



## **Annual Report 2020**

**Presented to the  
Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 25 January 2021**

**Online via Zoom**

### **Committee Officers and Members 2020**

**Chairperson:** David Hughes (Education and Training Boards Ireland)

**Hon. Secretary:** Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)

**Hon. Treasurer:** Gerard Connolly (TU Dublin – Tallaght Campus)

**Communications Officer:** Laura Rooney-Ferris (HSE/National Health Library & Knowledge Service HSE)

**Committee Members:**

Máire Caffrey (Teagasc)

Claire Costigan (Royal College of Surgeons)

Dr Johannah Duffy (Marino Institute of Education)

Dr. Eva Hornung (CDET B Curriculum Development Unit/TCD)

Lisa Lambert (CRANN)

Fiona Logan (Institute of Art, Design and Technology)

Susan Brodigan (Contemporary Centre for Music, Ireland)

Christina McGuckian (UCD)

Deirdre McGuinness (William Fry)

Sue Miller (Dublin City University)

## **Overview**

2020 has been the strangest year for the Academic & Special Libraries Section Committee. We were well ahead with the planning of our annual conference, when we were asked by the LAI Council in autumn 2019 to not hold any conference so that we could support IFLA WLIC in Dublin in summer 2020. And then the Covid-19 pandemic struck...

## **Committee meetings and membership**

We held two meetings in person: one on 27<sup>th</sup> January, the second on 25<sup>th</sup> February. In line with HSE regulations, we moved to online Zoom meetings, which took place on the following dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> June. We had our planning meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October. A meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November was postponed to 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Two new members joined the Committee in 2020, Dr. Johannah Duffy (Marino Institute of Education) and Sue Miller (DCU).

The committee was sad see four members move on to other things: Claire Costigan, Christina McGuckian, and, back in January, Jean Earley, who was appointed to a new post in Cork. Our Secretary Genevieve Larkin has stepped down due to family commitments. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and hope to see them at future events.

The committee for 2021-2023 will be comprise of

Assumpta Byrne (AIT) – joining January 2021

Deirdre

David

Eva

Fiona

Gerard

Johannah

Laura

Lisa

Maire

Maura Stephens (GMIT) – joining January 2021

Sue

Susan

## **AGM 2020**

The 2020 AGM was held in BOI Workbench, Hamilton Building, Trinity College, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. 24 members attended. Our guest speaker for the event was Ben Schlepper-Connolly, Digital Curator with MoLI, Museum of Literature Ireland. He gave an engaging presentation on this exciting new addition to Ireland's literary landscape.

## **A&SL Section events for 2020**

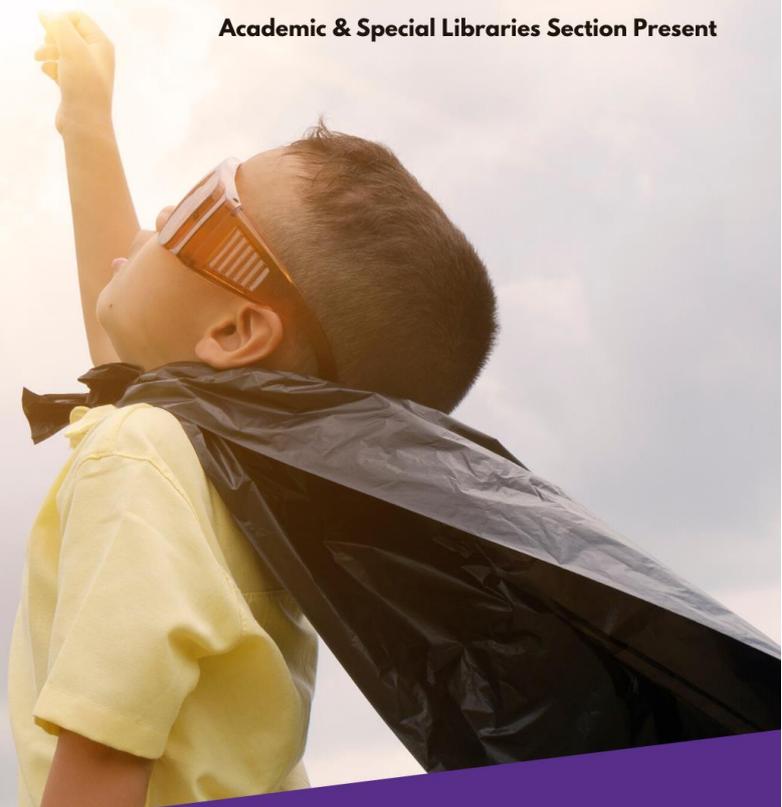
### **"Taking charge of your career - adapting to new environments"**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June we held our first ever online event via Zoom. Over 50 attendees listened to lively presentation from Rachel Pattinson, Marie O'Neill and Tony Murphy, who had moved away from traditional library jobs into other positions, where they could use their skills and experiences as information professionals.

