

## News for Members

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### President's message

Looking at the most recent updates for the June Newsletter, I am reminded of how we are all working and fulfilling professional and personal responsibilities in ways that were inconceivable a few short months ago. The sharing with others in our networks, and their experiences of COVID-19 in different parts of the world, has been incredibly helpful in making what we believe to be the best decisions at the time. Our friends in Porto were able to tell us what to expect and we made the early decision to postpone. Next year our hosts, the Universidade do Porto, will be offering a blend of experiences; for some this may mean an opportunity to attend in person and for many there will be the convenience of connecting online.

I don't want to let the opportunity pass and not remember the wonderful Directors' Seminar in Gdansk and Sopot in December 2019, when we were all together. This year, our hosts, the University and State Library Tyrol in Innsbruck, are taking the end-of-year Seminar online. If any members are interested in hosting a Virtual Directors' Seminar we are interested in hearing your proposal and there is a form on the IATUL website <https://www.iatul.org/get-involved/institution/host-event> to assist.

For 2020, our libraries have had to respond quickly and in new ways to ensure that our students and academic community know that we continue to be there for them wherever they are. Libraries are now 're-forming' on some of our campuses, though not the same as before. There is an incredible amount of work still to be done to prepare for the next academic year. This may be the best time to reach out to your friends and colleagues who together form the International Association of University Libraries.

Don't forget to also remind your staff to engage with the Special Interest Groups.

My best wishes to you and your communities in these very challenging times.

Anne Horn  
President

### Postponement of 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference to JULY 2021

Due to concerns regarding the corona-virus (COVID-19) outspread, we have been monitoring the international situation and recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO) and global health authorities, as well as the advice of local Portuguese authorities. The safety of our members and conference participants is our top priority. Considering the most recent developments all over the world and in Portugal, we have decided to cancel this year's conference and postpone it to next year. The Porto Conference Organizing Committee will restart the conference planning, and new announcements will follow. Until then, keep safe and stay healthy.

We look forward to welcome you in Porto in 2021! Conference website: <https://iatul2020.fe.up.pt/>

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## 41st General Assembly Webinar announcement.

Following the postponement of the 41st IATUL Annual Conference in Porto in July, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding the IATUL General Assembly as a webinar on Tuesday 14th July 2020 (11 am-12:30 pm UK time) via Zoom.

The General Assembly will provide an opportunity for members to engage with IATUL's work and to review our activities for last year and the coming year. We will also be seeking member's approval for changes to the Board representation.

Participation is limited to 100 participants for the session, so if you can attend please register as soon as possible. The registration link was sent out to all members on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.

## Annual Seminar 2020 in Innsbruck will be online (November 2020)



The annual IATUL seminar was scheduled to take place in Innsbruck in November this year. Due to the COVID19-pandemics, this will be organized as a digital workshop for library leaders and directors on three tracks:

1. Organization and strategy
2. Competence
3. Services

- How is the university library placed within the university organization? How is the library included in the university strategy?
- How do we organize our university libraries?
- How do new library systems change the way we work as librarians?
- What competencies will library staff need?
- What services will be demanded from libraries in 3-5 and ten years?

The workshop will present experience from different regions, best practice, and will give the participants the possibility to discuss and learn from each other. Call for presenters and other details will be published soon.

## Annual Seminar 2019 held in Gdańsk and Sopot



IATUL Seminar 2019 was organized by Gdańsk University of Technology Library in Gdańsk and Sopot, Poland during December 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The theme of the Seminar was “Organizing the Open Science Framework – Strategies and Legal Aspects”.

The event attracted over 60 delegates, including directors and senior managers of university and research libraries – from Poland, Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, the USA, the Netherlands and Italy.

The main aim of the event was to present an overview of current state of openness in science and provide a starting point for the debate about opening up research. The seminar focused on reviewing the policy behind institutional repositories and research data services. It explored the legal barriers and solutions to greater access to research data, discussed and presented analysis of Open Access and legal aspects of research data collection.

## IATUL SIG News

### **SIG ALICE Advancement of Library Services in Emerging Countries**



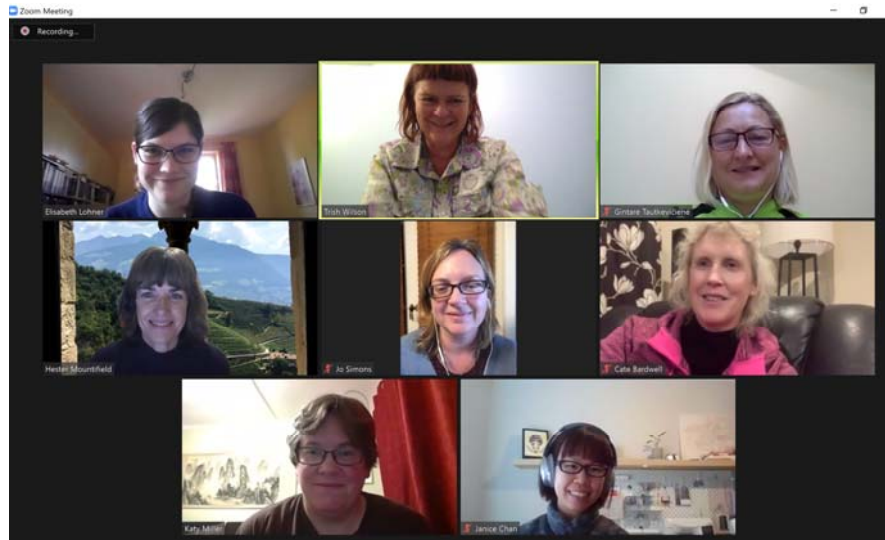
IATUL SIG-ALICE was established following the IATUL Directors' Summit on "Strategic Library Management in Emerging Countries," held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in March 2017, and it is currently composed of five members. This SIG focuses on developing partnerships between IATUL and libraries and library associations in emerging countries to strengthen library services worldwide. In collaboration with these libraries and library associations, SIG ALICE contributes expertise and support for the further development of library services in emerging countries. While its current focus is on connecting with libraries in Cambodia, the group would like to work closely with additional emerging countries in the future.

