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President's Message

Another year of our joint work for developing academic libraries is ending. It was a year full of important events, exciting initiatives and new challenges. We were pleased to welcome new members from different regions and countries. IATUL Special Interest Groups developed interesting analyses and tools. After a two-year break, we were able to meet again in-person at an Annual Conference in Miami and soon at a Fall Seminar in picturesque Zurich.

Even though our work and life are returning to normal, the pandemic and its aftermath have significantly impacted us, our current and future decisions regarding the organisation of work and the services we design for our users. Although this has been paid for at a high cost, our social relationships, contacts with users and sometimes the loss of loved ones and associates, we should look to the future with hope and keep working on improving our services and rebuilding relationships. This year, we also undertook other vital discussions and initiatives. We also showed our solidarity with libraries in war-torn Ukraine.

Although the year is ending, we continue our work and plan further essential projects for the new year. We will start working on our new strategy during a special workshop at the fall seminar in Zurich. It will continue next year with meetings, annual conference workshops and remote initiatives. I want to invite all of you to co-create it. As IATUL exists for you to serve your needs and represent your interests, we would love to hear your views and build our new strategy on that basis. At the beginning of the new year, we will also present you with a new website through which we will share information about our activities and initiatives more transparently and attractively. We are also constantly developing our social media, counting on you to interact and share your opinions and insights.

Until December 22, we also invite you to submit your proposals for papers and posters at the annual conference in the United Arab Emirates, which will take place this coming March.

I cordially invite you to read our December newsletter and actively participate in the work of our community, both by participating in events organised by IATUL members and by joining the work of SIGs. On behalf of myself and the entire Board of Directors, I wish all the best to all our members all around the world who celebrate important holidays in December.

-Dr. Anna Wałek, Library Director, Gdańsk University of Technology Library, IATUL President

The IATUL Fall 2022 Seminar in Zurich, Switzerland

IATUL Board of Directors and the ETH Library, look forward to seeing our colleagues at the IATUL Fall Seminar, which will be held December 13-15 in Zurich, Switzerland. The event theme is "**Breaking new ground: scholarly communication and libraries.**"

Over two days, international speakers representing libraries, publishers and the scientific community will shed light on current developments and challenges in the areas of scholarly communication, "metrics" and awareness in science.

The detailed seminar program and local information is available here.

IATUL 43rd Annual Conference in Dubai and Sharjah, UAE

The 43rd International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) Annual Conference and General Assembly 2023 will be proudly hosted by Zayed University in Dubai and the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

Please save the dates 13-16 March 2023. The conference will be early in the calendar year for delegates to enjoy the pleasant UAE spring weather and avoid the summer desert heat. The overarching theme of the 43rd IATUL Conference is "**Libraries Pushing Boundaries**." We look forward to offering you a warm welcome with opportunities for engaging discussion and a chance for librarians and friends from around the world to meet here in the Emirates.

Registration is open NOW! Early Bird Deadline: January 31, 2023; Close: February 21, 2023.

To encourage global participation the **IATUL Travel Grant Programme** provides financial assistance to library and/or information professionals from developing countries who are first-time attendees of the annual IATUL Conference. Please see the IATUL website for application information.

The **Call for Papers** is open NOW! The deadline for proposals/abstracts is December 22, 2022.

IATUL 42nd General Assembly: Report

The General Assembly took place on Tuesday, June 14th, 2022, at 11h00 am in the Expo Center, Lakeside Village, on the beautiful campus of the University of Miami and also online via Zoom. President Anna Wałek welcomed everyone to the GA and celebrated the gathering of so many members both in the room and online. She introduced the Board members to the assembly. President Wałek thanked Vice-President Charles Eckman (Dean of Libraries, University of Miami) and Anna Prestamo (Dean of Libraries, Florida International University) and their teams for successfully hosting this hybrid 42nd Annual Conference. She noted delegates would be voting both online and by a show of hands for those in the room and combining the count. Business of the meeting including unanimous approval of the agenda and of the Minutes of the General Assembly held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in Porto via Online platform FLOOR. President Wałek reported on successful transition from former office at TU Munich to CPO HANSER SERIVCE, an association management company based in Barsbuettel, near Hamburg, Germany, after a tender issued by the Board. The new IATUL Office was established in November 2021, ably managed by Office Manager Rita Pape.