Academic & Special Libraries Section Present

*"years of curating digital content, providing multiple opportunities for research interaction and developing robust search interfaces and web presences served us well during this transition."*

Christopher Cox Inside Higher Ed



# Taking Charge of Your Career!

## Adapting to New Environments

22.06.20 16.00 -17.30

Featuring...



Rachel Pattinson, Manager Digital research & social innovation Open Lab, Newcastle Uni

Marie O Neill, Head of Enhancement, CCT Dublin



Tony Murphy, Head of Quality Enhancement & Innovation in teaching & learning, Dublin Business School

## **Librarians Aloud**

The A&SL 'Librarians Aloud' podcast series now consists of twenty seven episodes of librarians talking about their career paths, what they love about the profession and where the information profession is going.

Special thanks to Laura Rooney-Ferris for this series. All episodes available at

<https://soundcloud.com/librariansaloud/sets/librarians-aloud-episodes>

## **Attendance at LAI Executive Board Meetings and LAI Council Events**

Dr. Eva Hornung attended the LAI 2020 AGM and is the Convenor of the Continuing Professional Development Committee. She was co-Chair of the Volunteer Committee for IFLA 2020 in August (postponed to 2022) and programme chair for the Joint LAI-CILIP conference, which was supposed to take place in March in Dundalk (postponed to November 2021).

## **Attendance and Presentations at Conferences and Training Events**

**Christina McGuckian** completed the Professional Certificate in Elearning Essentials – Instructional Design from Newcastle University.

**Eva Hornung** attended the LAI Career Development Group CV & Interview Workshop on 28th November.

**David Hughes** attended the #IUADigEd webinar: Copyright law and open licenses for digital teaching & learning on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Deirdre MacGuinness** attended the BIALL webinar “Interactive Tools for Online Teaching” on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Fiona Logan** attended Website admin training – 26th March; Teaching and Learning Online showcase IADT Dun Laoghaire - 30th June; New Challenges and Leading into the post COVID recovery for Research Libraries – LIBER Webinar Series 30th November; Nuanced Literacy and Fake News: Academic Librarians’ role in New Information Environments. Fake News and Its Impact on Society Lecture 2 IFLA 18th November; and Equality Diversity and Inclusion workshop UCD 5th December.

**Gerard Connolly** attended the Rare Books Group annual seminar on 20th November and GMIT Teaching & Learning Workshop's 'Open Scholarship: Why do we need it and how can you get involved?' on the 18th of December.

**Johannah Duffy** attended King’s Open Research Conference, Kings College London on 11 June; a talk by Dr. Lorraine Morgan during an Open Scholarship Cafe: Open Innovation event run online by NUI Galway, on 24 June; the Irish Universities Association/Enhancing Digital Teaching & Learning in Irish Universities – Planning for effective remote teaching during Covid-19 webinar on Jun 24; the Library Publishing SIG Virtual Open Programme: Library Publishing: A Catalyst for Change, 15 October 2020; and the Open Scholarship Café: Open Scholarship, why do we need and how do we get involved?, at GMIT!, December 18th 2020.

**Johannah** presented at the ‘The Open Library of Humanities and the Open Access revolution’, and collaborated on Cosc: Down with Jazz, three-part documentary series, RTÉ One, September – October 2020.

**Susan Brodigan** attended NUI Maynooth's 'Irish Libraries and Covid-19: First Reflections in May; Event Safety and COVID-19 Precautions at Culture Night 2020 in August; Rights in digital objects and structured rights information at Europeana in Sept 2020; 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Musicology in Ireland in October 2020; 'UK Hire and Orchestral Librarians Streaming Meeting' in November 2020 and IAML UK&Ireland's 'Notated Music in an Online Environment' in December 2020.

**Susan** guest lectured (via Zoom) to undergraduate and postgraduate students in DCU, NUI Galway and WIT about various aspects of CMC's collection and services.

### **Communications**

David Hughes set up a new email list for members on HEAnet. This should enable us all to communicate with each other. You can post job announcements or queries and also reply to requests without having to go through the committee.

Please sign up here: <https://listserv.heanet.ie/cgi-bin/wa?A0=ASL>

A forum to share and discuss matters relevant to academic and special libraries.

You might need to create a new account with HEAnet first.

Any problems at all, please contact us at [aslsectionevents@gmail.com](mailto:aslsectionevents@gmail.com).

### **Websites**

<http://www.aslibraries.com/>

<https://www.libraryassociation.ie/academic-and-special-libraries-section/>

### **Social media:**

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