIG has hosted face-to-face meetings at the annual IFLA WLIC each summer, hosts an active Facebook group, has organized a successful program at the 2012 WLIC. Discussion threads among members cover a variety of topics from news alerts to calls for papers and conference attendance. As such, the IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters' information exchange focuses in a positive direction on services today with an eye on the future while honoring the past. As with other indigenous gatherings, IFLA SIG members

gather with respect for each other, generosity in spirit, and a desire to improve the lives of the next generation.

The IFLA SIG organized five task forces that have worked issues related to language, protocols, IFLA document review, key issues, and outreach. In addition, the Convener has given numerous presentations to introduce and update potential members on the SIG activities. This has included conferences and meetings in Canada (Canada Library Association), Aotearoa/New Zealand (LIANZA, Library and Information Association New Zealand Aotearoa annual conference), and in the United States (Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association and the American Indian Library Association meetings held at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference).

The SIG website is hosted by and linked from the Library Services to Multicultural Populations website (<http://www.ifla.org/mcultp>). The IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters Facebook group has 400 members as of Monday, 29 October 2012. SIG activities are also shared in the IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Newsletter, available free to anyone with an Internet connection.

- b) That if it has met at a WLIC, the meetings have been open to all Congress participants and have been sufficiently well-attended.

The IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters has hosted annual open business meetings at each WLIC since 2009. Each meeting has been attended by 50 or more conference delegates. Content has included an annual “Highlights of Indigenous Librarianship” update as well as deliberation on SIG activities.

- c) That any SIG programme at a WLIC has been sufficiently well organized, announced, promoted, and attended.

The IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters hosted a program at the 2012 WLIC in Helsinki, featuring speakers from Canada and Aotearoa/New Zealand. At least 105 IFLA delegates attended the program and all audience members had an opportunity to ask questions or comment.

- 3) That a minimum of twenty-five persons participate in the SIG.

Hundreds of people have participated in the SIG activities. This includes the 400 members of the Facebook group, the twenty-five members of the initial task forces, and the ten member envisioning circle that met on site prior to the spring 2012 IFLA President’s program. Activities of the SIG are monitored by national indigenous librarians organizations including AILA (American Indian Library Association) and Te Ropu Whakahau (Maori in Libraries and Information Management).

- 4) That the SIG’s activities are recognised in the Section’s strategic plan, and reported in the annual reports.

The IFLA SIG convener was included and contributed to communicate on, including revision, of the Section's strategic plan. The strategic plan (available at <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-services-to-multicultural-populations/strategic-plan/2011-12.pdf>) notes that one of the key activities of the section is to "support the work of the Special Interest Group on Indigenous Matters including support for the SIG's outreach plan."

- 5) That the issues to be discussed by the SIG continue to
- a) promote IFLA's values, and relate to IFLA's strategic plan,

The IFLA SIG on Indigenous matters promotes IFLA's values:

"Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information": by advocating for library services to and with indigenous peoples;

"Building the strategic capacity of IFLA and that of its members": through being an active participant in IFLA and the Library Services to Multicultural Populations through writing, speaking, organizing, and contributing to the development of statements and programs;

"Transforming the profile and standing of the profession": by reporting on the IFLA SIG at various events and providing a strong virtual presence through social media such as Facebook;

"Representing the interests of IFLA's members and their users throughout the world": by communicating broadly at events around the world and providing a virtual space for communication.

- b) do not conflict with the terms of reference of another existing IFLA professional unit;

Activities of the SIG do not conflict with existing IFLA units.

- c) are appropriate to the terms of reference of the sponsoring Section.

The SIG activities enhance and support the goals and vision of its supporting unit, the Library Services to Multicultural Populations.

- 6) That the Convener has attended all Standing Committee meetings of the sponsoring Section's Standing Committee at each Congress during his/her term of office and reported on the activities of the SIG.

The Convener has attended all Standing Committee meetings of the Library Services to Multicultural Populations Committee at each WLIC. She has been graciously included in the Section activities including communication, the mid-year meetings (in Russia, Spain, and Egypt), has participated in Section activities (such as serving on program committees), and has attended and participated at each satellite meeting hosted by the Section during her term as Convener.

- 7) As a result of this review, does the sponsoring Section propose to affirm or disband the SIG? Affirmed SIGs will be reviewed again in four years, that is, for the period 2013 – 2017.

The Section proposes to affirm the SIG for its continuation. This move was approved also by a vote of the IFLA SIG at the 2012 WLIC.

- 8) Who is the proposed new convener for the period 2013-2015 (to replace conveners completing the end of their 4 year term)? The Section should report to the Professional Committee the name, affiliation and email address of the new convener for the period 2013 – 2015; the convener can be reappointed in 2015 by the sponsoring section's SC for a further two years.

The new IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters Convener for 2013-2015 is Ms. Te Paea Paringatai. She is the Tumuaki (President) of Te Ropu Whakahau, Maori in Libraries and Information Management. Her email address is: TePaea.Paringatai@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Ms. Paringatai attended the 2012 WLIC and the satellite meeting sponsored by the Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section. She attended the full day business meeting of the Section as well as Officer Training activities. She is well prepared to serve as the next convener.

These criteria are based on R20 of the IFLA Rules of Procedure.