

## National Libraries Section 2019-2023 candidates' profiles

Name	Title	Institution	Country	Brief summary
Hesham Azmi	Chairman	National Library and Archives of Egypt	Egypt	<p>I have been serving as the Chairman of the National Library and Archives of Egypt for the last 9 months. This role has been supported by an immense experience in the field of library and information as an academic, practitioner and leader for more than three decades. Established in 1870, the National Library and Archives of Egypt is the oldest and biggest National and plays a leading role in shaping the LIS future in Egypt. Preserving the national heritage of the country, it embarked on a huge digitization project covering its large collection of manuscripts, rare books and early prints. The national library entertains very good ties with its counterparts in many parts of the world and has been engaged in many regional and international activities in order to enhance the quality of its services.</p>
Angela Bettencourt	Coordinator	National Library Foundation / Bilbioteca Nacional	Brazil	<p>Angela Bettencourt is the coordinator of Bibliographic Information at the National Library Foundation of Brazil, since she was appointed in 2003. Her responsibilities include the bibliographic database management and the Brazilian National Digital Library maintenance and access promotion. She is a Librarian at the National Library Foundation since 1983, and worked in Subject Indexing Division as a subject specialist. In 1991, she became the head of Subject Indexing Division and in 1995, the head of National Bibliography Division. Mrs. Bettencourt has a master's degree in Information Science on the theme of Information Organization, is an specialist in Information Indexing and has a bachelor's degree in Library Science.</p>

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Gerard Bouwmeester	Company Secretary	Koninklijke Bibliotheek	Netherlands	National Libraries are global key players in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, humanity's to-do-list. As the secretary of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries, and as an attendee of the IFLA SC National Libraries business meetings during WLIC2018, I was convinced even more than ever that this is not merely a bold statement, but something we can actually accomplish. I – Company Secretary of the Dutch National Library, Koninklijke Bibliotheek – have, over the years, developed a thorough interest in and knowledge of what National Libraries are, do, and can contribute to this aim, and the library field in general. At this point, I am very motivated to do become a member of this SC, allowing me to similarly contribute to and learn from National Libraries from all over the world.
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Wilma Mercedes Garcete	Licenciado en Bibliotecología	Biblioteca Nacional del Paraguay	Paraguay	Directora de la Biblioteca Nacional del Paraguay de la Secretaría Nacional de Cultura. Licenciada en Bibliotecología y Ciencias de la Información. Especialista en Gestión Documental y Administración de Archivos, Docente de la Carrera Ciencias de la Información de la Facultad Politécnica de la Universidad Nacional de Asunción de Paraguay. Directora de la Carrera Ciencias de la Información. Tutora de Tesis del Postgrado de la Especialización. Actualmente Presidenta de ABINIA Asociación de Estados Iberoamericanos para el Desarrollo de Bibliotecas Nacionales de los Países de Iberoamérica - ABINIA. Participación de ponencias en Congresos nacionales e internacionales. Miembro Asesora de la Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados del Paraguay.
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Stuart Hamilton	Deputy Executive Director	Qatar National Library	Qatar	I am the current Secretary of the section and am seeking to serve a second term. I currently work in a senior capacity at Qatar National Library, and am involved in all aspects of its management.
