

## **Action plan 2019 – 2020**

### **National Libraries**

## Focus Area 1

### **IMPROVE NATIONAL LIBRARIES' SERVICES BY SHARING COMPETENCIES AND CASE STUDIES, AS WELL AS INSPIRING INITIATIVES.**

Today national libraries are facing many challenges in an ever moving environment. They are carrying of great changes – both in terms of new technological solutions as well as collections and services. These changes are complex and require increasing knowledge. In this context, it is crucial for NL to learn from one another and to use the experience of colleagues in implementing the innovative ideas.

The National libraries section's main aim is to foster the access to such best practices and provide tools to inspire colleagues from NL and beyond throughout the world.

### IFLA Strategic Direction

*INSPIRE AND ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE*

#### Key Initiatives

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| 2.1. | Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession |
| 2.4. | Provide tools and infrastructure that support the work of libraries                         |

## Projects/Activities

### **ORGANIZE A SESSION AT WLIC 2020 ON LEGAL DEPOSIT**

Legal deposit as it is a task of national libraries – no one else is doing it, but NL libraries are facing huge challenges in a context with the endless expansion of information and the blur of borders in the digital work. The session will question the future of Legal Deposit in a globalized world.

### **BUILD A PARTICIPATIVE WEB TOOL (E.G. WIKIMEDIA, FRAMA, ETC.) TO COLLECT, VISUALIZE AND DEEPEN NATIONAL LIBRARIES MAIN FUNCTIONS AND SHARE BEST PRACTICES**

National libraries have a local context that conditioned its main functions and perspectives. In the same way, libraries activities are used worldwide to enhance missions and development at a global scale.

The aim of the project is to identify items for describing national libraries functions in order to qualify the position of countries and visualize similarities or distinction. And then collect best practices on specific realizations to contribute to global experienced. The production with a participative web tool can produce itself some feedbacks on participation. First step of the project will be to define the previous productions to collect function and next the methodology appropriate to the common objective (with a beta test or a framework). The first deadline on august 2020 would be the time to generalize the approach.

### **MAINTAIN THE NATIONAL LIBRARIES MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

### Other Unit(s) which may be interested in this Focus Area

Bibliography, Cataloguing, Information Technology, Library Buildings, Management and Marketing

## Focus Area 2 :

### **DEVELOP STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES**

Over the last fifty years, IFLA has produced a wide range of standards in all fields of library and information services. Standards' activities are an integral part of IFLA's Strategic direction and one of IFLA's current goals is to focus on developing, maintaining and adhering to the highest standards that support high quality practices'.

National libraries are key stakeholders in their own countries and internationally for the production of standards related to e.g. preservation, description, digitization, physical and digital access, search, interoperability, data modeling.

The NLSC considers developing standards and guidelines, notably to foster cooperation and best professional practices at the heart of its activities.

### **IFLA Strategic Direction**

#### *INSPIRE AND ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE*

#### **Key Initiatives**

2.3	Develop standards, guidelines, and other materials that foster best professional practice
2.4	Provide tools and infrastructure that support the work of libraries

## **Projects/Activities**

### **ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE AND ENRICHMENT OF THE CASE STUDIES DATABASE ON IFLA WEBSITE**

Libraries and archives throughout the world hold collections and individual collection items which are of great cultural importance to people everywhere. They document the inextricable interconnectedness of human history. The full richness of these collections can often only fully be appreciated when they are brought together, yet traditionally, distance and borders have stood in the way of researchers and other users looking to take a comprehensive view.

However, technological advances now make it possible to bring together collections, giving digital access to citizens and researchers wherever they may be. In addition, they enable enhancements to be made, such as contextualization and mediation, providing more value for users.

There is now a growing body of experience in such 'digital unification' projects, which have been collected thanks to the IFLA Digital unification WG, who works from August 2017 to August 2019. A case studies database has been set up, thanks to IFLA HQ support. The NLSC proposed to the WG, which mandate was ending, to take over the maintenance and enrichment of the database.

### **PROMOTE THE GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP A DIGITAL UNIFICATION PROJECT**

IFLA released its *Guidelines for Setting up a Digital Unification Project* during WLIC 2019. These provide a checklist, and recommendations, for libraries in the planning, delivery, and finalization of projects to provide digital access to collections across distance and borders.

The NLSC proposed to the WG, whose mandate was ending, to take over the promotion and the updating of these *Guidelines*.

### **FOSTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISO STANDARD 21248:2019 QUALITY ASSESSMENT FOR NATIONAL LIBRARIES**

ISO 21248:2019, Information and documentation – Quality assessment for national libraries, provides 34 performance indicators for assessing the quality of national library services. The standard tries to cover the whole spectrum of national library tasks, from the national collection and the national bibliography to cultural events and educational services. It was published in March 2019.

The NLSC was requested by the Committee on standards to contribute to the implementation of the standard by collecting uses cases and allowing benchmark between NL.

#### **How will you communicate your activities and results?**

- Via the email list of national libraries section
- Via the email list of CDNL and other heritage organizations such as ICOM, ICA, ...

#### **How will you measure the impact of your activities?**

- Number of new case studies
- Number of views of the *Guidelines* on IFLA website

#### **Identify other Unit(s) which may be interested in this Focus Area, or with which you could collaborate on projects/activities.**

Cataloguing  
Preservation and Conservation and PAC  
Rare Books  
Indigenous matters  
Committee on Standards  
Professional Committee

### Focus Area 3

#### **ENSURE ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE SECTION AND ENSURE SYNERGIES WITH OTHER NATIONAL HERITAGE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CDNL, ICA OR ICOM**

Living in a digital age where instant information is an everyday occurrence, trusted information sources such as libraries and other national cultural heritage professional organizations are more vital than ever. In order to address complex challenges and find practical solutions, greater collaboration engagement and synergies are required to meet public needs in effective and sustainable ways.

One of the central themes embedded throughout IFLA's new Strategic Vision is "collaboration and engagement". All IFLA sections are being encouraged to move beyond traditional ways of working together towards using more innovative and collaborative approaches. IFLA's National Libraries Section (NLSC) is well positioned to advance IFLA's focus on "greater collaboration capacity" across the Section and with other national cultural heritage professional organizations (CDNL, ICA, ICOM). Ensuring better engagement and communication will create coordinated and coherent approaches in addressing today's information challenges.

#### IFLA Strategic Direction

##### *OPTIMISE OUR ORGANISATION*

##### *Key Initiatives*

1.2	Build a strong presence in international organizations and meetings as a valued partner
3.2	Provide excellent opportunities for face-to-face networking and learning
3.3	Support virtual networking and connections
4.3	Increase, diversify and engage our membership

### Projects/Activities

**CONTINUE TO WORK AND LIAISE WITH CDNL TO ENSURE SYNERGIES IN ANNUAL PROGRAMME AND ONGOING WORK**

**CONTINUE TO ENSURE COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE SECTION**

**REVIEW THE SIG NOIR ACTIVITIES**

#### How will you communicate your activities and results?

- Via the email list of national libraries section
- Via the Basecamp of national libraries section

#### How will you measure the impact of your activities?

- Action undertaken with CDNL, ICA and ICOM
- Interactions through members on NAT-LIB and Basecamp
- Attendance to NLSC mid-term meeting
- Decision on SIG NOIR

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