

SIG National Organizations and International Relations

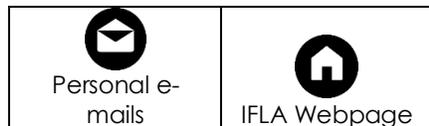


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Communication Options:



Major Activities

This Special Interest Group is a forum for those who work in the realm of international relations to develop tools and networks and to advocate for their work both within their own organizations and with the broader IFLA professional community.

Annual Report 2016-2017

1) Session 245 at WLIC 2017, August 25 2017 – interactive discussion (2 hours), 175 participants (according to KIT statistics)

How a focus on international relations can add value to your work – new insights (perspectives) on sustainable collaboration

- i. Value of SIG activity: Why do international relations add value? – Intercultural aspects and perspective (Winston Roberts)
- ii. Best practice reports – Canadian experience (Francesco Manganiello)
- iii. Case study report: IFLA at SCCR – Stephen Wyber (IFLA)
- iv. Expectation report – contribution from young professional sharing ideas and hopes, **in collaboration with NPSIG**

We had a very lively and well-attended session. People especially liked the combination of presentations and room for discussion. We got lots of suggestions for our

work throughout 2017-2018 (see action plan), and we plan to report back on our achievements in a SIG session in KL 2018.

- 2) Create an up-to-date list **of key contact persons for international relations** – by April 2017 → List was set up (Feb 2017) and used for promoting ourselves, our session and our survey. Nevertheless, maybe we could create better synergies liaising with our SC for communications and raising more interest? The SIG NOIR was able to welcome 1 additional co-chair (Francesco Manganiello) in 2016-2017.
- 3) **Conduct a survey in library networks about the meaning of international relations to the colleagues' work** → Survey was run with Gizmo and accessible from March 28 till May 15 2017. We got 37 responses. The outcome / findings of the survey were discussed in the Session at WLIC and will be taken further into our actions for 2017-2018.