



Annual Report 2021

**Presented to the
Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 27th January 2022

Online via Zoom

Committee Officers and Members 2021

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

Hon. Secretary: Dr Johannah Duffy (Marino Institute of Education)

Hon. Treasurer: Gerard Connolly (IT Tallaght)

Communications Officer: Laura Rooney-Ferris (Institute of Technology Carlow)

Committee Members:

Susan Brodigan- McCann FitzGerald LLP

Assumpta Byrne- Technological University of the Shannon

Máire Caffrey- Teagasc

Dr. Eva Hornung- CDET B Curriculum Development Unit/TCD

Lisa Lambert- CRANN/Trinity College Dublin

Fiona Logan- Institute of Art, Design + Technology

Sue Miller- Dublin City University

Deirdre McGuinness- William Fry

Maura Stephens- Galway Mayo Institute of technology

Overview

During a year of uncertainty in 2021, the A&SL committee provided support, advice, a community of practice and exchange of ideas to its members. Indeed, its importance became all the more pivotal and distinctive as its members supported the search for information in a time of fast change and adaptability.

Committee meetings and membership

The Committee met on 9 occasions in 2021. This included 8 Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting in January. In line with HSE regulations, we moved to online Zoom meetings, which took place on the following dates: 8th February, 30th March, 28th April, 27th May, 21st June, 27th September, 26th October, 24th November.

Two new members joined the Committee in 2021, Assumpta Byrne (TUS) and Maura Stephens (GMIT). This year - as part of the 2021-2023 membership cycle - also sees some turnover of membership. The Committee is deeply saddened to note that Gerard Connolly and David Hughes are stepping down from the Committee. Gerard and David have contributed much to the Committee and will all be greatly missed. We would like to thank them all for their hard

work and hope to see them at future events. Joining the 2021-2023 Committee will be Nadina Yedid (Royal College of Physicians of Ireland- Heritage Centre) and Paula Madden (GMIT).

AGM 2021

The 2021 AGM was held virtually on Monday 25th January 2021. 23 members attended. The agenda included the Chairperson's welcome and introduction, the Secretary's Report - Review of the year, and the Treasurer's Report.

A&SL Section events for 2021

Spoilt for choice or lost in the stacks. The opportunities and barriers to innovative technology adoption in libraries in a post Web 2.0 world.

On 26th September we held our online event via Zoom. Over 42 attendees listened to lively presentation from Andy Tattersall discussing some of those issues and shine a light as to how we navigate this ever changing landscape of technology adoption in libraries.

A&SL PRESENT

**SPOILT FOR CHOICE
OR LOST IN THE STACKS**

THE OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS TO
INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION IN
LIBRARIES IN A POST WEB 2.0 WORLD

A WEBINAR WITH ANDY TATTERSALL

THURSDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 6PM

The graphic is a purple and green design. It features a laptop on the left with code on the screen. In the top right is the A&SL logo. The main title is in large white letters. Below it is the subtitle. At the bottom left are three icons: a person at a computer, a person with a headset, and a person at a desk. On the right is a circular portrait of Andy Tattersall.

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 2021 AGM and was the Convenor of the Continuing Professional Development Committee. She is co-Chair of the Volunteer Committee for IFLA 2022 and programme chair for the Joint LAI-CILIP conference, which took place in November 2021, <http://conference.libraryassociation.ie/>. Dr Johannah Duffy and Dr Eva Hornung attended the LAI Meeting of Groups, Sections and Committees, Tuesday 7th September 2021.

Attendance and Presentations at Conferences and Training Events

Assumpta Byrne attended a number of Conferences including: Libraries and Open Educational Resources – CONUL on 21st January, UKSG webinar - The importance and use of digital primary sources in teaching and research, 24th February, National Forum Webinar: 'Using OER & OEP for Teaching & Learning', 26th March, How the National PDF informs CPD for Library Staff – LAI, 7th April, Bridging the Divide with Publishers: Lessons learned from a librarian in the publishing world – AIP Publishing, 12th April, IFLA News Media – Deep Fakes: New Frontiers in Disinformation, 4th May, UKSG webinar - Back to the Future: Lessons learned from the Jisc OA Textbook project, 17th June, Academic Libraries North Conference 2021 – Lancaster University, 8th – 9th September, The Paths, Nodes and Edges of Information Literacy Research – UCL, 28th October and FOIL Masters: Emerging Voices in Media & Information Literacy Research, 29th October.

Susan Brodigan attended the Irish Libraries: Living with COVID-19, Maynooth University Library, 20 January 2021, IAML (UK & Irl) "Virtual Annual Study Event" [VASE21], 13-15 April 2021, the Irish Libraries and COVID-19: First Reflections. (Maynooth University Library). Susan also wrote an article for An Leabharlann "Music in the time of Covid-19", published March 2021 https://www.libraryassociation.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/An_Leabharlann_30-1_Full.pdf

Fiona Logan attended the CONUL Teaching and Learning Annual Seminar, Key Lessons from a year of unprecedented change: academic libraries moving ahead in digital education on 11th February, the importance and use of digital primary sources in teaching and research, UKSG, 24th February 2021, 'Catalogue that!' – ARLIS/UK & Ireland cataloguing workshop (online) 16 April, the LAI/ CILIP joint annual conference. theme 'Libraries; a world of possibilities' 1st, 2nd & 3rd November, 'VITAL' (Valuing Ireland's Teaching and Learning) presentation 12th November 2021, IADT Dun Laoghaire.