Core to SIG-ALICE's activities are engaging partners through Webinars to support professional development and leveraging IATUL members' experience and expertise to support library leaders in emerging countries. SIG-ALICE has coordinated three pairs of colleagues to work together as the inaugural cohort of our coaching program; they are: Isabelle Eula and Huy Roseka, Clare O'Dwyer, and Chin Chanthy and Margaret Ferguson and Vybol Chea. During the winter and spring of 2020, the three coaches contacted their Cambodian partners and identified focus areas for their work. Communication is done via Zoom and email, with the occasional technical issue due to poor internet bandwidth or equipment limitations. All three coaches are committed to working with our Cambodian partners and having a positive impact on the growth of Cambodian university libraries.

SIG-ALICE continued its three-part Webinar series for academic librarians in Cambodia with *Marketing Your Academic Library* in December, conducted by Bethany Wilkes and *Stakeholder Engagement: Singapore Management University Libraries, A Case Study*, in February, presented by Gulcin Cribb. Rany Ly coordinated the webinars in Cambodia and Veronika Diem provided technical support. The Webinars were well-received, and participants were enthusiastic about the opportunity to engage with the facilitators.

Moving forward SIG-ALICE would like to enhance these initiatives and extend them countries in addition to Cambodia. SIG-ALICE welcomes additional members, particularly from countries with emerging economies. If you are interested please email Bethany Wilkes, [bwilkes@smu.edu.sg](mailto:bwilkes@smu.edu.sg).

**SIG MaRI (Metrics and Research Impact)** is now a well-established group that meets via zoom on a bimonthly basis. A key part of their meetings is connecting with colleagues and sharing their knowledge and initiatives about research impact services and support.



*SIG MaRI members June 2020 zoom meeting*

The group recognized a lack of formal training and development programs to upskill library staff transitioning into bibliometrics or research impact support roles and thought it would be good to address this gap. So, after receiving the endorsement from the IATUL Board and permission and support from the University of New South Wales Library (UNSW), a project team was formed and has set about adapting the UNSW in-house development program for an international audience. The aim is to provide a training tool for IATUL members to develop foundational skills related to research impact for their library staff.

The project is being led by Janice Chan from Curtin University and the team has been meeting regularly over the past few months. The project is progressing very well and on track for completion in July. It will then be launched and made available for use via the IATUL website, so watch this space! If you're interested in knowing more about SIG MaRI or potentially joining the group feel free to contact its chair, Trish Wilson: [trish.wilson@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:trish.wilson@vuw.ac.nz)



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*"This summer has been fairly quiet with SIG Data, with our last meeting at the end of Spring, and a handful of personal conversations with members of the group about data management. I sent a questionnaire out to the member of the group, asking them questions about their data management practices and goals, including a section on their hopes for what to see out of the special interest group in the coming year. This summer's next meeting will be a discussion of the results of this questionnaire and plans for the Fall."*

**IATUL SIG SPACE (Special Interest Group – Library Space)** is a newly formed group and is focused on library space. In May, this group held its inaugural meeting at which members introduced themselves to one another and discussed ways that their libraries are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group plans to meet monthly in this organizing phase of work. The Chair is Kelly Miller (University of Miami Libraries, United States) and the two current members are Simone Kibler (Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany) and Gry Bettina Moxnes (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway). If you are interested in the group, please contact [kelly.miller@miami.edu](mailto:kelly.miller@miami.edu)

## Professional News

### **IFLA COVID-19 and the Global Library Field**

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is providing an up-to-date *Key Resources for Libraries in responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic* through their website. The resource is trying to keep track of library closures, special activities of associations, national libraries and individual libraries, recommendations on library reopening plans etc.

You can access this resource from <https://www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries>

### **ACU webinar on 'University libraries beyond the campus walls'**

Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) organized a Supporting Research Community online webinar on the topic 'University libraries beyond the campus walls'. The lively discussion of various strategies and services on extending university libraries beyond the campus walls during the current pandemic situation was well received by the participants. Panelists included; Anne Horn, Director of Library Services & University Librarian, the University of Sheffield, (President IATUL), Ishwarduth 'Raj' Dassyne, Chief Librarian at the University of Mauritius and Maria Frahm-Arp, Executive Director of the Library and Information Centre, the University of Johannesburg. Donna Bourne-Tyson, Dean of Libraries at Dalhousie University, Canada (IATUL Treasurer) was the moderator.

Full webinar can be watched from <https://youtu.be/ZtsW7oDSFDE>