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REPORT

**REPORT OF THE LIASA EASTERN CAPE BRANCH PRESENTED AT AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRANCH AT MTHATHA STADIUM BOARDROOM ON 15 JUNE 2015**

**Purpose of the report**

This report seeks to appraise the LIASA EC branch membership of the various activities that have taken place since the previous AGM which was held at East London Museum on 29 August 2014.

The branch strategic plan which is aligned to the national strategic plan forms the basis for this report. We may not have fulfilled all that we agreed to do as your BEC due to a variety of reasons but in a way, we were able to at least achieve some of the plan's activities.

**BEC members are**

Chairperson : Ms Zuki Maya

Chair-elect : Ms Nomgcobo Spondo

Secretary : Ms Sindiswa Cingo-Mapisa

Treasurer : Ms Nwabisa Dukada

P.R.O : Ms Linda Ntaka

**Additional Members:**

Ms Lizeka Pango: (SYSLIG)

Mrs Viva Dastile : PACLIG

Ms Pelisa Vanda : (HELIG)

Ms Maditaba Meltaf(LISLIG)

Mr Sidima Mningi(Sub branch1)

The key themes that the branch has adopted for the term 2014-2016 are aligned with LIASA national are as follows;

- ❖ **Leadership**
- ❖ **Membership and Sector Engagement**
- ❖ **Advocacy**
- ❖ **Marketing and Communication**
- ❖ **Good Governance**
- ❖ **Training and Development**

The 2014-2016 Presidential themes: *Libraries for development: Action, Integration and Collaboration*

## 1. Leadership

- LIASA-EC BEC held planning meeting on 21 November 2015 and appointed champions for LIASA strategic pillars.
- It was also agreed that branch events should be held in different venues to overcome the challenge of distance in the province and for the visibility of BEC.
- Chairperson and chair elect attended leadership weekend and Rep council in Pretoria, 20-22 February 2015 .The purpose of this meeting was to induct the newly elected leadership and review the strategic plan for term 2014-2016
- Some of BEC meetings are now via webinar to minimize travelling and being out of office regularly, this has been made possible by LNO.
- The BEC is working tirelessly to maintain good working relationships with stakeholders in so much that King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality (KSD) Library & Information Services sponsored venue, and catering for branch seminar and Annual general meeting at Mthatha Stadium on the 15 June 2015
- LIASA-EC and DSRAC-Library services are planning to host series workshops during national book week in September 2015 on the 9-10th. These workshops will be focusing on creating dynamic public librarians and support staff. The seminar will also give public librarian's time to show and tell their experiences. These workshops will be addressing professional development of Support staff and Librarians.
- PACLIG-EC in partnership with DSRAC –Library services has hosted a seminar for Public librarians on 04 June 2015
- University of Fort Hare Libraries and University of Fort Hare Library school sponsored venue, air ticket for LIASA president , tea and lunch for guests and speakers in the student seminar hosted 23 April 2015
- DSRAC –EC sponsored gift for LIASA president during student seminar and the branch seminar

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## 2. Good Governance

- There branch does not have sufficient income streams, the current balance in our bank is
- The branch has bought promotional material from LNO to generate income
- EC bank account is audited by the LNO appointed auditors/accountants

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### 3. **Membership and sector engagement**

Branch general meetings and word of mouth are used as platforms for recruiting members. Membership as to date .....

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- A keynote address was delivered by LIASA-EC chairperson at Lovedale TVET college's library week, in King Williams Town on the 08 May 2015
- A keynote address was delivered by LIASA-EC chair at Ngcobo Municipality library awards on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014
- LIASA-EC was offered an opportunity to participate and market LIASA at Amathole District (DSRAC) staff induction on the 06<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- LIASA-EC participated in Department of Basic Education provincial literacy day on 01 October 2014
- A marketing meeting with University of Fort Hare library students was held on the 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

### 4. **Marketing and Communication**

A Facebook page and WhatsApp group has been created for EC PACLIG in order to encourage communication and interaction within members and potential members. The branch has bought a banner so that LIASA events are branded

The branch has been actively posting on the professional listserves.

### 5. **Advocacy**

The branch is vocal on issues that concerns LIS sector in the province, comments has been made to local newspapers (see articles below)

<http://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/reference-library-closed-down-2/>

<http://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/bcm-reopens-el-central-library/>

### 6. **Training and Development**

Trainings were organized through interest groups (see IG reports), members are encouraged to take advantage of the virtual trainings organized by LNO.

