



## **Annual Report 2022**

**Presented to the Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 9th February 2023**

**Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin 2**

### **Committee Officers and Members 2022**

- Chairperson: Fiona Logan (Institute of Art, Design and Technology)
- Hon. Secretary: Deirdre McGuinness (William Fry LLP)
- Hon. Treasurer: Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)
- Communications Officer: Laura Rooney-Ferris (Institute of Technology Carlow)

### **Committee Members:**

- Susan Brodigan - McCann FitzGerald LLP
- Nadina Yedid – Royal College of Physicians Ireland Heritage Centre
- Assumpta Byrne - Technological University of the Shannon
- Máire Caffrey - Teagasc
- Dr. Eva Hornung - CDETB Curriculum Development Unit/TCD (stepped down during 2022)
- Dr Johannah Duffy – Mayo County Library (stepped down during 2022)
- Lisa Lambert - CRANN/Trinity College Dublin (stepped down during 2022)
- Maura Stephens – ATU (stepped down during 2022)

## **Overview**

After a couple of turbulent years, 2022 saw the world begin to return to some sense of normality following Covid. For the A&SL committee, it was also a time of great change as we sadly bid farewell to some committee members and saw other committee members move into officer roles. During this period of readjustment, we sadly didn't have the opportunity to host many events as we had initially hoped to do, but we look forward to the coming year and creating networking and professional development opportunities for our members.

## **Committee meetings and membership**

The Committee met on 8 occasions in 2022. This included 7 Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting which was held on 27th January 2022. We have continued to hold most of our meetings online on Zoom, which took place on the following dates: 29th March, 24th May, 23rd June, 27th October, 21st November and 15th December. We also held an in-person meeting on 25th September.

2022 saw many changes to committee membership. We were delighted to welcome Nadina Yedid (RCPI) to the Committee at our 2022 AGM, but we sadly said goodbye to a number of members during the year – Dr Eva Hornung, Dr Johannah Duffy, Lisa Lambert, and Maura Stephens. Today, we are also saying goodbye to Maire Caffrey and Assumpta Byrne who are not standing for re-election for the 2023-2025 term. We would like to thank them and all the committee members who stood down during 2022 for their hard work during their tenure. They have all contributed so much to the Committee and will be greatly missed, though we hope to see them at plenty of future events.

Joining the 2023-2025 Committee will be Martin O'Connor (UCC), Eilis O'Neill (Dublin City University), Aoife Murphy (Dublin Business School), and Dimphne Ní Bhraoináin (Griffith College). We are delighted to welcome them to the committee and we very much look forward to working with them.

Lastly, a special word for our past committee member Sue Miller. Sue joined the committee in 2019 and was a member up until January 2022. The committee was deeply saddened to hear of her passing last June.

## **AGM 2022**

The 2022 AGM was held virtually on Monday 27th January 2022. 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 2022**

### ***My ancestor was sent to jail – hooray!***

As part of the 2022 AGM on 27 January 2022, the committee held a talk by Tony Hennessy, a professional genealogist, who gave an informative and entertaining talk on the history of the prison system in Ireland and two genealogical sources – Irish prison records and the Petty Session Court records.

## **Librarians Aloud**

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

8 new episodes came online in 2022:

- Episode 28: Laura Bridges, Instruction and Outreach Librarian and Professor at Oregon State University
- Episode 29: Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University Librarian and President of the Library Association of Ireland
- Episode 30: Michelle Breen, Head of Learning & Engagement at UL's Glucksman Library, and member of the LAI Council
- Episode 31: Yohanna Anderson, subject librarian at University of Gloucestershire and founder of *ebook SOS* campaign. Recorded at IFLA WLIC2022
- Episode 32: interview with members of the IFLA new professionals special interest group, and IFLA President Barbara Lison. Recorded at IFLA WLIC2022

- Episode 33: Ruth Talbot, Librarian at St Patricks Campus, Mary Immaculate College
- Episode 34: Martin O'Connor, Communications Co-ordinator at UCC library
- Episode 35: Dr Eva Hornung, Librarian of the Curriculum Development Unit of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board, convenor and member of the LAI CPD Committee, and founder member of the Library Publishing Committee and the A&SL.

Special thanks to Laura Rooney Ferris for this series. All episodes available at <https://soundcloud.com/librariansaloud/sets/librarians-aloud-episodes>

## Bursaries

The committee awarded a bursary to Patricia Patton to attend IFLA WLIC2022.

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

Fiona Logan attended the LAI Council induction pilot on 29th September 2022.

## Attendance and Presentations at Conferences and Training Events

- **Assumpta Byrne** took part in the Library Carpenters' group presentation ([The \(Library\) Carpenters – we've only just begun](#)) at Conul 2022 held in Limerick on 25th-26th May. She also received the digital badge and facilitator digital badge for the National Forum course *Getting started with personal and professional digital capacity* in September 2022, and completed the Prince2 2017 Foundation and Practitioner courses in October 2022.
- **Nadina Yedid** volunteered at IFLA World Library & Information Congress which took place in Dublin from 24th-28th July. She wrote a blog post for LibFocus: [Integrating into the library community of Ireland: My journey to IFLA WLIC 2022](#).
- **Laura Rooney-Ferris** attended the IFLA World Library & Information Congress which took place in Dublin from 24th-28th July. She also attended the webinar *Is there a systematic problem with ebooks?* on 20th September 2022. She also produced 8 new episodes for the *Librarian Aloud* podcast.

- **Deirdre McGuinness** attended the LAI Open Scholarship Group AGM on 4th April 2022, and the Knowledge Rights 21 webinar *How do we fix ebook markets? A discussion on the future of libraries and authorship* on 21st November.
- **Fiona Logan** attended the IFLA World Library & Information conference which took place in Dublin from 24th-28th July 2022. She presented "Materials Library Project" at the IADT Celebration of Teaching and Research on 16th June 2022. She completed the elearning module *Equality and Human Rights in the Public Service* in December 2022 and the AHEAD *Digital Accessibility for Educators Course* in May 2022.
- **Genevieve Larkin** attended the LAI Open Scholarship Group's AGM 2022 on 4th April 2022, a meeting of the Arts and Culture in Education Research Repository (ACERR) steering group on Tuesday on the 8th of November, the UKSG webinar: *Towards sustainable scholarly infrastructures - The case of CORE* on 10th November, a CoOLSIG Webinar: *Navigating Copyright for Libraries* on 18th Nov 2022, and UKSG *Usage Data for Decision Making* online seminar on the 29th and 30th November 2022.

## Communications

Members can join our emailing list by sending an e-mail to [aslsectionevents@gmail.com](mailto:aslsectionevents@gmail.com).

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