Secretary Donna Bourne-Tyson delivered the membership report: there are 238 members from 68 countries; 16 new members over the year, 6 cancellations; 26 memberships expired due to non-payment of membership fees. Bourne-Tyson noted that many members have been facing budgetary pressures and travel difficulties due to the pandemic and expressed gratitude for the strong continuing participation of the members.

Treasurer Gerda Winkler thanked Bourne-Tyson for a smooth succession into the role over the past year. A few extraordinary costs this year due to the office transition from TUM to CPO HANSER SERVICE, anticipated in the budget. GW highlighted 2021 revenue from membership, increased from 2020, 43,037. No conference profits due to pandemic, low travel for Board as a result of pandemic. Expenses 35,266, down from estimate of 87,360. Winkler reported that the audit was performed by Steuerberater (Tax Consultant) Joseph R. von Ranke, Löffler & Partner, Munich, Germany, on 12 June 2022. Records were pronounced to be true and complete, cash account and deposited securities correct, no issues to report. The budget for 2022 is more cautious than 2021, estimating 81,250 down from 87,360. The Board is projecting 41,750 for admin and 19,500 for travel and 20,000 for events, for expenditures. There were extraordinary costs for the hybrid conference in Miami; a hybrid conference was encouraged by the Board, in spite of additional expenses and potential loss rather than profit, which will be covered by the Board.

During the meeting there was the approval of new Board Members — Kara Jones, American University of Sharjah, UAE; Liliana Luchi, Universidad Austral, Argentina; Michelle Blake, University of Waikato, New Zealand; Xinwan Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, People's Republic of China. Motion carried unanimously. Their terms will begin in January 2023. President Wałek thanked Bourne-Tyson for her service to the Board as Treasurer and Secretary. During the meeting the Executive Committee was also approved, with the slate presented by President Wałek: Anna Wałek, President; Charles Eckman, Vice-President; Gerda Winkler, Treasurer; Kate Robinson, Secretary. Motion was carried unanimously. President Wałek reported on goals stated in the previous Strategic Plan, and noted the Board is launching a planning process for the new plan this summer. Members will be invited to provide input throughout the process. Highlights of the year including semi-annual newsletters in December and June; the Autumn 2020 Seminar which was held virtually in Innsbruck; and the December 2020 World Forum on the Future of Academic Libraries. The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) include SIG ALICE, SIG DATA, SIG MaRI, SIG IL, and SIG SPACE. SIG activities will be presented during a session at the conference. The 41st Annual Conference was hosted virtually by the University of Porto, Faculty of Engineering in July 2021. This General Assembly is taking place during the 42nd Annual Conference in Miami, U.S.A., June 2022. Members will hear more about the 43rd Annual Conference, which will be hosted in the United Arab Emirates in March 2023, later in the conference. There will also be a presentation regarding the Fall

Seminar hosted by ETH Zurich, Switzerland, in December 2022. AW reminded members to watch for the call for papers for the Fall Seminar and the 43rd Annual Conference, on the IATUL website.

The meeting ended on a high note, with the presentation of the IATUL Honourary Membership. The IATUL Board has the discretion to award an Honourary Life-time Membership, to recognize an individual from an IATUL member institution who has served the Association with marked distinction and has made significant contributions to IATUL through their leadership and engagement. The IATUL Board has approved a nomination to give this richly deserved award to Reiner Kallenborn, University Librarian at Technical University Munich (and former IATUL President), Germany. The Honourary Life-time Membership is considered the highest honour that IATUL can bestow. This recognition honours Kallenborn's countless contributions to IATUL. As President of IATUL, he brought significant improvements to the organization of IATUL's Office, the management and sustainability of IATUL, and inspired a lasting vision for an association that continues to serve the international academic library community extremely well. Kallenborn served as a mentor for new IATUL members and was an invaluable support for new Board members. IATUL is a stronger organization thanks to his leadership. Kallenborn was able to join the General Assembly via Zoom and thanked President Wałek for the honour. He also thanked his wife Maria, Chuck Eckman and previous IATUL Board members including Elisha Chiware and Gwen Ebbett for their support and dedication.

The next General Assembly will be held during the 43rd IATUL Annual Conference in Dubai and Sharjah, UAE, in March 2023.