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Katarina Kristofova	Director General	Slovak National Library	Slovakia	<p>I have been the Director General of the Slovak National Library since July 2012. I started to work for the Slovak National Library in 2005 being responsible for national and international strategic development projects. In 2008 I was appointed Deputy Director General of the Slovak National Library and Director of the Slovak Digital Library Department. After my appointment as the Director General of the Slovak National Library in 2012, my main focus was the implementation of a national project Digital Library and Digital Archives, the main objective of which was to digitise and make available 2.5 million objects and improve the preservation of the collections. The project allowed the Slovak National Library to jump into the digital age and the institution started to transform deeply to meet the challenges of the future. I have been a member of the CENL Executive Committee since 2015 and its Vice Chair since 2018 and a member of IFLA SC National Libraries since 2015. I am interested in the challenges faced by national libraries in connection with the development of information technologies. I wish to contribute to the international discussion about these challenges and share the Slovak experience.</p>
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Francesco Manganiello	Director, Stakeholder Relations and International Affairs	Library and Archives Canada	Canada	<p>Since joining LAC in 2016, I have been very involved in supporting LAC's/Canada's contributions to IFLA-related activities: supporting Dr. Guy Berthiaume in his work as Chair of the National Library Section (NLS), and as well as the Chair of the NLS' Digital Unification Working Group; supported the work of LAC and our domestic stakeholders in advancing the work of IFLA's Global Vision (GV) exercise including the preparation, facilitation and completion of a LAC and stakeholder GV workshop and report (June 2017); and as well as being the LAC lead for hosting the IFLA GV North America workshop (Ottawa, April 2018). Since 2016, I have been the co-convenor of the recently renewed National Organizations and International Relations Special Interest Group (SIG NOIR). Sponsored by the NLS, I have worked with colleagues from a variety of institutions from around the world to discuss their international activities, strategies, and gain inspiration and support, as indicated in the terms of reference –"who work in the realm of international relations". A concrete example is the current and truly international make-up of the newly revised SIG NOIR planning committee, which now includes professionals representing institutions in Europe, South Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and North America.</p>
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Dragana Milunović	Deputy Director National Library of Serbia Republic of Serbia	<p><b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b> Deputy Director of the National library of Serbia (NLS) and Head of Library and Information Sector (2018-) Library Advisor at the Section for Digitization and Microfilming (2016-2018), Library Advisor at the Section for Blind and Visually Impaired (2009-2016), Senior Librarian for Research and Development of the Library System (2004-2009), Librarian for Cataloguing and Indexing (2000-2004), OTHER PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS Member of a CENL Copyright Group (2016-), National EIFL-IP coordinator (2015-), President of the Committee for granting the higher ranks in Librarianship at the NLS (2015-), Member of the Board of NLS Foundation (2016-), Member of the NLS Council (2015-), Editorial Board Member of the NLS Herald (2016-), Editorial Board Member of the magazine The Librarian (2016-), Secretary of the Parent Library Community of Serbia (2005-2013, 2015-). Participation in number of committees, groups and bodies in the field of developing the national library of Serbia. Published over 90 professional papers, monographs and translations. <b>AWARDS</b> Frederick Thorpe Best Practice Award- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions and Ulverscroft foundation (2013) "Stojan Novakovic" for the best book published in 2018. – Serbian Library Association</p>
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Isabelle Nyffenegger	Head of international relations	Bibliothèque nationale de France	France	20 years extensive experience in: - librarianship, publishing, diplomacy - stakeholder relations, international affairs and collaboration - cultural heritage conservation research and management - capacity building - project management, policy analysis and public affairs Attending IFLA since 6 years, member of the NLSC since 4 years (active member of the committee in charge of organizing the open sessions), Chair of IFLA Digital Unification working group.
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Juok Park	Acting Director General of Library Services Department	National Library of Korea	Republic of Korea	I am working the National Library of Korea, 1991 to now. I was education Manager for librarians, 2005-2008, and developed curriculums for librarians. Specially I Enhanced the cooperation system with Korean studies libraries in the world. Moreover, I was promoted Deputy Director and Division Chief in 2008. I created and demonstrated policies for a 5-year-Korean library plan, and researched and analyzed statistics of all public libraries in Korea. I also evaluated the management of all public libraries. My strength is in the expertise in library science. I worked in library sciences for 28 years, and while working in the government, I acquired various overseas cases and academic knowledge as well as developed library policies. The diversity of experience and expertise I have has strengthened my expertise wholly. I believe that one way of acquiring know-how on job performance is to increase the amount of experience. In that sense, I am confident that the sharing of experience from friends in IFLA will have a positive impact on my competence building. I hope I improve my abilities and contribute it for libraries. So, I want to get opportunity to diversify my knowledge and experience of libraries in the world with IFLA.
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Quan Rao	Director	National Library of China China	Rao Quan, MBA, Director of the National Library of China, Director of China National Center for Preservation & Conservation of Ancient Books, and Director of the National Museum of Classic Books. Since July 1987, he has served in the State Planning Commission, the National Development and Reform Commission, and the Ministry of Culture. He participated in the management and implementation of a large number of national public cultural projects, deeply participated in the formulation and revision of cultural policies and regulations, and conducted in-depth research on the status quo and prospects of cultural development. After entering the National Library of China, he actively participated in the international exchange activities of the library community on the basis of in-depth research on the development status of the library community at home and abroad, such as participating in the first China-CEEC Curators' Forum of Libraries Union (October 2018), and professional exchanges with the National Diet Library of Japan, National Library of New Zealand, etc. He is passionate about participating in IFLA affairs and making his contribution to the development of the international library community.
