



Science and Technologies Libraries Section 2010/2011 Annual Report

Scope

The Science and Technology Section supports science and technology librarians, and by so doing, the users of their libraries. The section tracks and responds to current challenges relevant to librarians working with the physical sciences, engineering and technology. Activities include monitoring the dynamic environment in the field, promoting discussions, as well as exploring and sharing best practices among members who serve in research, public, corporate and government libraries. Working with colleagues in developing nations is a high priority.

Our overarching mission is to support and promote science and technology librarianship in a global framework.

Membership (2011)

The Committee has 22 committee members and 4 corresponding members. In January 2011, there were 96 members of the Section (76 institutional members, 14 national members and 6 personal affiliates).

Officers (2010/2011)

Janet Webster, Chair
Hatfield Marine Science Center
Oregon State University
United States

James E. Andrews, Secretary
School of Library & Information Science,
University of South Florida
United States

Maxine Schmidt, Information Coordinator
University of Massachusetts,
United States

Standing Committee Members

	2007-2009	2009-2011	2011-2013	2013-2015
James Anderson United States	1 st term	1 st term		
Hermina G.B. Anghelescu United States			1 st term	1 st term
Christina Birdie India			1 st term	1 st term
Marcel Brannemann	1 st term	1 st term		

Germany				
Sriyani Ileperuma Sri Lanka	1 st term	1 st term		
Annelie Janred Sweden			1 st term	1 st term
Daulat Jotwani India			1 st term	1 st term
Anthi Katsirikou Greece			1 st term	1 st term
Xiwen Liu China		2 nd term	2 nd term	
Martin Kesselman United States			1 st term	1 st term
Tamara Krajna Croatia			1 st term	1 st term
James L. Mullins United States		1 st term	1 st term	
Ronald Munatsi Zimbabwe			1 st term	1 st term
Ajay Pratapsingh India			1 st term	
Deva E. Reddy United States	1 st term	1 st term	2 nd term	2 nd term
Josée Saint-Marseille Canada	2 nd term	2 nd term		
Maxine Schmidt United States		1 st term	1 st term	
Deborah Sibley United States			1 st term	1 st term
Christine Stotzenbach France	1 st term	1 st term		
Eva Tolonen Finland		1 st term	1 st term	
Janet Webster United States	1 st term	1 st term		
Caroline Wiegandt France	1 st term	1 st term		

Corresponding Committee Members

Myriam Araujo Yaselli Venezuela	Joined 2011
Kayvan Kousha Iran	Joined 2011

Finances

In 2010, we used a portion of our 600 Euro allocation to host our 2010 speakers to dinner in Gothenburg. No additional funds were used. We maintain a fund of 360 Euros for projects in addition to our annual allocation.

2011 Conference – San Juan Puerto Rico

The Standing Committee held two committee meetings during the annual conference. Eleven members (incoming and outgoing) attended. We discussed progress on our annual goals from 2010 noting that the Section continued its advocacy for open access. IFLA's new position on OA may start to change some of the publishing practices that we think should strive to make IFLA publications accessible to all. Discussion continued on how to best support our members and their libraries worldwide. Ideas included compiling a list of organizations that provide training and expertise, sponsoring a workshop in eastern Europe for science and technology libraries, providing access to engineering resources modeled on TEEAL, and partnering with Research4Life on resources in science and technology. No decisions were made but two committee members agreed to pursue the workshop concept.

The Section's program focused on changing roles of science and technology libraries. The 6 papers were well-received although the venue was problematic. Michael Fosmire's paper, "Information Literacy and Engineering Design", was later selected for publication in the IFLA Quarterly.

Elections were held at the first meeting. Of the 22 eligible voters, 11 were present and voting, and 8 voted by proxy. Reddy Deva was elected chair for 2011-2013 and Annelie Janred was elected secretary. The current chair thanked Jim Mullins for agreeing to run.

Publications

Anthi Katsirikou edited the proceedings from the satellite workshop the Section sponsored in 2010. This was published as an IFLA book and launched at the 2011 conference.

Open Access to STM Information; Trends, Models and Strategies for Libraries. Edited by Anthi Katsirikou. Berlin/Munich: De Gruyter Saur, 2011 .ISBN 978-3-11-025328-3. (IFLA Publications; Nr 153)

Communication with Section Members

The 2009/2011 chair attempted to regularly communicate with members using a newsletter template. Unfortunately, the IFLA list system is not compatible with this type of technology. The chair did send out more frequent updates to members than had appeared in the past. Even so, communication remains challenging.

The Committee believes that the Section web site could be more dynamic and provide a rich array of resources. Individual committee members express interest in providing content, yet the obligations of their regular work takes precedence.

Strategic Action Plan

The current plan was thoroughly reviewed at the 2011 conference and remains in effect through August 2012. The new chair will need to solicit input and revise as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Webster
STL Section chair 2009/2011