-Donna Bourne-Tyson, Dalhousie University, IATUL Secretary

IATUL 42nd Annual Conference in Miami: Highlights

42nd IATUL Annual Conference was hosted during 12th-16th June in Miami
The 42nd Annual IATUL Conference was held on the Coral Campus of the University of Miami from 12 June to 16 June 2022. It was inspiring to meet people physically after the pandemic; at the same time as people also could participate online. The conference was co-hosted by the Florida International University and University of Miami. As higher education moves beyond the pandemic, libraries are positioned to lead in an environment in which teaching, learning, research, and work practices are shifting. The overarching theme of the Conference was "Weaving our Future: Creativity, Innovation and Transformation in Libraries." Examples of topics that align with the theme included the changing landscape of research, trends in teaching and learning, space planning and workplace and organizational culture. This was presented by excellent key-note speakers and thirty paper-sessions and nine poster presentations.

Keynote speaker Joan Lippincott spoke to the theme of transforming libraries. She said we must aim to be pioneers of change, rather than just mangers of change. She provided examples from US libraries for new types of services and transformation by asking the researchers and the students: What is important for them?

A central topic for many of the speakers was the libraries contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion. Keynote speaker Trevor Dawes defined the terms like this: Equity means that we accept that we are different, but also that we accept that there are people and groups- that have some disadvantages that others do not have – but they shall have the same possibilities. Equity is ensuring equal possibilities. Diversity is embracing that we are not alike, and that we must go behind what we see as differences. Inclusion is that everyone must be treated in a just and respectful manner.

Data management was a large focus for the conference. Over the years the focus has changed from only open access to scholarly publications, to open research. Keynote speaker Hilary Hanahoe defined open

research as availability, accessibility and reusability. And she said that it was no wonder that libraries are in the core for open research – openness, accessibility and reuse is the main idea behind libraries. Open science provides many advantages for researchers: It gives greater transparency, increases visibility, higher citation rates, greater opportunities for collaboration, and of course what should be important for the researchers: greater impact for the research.

The hosts - University of Miami and Florida International University in Miami -- did a great job organizing the conference with a lot of social events that added to the professional experience of the conference. All of the proceedings are available on the IATUL Repository and all presentations are available on the IATUL YouTube channel.

-Lars Egeland, Universitetsbiblioteket OsloMet, IATUL Board Member

Call for Nominations - IATUL Board of Directors

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IATUL is calling for interested and qualified candidates to serve on its Board of Directors, the executive body of IATUL responsible for leading the development of the Association, its strategic direction, and actions. IATUL is looking for nominations to represent below region: Europe (1 seat)..

Ordinary and Associate Members may propose representatives for election. Nominations shall name the candidate and shall show evidence of the candidate's

consent. Nominators must be official representatives of a member institution.The decision as to who shall be invited to join the Board will be made by the Board and presented to the General Assembly for approval at the Annual Conference, which will take place in Dubai, UAE from 13 to 16 March 2023.. Members of the Board are elected for a term of three years and shall be eligible for immediate re-election to one additional term.

Candidates are expected to take an active part in the endeavors of the IATUL Board of Directors, especially by attending Board meetings and taking on responsibilities related to assigned tasks and roles on the Board. The Board meets four times a year. Board members are expected to attend in person at the Annual Conference and General Assembly.

Please submit your nomination by completing the online nomination form. Nominations may be submitted by the end of January 2023 and name the candidate, who must be the Library Director/University Librarian of an IATUL member library.

Call for hosting IATUL Events

Fall Seminars
The IATUL Board invites member institutions to submit expressions of interest to host the IATUL Fall Seminars in 2023 and 2024. The seminar should be devoted to a theme of importance to the members and host by an IATUL member institution. Recent themes have included: breaking new ground – scholarly communication in libraries (Zurich, 2022); connecting in a disconnected world (Gdańsk, 2021);

sustainable crisis management in libraries (Innsbruck, 2020); open science and data management (Gdańsk, 2019); and workplace information literacy (Munich, 2018). The seminar can be conducted as an online or in-person event. Requirements are the same as those for hosting an annual conference. Please note that financial support from IATUL for the seminar is possible this year. Board members are available to consult on any potential proposal. The IATUL office is happy to answer your questions and to send the application form to interested libraries.

