Midterm Meeting Co-sponsored by

IFLA Sections Library Theory and Research (LTR), Preservation and Conservation (PresCons), School Libraries (SL) and SIGs Library History (LH) with Religions: Libraries and Dialogue (RELINDIAL)

22 March 2024 – Vatican Library
(Vatican City)

Digital preservation sustainable future
This conference aims to bring together researchers and practitioners, teachers, librarians, students, and representatives of Library Associations to focus on the challenges of sustainable digital preservation and re-use.

8.30 Security control

9.00: Welcome and Introduction (BAV - Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, IFLA Sections and SIGs, AIB – Associazione italiana biblioteche/Italian Library Association)

10.00 BAV digital preservation programme
Chair: Raffaella Vincenti (Vatican Library)
- Paola Manoni (Coordinator of IT Services, Vatican Library)
- Manlio Miceli (Head of IT Center, Vatican Library)
- Giuliano Giuffrida (Member of Coordination of IT Services, Vatican Library)

11.00 Panel Digital preservation: overview of current research and practices (Part 1)
Chair: Debbie Schachter (Langara College, Vancouver, Canada)
- Aparna Tandon (ICCROM)
- Eva Yi Zhou (Sun Yat-sen University, China, and IFLA PRESCONS)
- Bella Jing Zhang (Sun Yat-sen University, China, and IFLA SL)
- Klaus Kempf (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Germany)
- Tiziana Possemato (@Cult) and Andrea Ferro (Torrossa)
**12.30** Lunch break

**13.30** Panel Digital preservation: overview of current research and practices (Part 2)

*Chair:* Ornella Foglieni (Chair of IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section)
- Annalisa Rossi (MIC Soprintendenza Archivistica e Bibliografica per la Lombardia) and Sabrina Mingarelli (MIC DG ICAR)
- Chiara Storti (Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze)
- Anna Cascone (Lasallian Library, Rome and Convenor of IFLA Relindial)
- Fabio Cusimano (Veneranda Biblioteca Ambrosiana, Milano)
- Anna Maria Marras (Università di Torino, ICOM)

**15:00** Keynote Speech - Brewster Kahle (online)

*Chair:* Krystyna Matusiak (University of Denver)

**16:00** Final Remarks

**16.00-17.30** Group visit of the Vatican Library Digitization Laboratory, chaired by Vatican Library Staff

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**23 March 2024 - Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools**
(via Aurelia 472-476, Rome)

**Research methods in LIS Studies and Education**

*This conference will focus on innovative research methods and on sharing experiences of education for research methods. It will also hold three sessions (getting published in LIS journals; poster session on LIS research; workshop on impact of SDGs), followed by IFLA hybrid business meetings.*

**9.30** Welcome and Introduction

*Chair:* Debbie Schachter (Langara College, Vancouver)

**10.00** Keynote Speech Lynn Silipigni Connaway

**11.00** Discussing research methods with practical components for library school students. Presentation of the IFLA Publication #184 *Bridging Research and Library Practice: Global Perspectives on Education and Training* (Matusiak, Bright & Schachter, Eds. DeGruyter, 2023)
- Krystyna K. Matusiak (University of Denver, USA) and Debbie Schachter (Langara College, Vancouver, Canada), *Using Mixed Methods in International Research*
- Romy Hilbrich (Berlin State Library, Germany) and Sina Menzel (Freie Universität Berlin University Library, Berlin, Germany), *Understanding User Needs through Diary Studies*
- Anna Maria Tammaro (University of Parma, Italy), Elena Corradini (Università di Trento), Simona Turbanti (University of Milan, Italy), A
**Comparative Study of Italian and Spanish Research in Library and Information Science**

- Chiara Faggiolani and Maddalena Battaggia (Sapienza, University of Rome) *The experience of the Biblab laboratory: a research ecosystem for libraries future*

**13:00** Lunch break

**14:00** Steve Witt (University of Illinois, USA), *Bridging the Practitioner and Researcher Gap: Publishing and Peer Review in LIS Journals*  
*Chair:* Krystyna Matusiak (University of Denver, USA)

**14:30** (concurrent session): Poster session on LIS research by Master Students

**14:30** (concurrent session): *Workshop on Assessment of Virtual Global Engagement for Sustainable Development: Middle school students collaborating towards the Goals*, delivered by Allison Witt, PhD (University of Illinois - Urbana, Champaign, USA)  
*Chair:* Luisa Marquardt (Roma Tre University, Rome, AIB and IFLA SL)

**16:30-17:30** (concurrent sessions): IFLA Sections’ and SIGs’ Business Meetings  
(observers and guests are welcome!)

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**24 March 2024 - Villa Falconieri (Frascati, Rome)**  
(09:00-17:00)

**The “Accademia Vivarium Novum” between tradition and innovation**

**09.00** Departure from Casa La Salle (via Aurelia, 472) with private bus  
**10.00** Arrival at Villa Falconieri  
**10.15** Welcome  
**10.30** Visit of the historical halls of Villa Falconieri, guided by Dr. Ignacio Armella, PhD (Vicepresident “Accademia Vivarium Novum”)  
**11.30** Coffee break  
**12.00** Introduction of “Accademia Vivarium Novum” and the World Campus of Humanism by Prof. Antonio Miraglia (President “Accademia Vivarium Novum”)  
**12.30** *The Libraries, Archives and Art Collections at “Accademia Vivarium Novum”: services, challenges, projects and perspectives*, Dr. Giulia Mochi (Head of Libraries)  
**13.30** Lunch  
**14.30** The IFLA Midterm Meeting 2024 (and beyond): *Open Discussion and Follow-up*  
**15.30** Departure from Villa Falconieri with private bus  
**17.00** Arrival at Casa La Salle
25 March 2024  
(09:00-17:00)

An additional and optional PD programme - including library visits - can be arranged upon request by (and no later than) March 10, 2024 (mail to: luisa.marquardt@aib.it). Some basic costs (1-day metro/bus card and lunch tickets) are implied: they are not included in the 3-day registration fee and therefore will be charged apart. A certificate of attendance can be issued upon request.

Exhibition
“Contemporary Stories: Collection of Artists’ Books”
(Lasallian Library, via Aurelia 472/476 – Rome – free admittance)


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