



ACTION PLAN for Professional Units

Name of Professional Unit:

NOIR - National Organisations and International Relations

Objectives of Professional Unit/Strategic Programme Committee 2016-17:

1. To create greater awareness of the value that a focused and systematic approach to international engagement can add to professional practice in the library and information field.
2. To promote the exchange of knowledge and best practice in the development and maintenance of suitable international relations structures.
3. To provide support and inspiration for colleagues working in international relations for the library and information sector

Through its focus on awareness-raising for and establishment of appropriate, sustainable infrastructures for International Relations on the national level, NOIR will make a substantial contribution to IFLA's Strategic Direction 4: Capacity Building. Within that framework, it particularly supports the following key initiatives:

- Advancement of **connectedness and** mutual support in an interdependent world (through exchange of knowledge and best practice)
- International Advocacy (through generation of greater awareness for the added value of international relations)
- Inclusion of Public Libraries (through the promotion of their inclusion in international relations structures at a national level)

Our SIG's aim is to create a global best-practice community of "pioneers and power users" in national library organisations and institutions engaged in IR; a community that can inspire and support others who want to create permanent agencies for IR in their countries' library sector, and that can act as a sounding board and incubator for related ideas and initiatives.

Actions planned:

- 1) **Session at WLIC 2017 – interactive discussion (2 hours) – see request submitted to HQ on Tuesday, Oct 25**
Theme: ***How a focus on international relations can add value to your work – new insights (perspectives) on sustainable collaboration***
- 2) **Create an up-to-date list of key contact persons for international relations – by April 2017**
 - a. Prepare a SIG-internal document / list containing names and contact details of supporters and co-workers of the SIG in national associations and institutions.
- 3) **Conduct a survey in library networks about the meaning of international relations to the colleagues' work – in March 2017, announcement via mailing lists / survey online.**