## **7. IG and Sub branches reports**

### **7.1 HELIG**

The EC Branch committee has portfolios that are not filled. Currently there is a convenor and an additional member only which are both from Rhodes University. This matter was raised in BEC meeting and we are hoping to have bi-elections at the AGM on Monday 15 June 2015. Currently it is mostly University librarians that are active members of LIASA, TVETs colleges are poorly represented . Information literacy workshop was organised for SEALS libraries in October 2014, 25 delegates attended. Workshop on Libguides is planned for 26 June 2015

### **7.2 LISLIG**

The Eastern Cape LiSLIG group had their 1<sup>st</sup> activity for 2015 on the 10/03/2015 at the NMMM hosted by the Museum Librarian Mrs Verna Whiteley. The visit was well attended by librarians from Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth and Bhisho. The group was given a tour to different sections of the Museum – Art exhibition section, Outreach programme for children’s art section, Restoration of paintings, Art-Frame creation and the storage section for artwork not currently on display. They also visited Livingstone Hospital Resource Centre (one of three such Centres in which Librarians help maintain access to crucial medical knowledge to assist doctors) and then we enjoyed a most informative tour and presentation on the educational contribution librarians make regarding increasing the knowledge of both health professionals and patients alike. In this meeting LIASA Strategic Direction Document 2014-2018 was discussed. The group’s next activity/meeting will be held Grahamstown at SAIAB, date to be announced.

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## 7.6 **SUBBRANCH2**

Student seminar was held in this branch in trying to resuscitate the sub branch.

## 7.7 **SUBBRANCH3**

Re-launch of the sub branch is planned for September 2015

## 8. Other activities

### 8.1 **SALW**

The launch of LIASA-EC South African Library Week in partnership with Nelson Mandela Bay and DSRAC, took place in Uitenhage on the 16 March 2015. The importance of reading was emphasized to the community and the learners that attended. Ujala Satgoor urged that libraries must take the lead in being active community partners towards developing an informed and educated nation. This means providing access to information about health & hygiene, economic empowerment, poverty eradication and education in desired spaces that foster lifelong learning and knowledge exchange.

Radio interviews were made with the chairperson by Forte –FM (community radio station on 11/03/2015@12h30 and Umhlobo Wenene FM on the 19 March 2015@ 12H40 to promote SALW

### 8.2 **LIS STUDENT SEMINAR**

The branch in partnership with UFH libraries and UFH Library School hosted a student seminar, in Alice on 23 April 2015, with the theme **The Evolving Roles of Library and Information Professionals in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Business unusual**

The purpose of the seminar was to promote Librarianship as career of choice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The seminar also gave students opportunity to interact with their potential employers so that they know the employer's expectations, and employers were given opportunity to grow their own timber and invest on their future.

#### **Topics and Speakers:**

LIASA: Accreditation of LIS Programs : Ms Molawa (LIASA President; Director –HRSC Libraries)

Business unusual for LIS professionals: Ms Satgoor (Director: RU Library; LIASA Immediate Former President)

DSRAC /Public libraries: Mr L. Dzedze( Manager: EC Library & Info Services)

DoE/school libraries : Ms. Ndamase (Chief education specialists-Fort Beaufort District)

Academic Libraries : Ms Danster (Director: WSU Libraries)

EC Librarian of the year (2014): Ms Viva Dastile

Wrap up and way forward: Ms Yolisa Soul —Director: UFH libraries)

There were **153** attendees (Library professionals and students). The Purpose of the day was done by Prof EM Ondari-Okemwa (HOD: Library and Information Science, UFH) and welcoming remarks were done by UFH institutional registrar, Prof M. Somiso and Deputy Dean(Teaching and Learning)Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Prof F Nekhwevha

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- + Families

### **Conclusion**

The branch is stable though there are challenges such as low rate of membership recruitment and renewal. Inactivity of interest groups and sub-branches has also posed challenges in EC activities. The Eastern Cape Provincial Library services have opened new libraries at Nyandeni and Askeaton both these libraries serve rural communities.

We would like to thank you all for the support and trust in this team, it would have been a mountain to climb.

**Compiled by LIASA-EC-Branch Executive Committee**