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Winston Roberts	Senior Business Advisor (International)	National Library of New Zealand	New Zealand	Winston Roberts is Senior Business Advisor in the Office of the National Librarian, at the National Library of New Zealand. He deals with stakeholder relations with other national libraries and international professional bodies. In the 1980s he worked at the British Library. From 1990 to 1998 he worked at IFLA HQ as Coordinator of Professional Activities. He returned to New Zealand in 1998. In 2003 he represented New Zealand at the UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva, and again at the second WSIS in Tunis in 2005. He is closely interested in the Internet Governance process set up by the WSIS. At the Asia-Pacific regional Internet Governance Forums (APrIGF) from 2013 to 2018, he convened IFLA workshops on community access to information. He is an active member of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia-Oceania. He was the Secretary of CDNL when the NLNZ chaired CDNL in 2006-2010. Through his current position he continues to support the Library's membership of CDNL-Asia/Oceania. He is currently the Convenor of the National Information and Library Policy (NILP) SIG of IFLA, reporting to the Section of National Libraries. He is seeking to broaden the base of support for NILP SIG.
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Mikhail Rodionov	Deputy Director Russian State Library General for National Digital Library	Russian Federation	Mikhail Rodionov, Deputy Director General for National Digital Library, Russian State Library; MBA, London Business School. Has been working for the Russian State Library since 2015 as Deputy Director General. Manager of a federal project aimed at the development of the Russian National Digital Library. The National Digital Library (NDL) is the largest legitimate collection of digitized literature and documents from Russian state libraries, museums and archives, the foundation for Russian Digital Knowledge Space. The National Digital Library is a web portal that is part of the Russian state program 'Information Society Strategy 2017-2030'. The project has been selected as a World Summit on the Information Society Prizes 2017 Champion (Category 3:Access to Information and Knowledge). Author of numerous articles in Russian and English professional journals. His responsibilities include performing and coordinating a variety of administrative duties and tasks, writing policy and strategy of the Russian National Digital Library, negotiating with higher authorities and policy makers, negotiating with publishers. Professional interests in the Section: digital libraries, open access, copyright and legal matters, library legislation, legal deposit issues, digital partnerships between national libraries and other heritage institutions, promotion of cultural heritage in digital environment, preservation of digital heritage.
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J. Mark Sweeney	Principal Deputy Librarian of Congress	Library of Congress	United States	<p>J. Mark Sweeney was appointed Principal Deputy Librarian of Congress on May 14, 2018. In this capacity, he provides executive leadership in support of the Librarian's priorities and exercises Library-wide program and management authority to ensure that the Library's services to the Congress and the American people are provided effectively. At the time of his appointment, Sweeney had been serving as Acting Deputy Librarian of Congress since October 1, 2017. From August 2014 - October 2017 Sweeney served as Associate Librarian for Library Services, and from April 2012 - August 2014 he served as the Library's Director of Preservation. Prior to that, Sweeney served for nearly five years as Chief of the Serial and Government Publications Division, followed by seven months as Chief of the Humanities and Social Services Division. During his 30+ year career, Sweeney has also served as Program Manager for the Library's highly successful National Digital Newspaper Program, Chief of the Preservation Reformatting Division, Head of the Newspaper Section, a Reference Specialist, and as a Supervisory Library Technician. Sweeney holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from McGill University and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from The Catholic University of America.</p>
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Huism Tan	Acting Director	National Library	Singapore	<p>For the past 6 years, I have been working in the National Library of Singapore and before my recent appointment as Acting Director, I had led the team of librarians who develops and make accessible to the public, Singapore's documentary heritage as well as the exhibition's team. My speciality is in cultural interpretation and curation and I am interested to explore with colleagues the role of national libraries in the face of the digital economy (what we collect and how information is consumed and how knowledge can be produced), and the role national libraries play in cultural heritage and identity. I am also interested to explore how national libraries can collaborate on various projects like digitisation of collections and sharing of standards and benchmarking. Prior to working in the library sector, I was a Deputy director at the Asian Civilisations Museum in Singapore and have been in the cultural heritage business in the past 25 years. During my time at the museum, I was also involved in 3 major development projects for the museum.</p>
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Sophie Vandepontseele	Operational Director Contemporary Collections	Royal Library of Belgium	Belgium	I would like to be part of this section because I would like to represent the Royal Library of Belgium. I have the necessary qualities to represent my institution and to defend the values of national libraries. I would like to contribute my expertise in the fields of competence of national libraries, namely, the conservation of collections, both paper and digital, the challenges of legal deposit, the enhancement of collections in the digital environment and the development of collections. I am particularly motivated by my application because I hope that Belgium will be able to contribute its expertise and know-how. In a constantly changing world, national libraries must work together to define our own specificity in an increasingly digital world.
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