Annual Conferences

In the spring or early summer, the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) members meet to discuss strategic and applied topics that advance both the individual and collective practices of university libraries. Hosting an IATUL conference is a great opportunity to meet colleagues from around the world, showcase your city and your institution, and network with library directors and senior managers from over 70 countries to exchange ideas, expand professional networks, form new collaborations, and work together on multinational projects exploring the big challenges we face. We are looking for partners who would like to host the IATUL Annual conference and General assembly in 2024 and beyond. **The IATUL office is happy to answer your questions and to send the application form to interested libraries.**

IATUL Special Interest Groups - SIG News

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide the framework for ongoing international collaboration among IATUL members, in addition to the traditional annual conference. Each SIG focuses on a particular subject area and defines its terms of reference, together with long and short-term goals. The SIG not only monitors its subject of focus but also discusses and advances it. All kinds of collaboration are imaginable, ranging from online discussions to joint research projects. The SIG decides its preferred way of collaboration and IATUL as an organization supports its activities. All employees from IATUL member libraries are welcome to join a SIG. Find out more about IATUL SIGs from: https://www.iatul.org/

SIG for Library Space

At the IATUL 42nd Annual Conference, Kelly Miller and Gry Moxnes offered an interactive presentation on library space and gathered input and ideas from audience members. Topics of conversation included planning and renovation, emerging library space types (e.g. cultural spaces and meditation rooms), and virtual library spaces and programs. The SIG is now analyzing the responses from the conference and planning next steps. In November, two of our members attended the international "Designing Libraries IX" conference held at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the United States. Applications for membership – especially from member institutions beyond North America and Europe – are welcome at this time. Additional information and resources about the group can be found on our Library Space webpage on the IATUL

-Dr. Kelly Miller, University of Miami, SIG Chair.

SIG for Information Literacy

The SIG IL continues to progress work on decolonising information literacy with an ambition to co-create an open educational resource. A partnership has been formed between librarians in South Africa and librarians in the United Kingdom.With a working title of ''Liberating Information Literacy' this open resource will be co-produced to support information literacy librarians looking to:

- Broaden knowledge discovery through a more diverse and inclusive range of discovery tools and techniques
- Enable inquiry based learning and critical librarianship
- Enable knowledge justice through epistemological inclusion, particularly of the lived experience of the everyday
- Facilitate knowledge production, positioning students as active creators of knowledge

We are seeking to include examples of decolonising work from IATUL members and hope to showcase this work at the IATUL Conference in March 2023. Information literacy leads in IATUL member libraries are invited to share their own examples of good practice in this area. Please contact Vicky Grant <v.grant@sheffield.ac.uk>.

-Dr. Vicky Grant, University of Sheffield, SIG Chair

SIG for Metrics and Research Impact

In the past few months SIG MaRI welcomed the following new members – this is great news as we now have wider representation better reflecting the IATUL membership:

- Shameem Nilofar Maideen - University Librarian · Singapore Management University (SMU)
- Zizipho Madibi, Library and Information Service, University of Mpumalanga, Mbombela, South Africa
- Fiona Glasgow, Scholarly Communications Librarian, American University of Sharjah, UAE
- Rachel Clements, Manager – Research Engagement, University of Adelaide

We also bade farewell to Deanne Holmes (University of Adelaide) and Shiobhan Smith (University of Otago).

We continue to share our knowledge and experiences with members giving brief presentations at each of our online meetings. At the July meeting, Ieva Cesevičiūtė presented on "Research Support and Services and the Library of Kaunas University of Technology." At the September meeting, Shameem Nilofar Maideen presented on "Research services and support activities and offerings in the Singapore region." The Research Impact Things online tool continues to be used and valued, with a number of university libraries using it as the basis on training to upskill staff in terms of research metrics and impact support and services, this includes the programme being run at University of Auckland, American University of Sharjah, and Victoria University of Wellington.

-Trish Wilson, University of Wellington, SIG Chair

SIG for Research Data Management

SIG Data is assembling a library of data management training resources and inventory of data-related initiatives that are happening at their libraries. The agenda at our upcoming meeting includes planning to create a resource for general use by IATUL members from this work. Current SIG Data members are listed at https://iatul.org/services/special-interest-groups/sig-data. Any IATUL member interested in serving is encouraged to reach out to the SIG Chair Cameron Riopelle <criopelle@miami.edu>.

-Dr. Cameron Riopelle, University of Miami, SIG Chair

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