Laura Rooney-Ferris presented at 'Irish Libraries: Living with Covid' Jan 20 2021. Laura also contributed a case study to 'The impact of AI, machine learning, automation and robotics on the information professions' and a report for CILIP https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cilip.org.uk/resource/resmgr/cilip/research/tech_review/cilip_e2%80%93_ai_report_-_final_lo.pdf

Laura also attended the Maynooth Covid & libraries response seminar in January and the Open Scholarship 101: Starting the Conversation – LAI Open Scholarship Group, April 22nd.

Máire Caffrey completed a Masters in Science and Health Communication and training courses in Plain English, Data Stewardship, Science Capital and Scientifically Speaking, Máire attended Build Back Better- Achieving Gender Balance in the Public Service, UKSG: Open Access Lifecycle seminar, SciComm 2021, "Open Scholarship 101: Starting the Conversation" – event held by the LAI Open Scholarship Group, UKSG: Open Scholarship Conference and

the NORF Open Research in Ireland Webinar series:, FAIRs Fair, Infrastructures for Open Research, Skills, Incentives & Rewards and Open Access.

David Hughes attended the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Webinar: 'Using OER & OEP for Teaching & Learning' March 2021, #IUADigEd Webinar Developing a Shared Culture of Commitment to Academic Integrity: A Student-Staff Partnership Approach on October 2021 and the LAI OSG Opening up Education: What can Libraries do?, November 2021.

David gave presentations: "One bite at a time: Starting OERs in the FET sector"" at Libraries and Open Educational Resources: the Present and the Future, January 21st CONUL and "Open Educational Resources" at "Open Scholarship 101: Starting the Conversation", April 22nd at the LAI Open Scholarship Group.

Eva Hornung attended Irish Libraries: Living with COVID-19, Maynooth University Library, 20th January, the seminar: Getting started with library publishing, Library Publishing Group (Committee Member) on 10th June, Media Literacy Ireland seminar, 4th October, IFLA CPDWL seminar, 13th October, Media Literacy Ireland AGM and webinar, 28th October and "Opening up Education: What can libraries do?" – event held by the LAI Open Scholarship Group on 30 November 2021.

On 13th May, Eva was a guest panellist and gave a lecture on professional development to Master students, iSchool at the University of Sheffield and participated in UCD MLIS Focus Group, 19th May. She was also the Digital Badge PACT for Librarians (Committee Member): <http://l2l.ie/>; which hosted the 10th June: LAI and NFTL Joint PACT Digital Badge evening information session on 10th June and Lectured as part of the LAI and NFTL Joint PACT Digital Badge (4th October- 15th November). Eva is the co-chair of the Volunteer Team of the National Committee for the upcoming IFLA World Congress 2022.

Johannah Duffy enjoyed a variety of events including: NORF Open Research in Ireland webinars: FAIRs, FAIR roadshow, 16th March, UKSG webinar - Back to the Future: Lessons learned from the Jisc OA Textbook project 17th June, From pitch to publication – Maynooth

University, 21st October, "Open Scholarship 2021: the good, the bad and the ugly" 17th & 18th November 2021, The UKSG November Conference., "Opening up Education: What can libraries do?" – event held by the LAI Open Scholarship Group on 30 November 2021.

Johannah taught the Information Management module on the DBS Information & Library Management MSc., Presented on May 13th at the Library Publishing Forum and on 10th June: at the seminar: Getting started with library publishing, Library Publishing Group (Committee Member). She also wrote a Review of IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group Virtual Open Programme: Library Publishing: A Catalyst for Change, October 15th 2020, <https://www.libfocus.com/2021/05/a-review-of-ifla-library-publishing.html>.

Lisa Lambert has been working diligently on the upcoming exhibition of early printed books held at Leiden University Library's Scaliger Institute, for their contribution to the 2022 European City of Science event <https://leiden2022.nl/en>. Lisa is also pursuing her PhD, looking into book emigration away from Irish big house libraries after 1922, and their repatriation later in the century.

Deirdre Mc Guinness attended the "Open Scholarship 101: Starting the Conversation" – event held by the LAI Open Scholarship Group on 22 April 2021, "Search Usability" – half day course provided by UK Electronic Information Group (UKeiG) on 14 July 2021 and "Opening up Education: What can libraries do?" – event held by the LAI Open Scholarship Group on 30th November 2021.

Maura Stephens attended a wide array of events including: CONUL event: 'Libraries and OERs: the present and the future', 21st January , Using Library Data In Scholarly Communications (Love Data Week, Maynooth University), 10th February, Irish ORCID Foundation AGM, 17th February, UKSG Webinar "The Importance of Digital Primary Sources in Teaching and Research" on 24th February, Open Research a vision for the Future RIOT Science Club, 2nd March, CILIP Library and Information Supplier Showcase 25th March, the Impact of Covid-19

on Publishing globally and a view from Ireland (Open Science Week event hosted by NUIG) 10th March. Maura also participated in the Shining a Light in the Post Truth Era (LIR Webinar) 21st May, the LAI CILIP Joint Conference, 2-3 November and the NAG Webinar: Get to know the new joint consortia agreement for books, eBooks and eTextbooks 8th December.

Communications

Members can join our emailing list by sending an e-mail to aslsectionevents@gmail.com.

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