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# Higher Education Library Interest Group (HELIG) Annual Report

## LEADERSHIP

The current HELIG National Committee took office at the LIASA Conference in October 2016. At our first meeting, the Additional Members were able to select portfolios or special projects to take on during their term of office.

The Chair Elect is undertaking three special projects - a Salary and Grades Survey; and an Investigation into Web Archiving; and the IFLA Global Vision Survey for HELIG

The HELIG National Committee includes HELIG Convenors, where these have been elected or appointed in the branches. According to the HELIG National Constitution, the HELIG Convenors are ex officio part of the National Committee. The role of the Convenors is to initiate HELIG activities within the Branches, and to be the connection between the Branch and HELIG National.

The current HELIG National Committee is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Ingrid Thomson	Chair	UCT Libraries
Shirlene Neerpath	Chair Elect	UWC Library
Elmarie Horn	Secretary	SG Lourens Nursing College
Linda Ntaka (resigned 30 July 2017 to move to CT)	PRO	Rhodes
David Thomas (app. 14 August 2017)	PRO	DUT
Nomonde Mqgalelo	Treasurer	DUT
Salomé Potgieter	Additional Member: Membership	WITS
Sanele Kunene	Additional Member: Communications	TUT
Janine Lockhart	Additional Member: Information Literacy	CPUT
Theresa Mofana	Additional Member: CPD	Vega: the education brand of The Independent Institute of Education
Linda Mbonambi	Gauteng South Branch Convenor	MONASH
Luyolo Matabeni (resigned 7 September 2017 to take up EC Branch Chair Elect)	Eastern Cape Branch Convenor	NMU
Ndileka Mtshizana (app. 7 September 2017)	Eastern Cape Branch Convenor	NMU (George Campus)
Collin Majackie	Western Cape Branch Convenor	George Whitfield College
Jabu Radebe	Northern Cape Branch Convenor	Sol Plaatje University Library and Information Services
Nthabiseng Mosala-Bryant	KZN Branch Convenor	UniZulu
Kegomoditse Phuti	FS Branch Convenor	UFS
Nthabiseng Kotsekoane	AfLIA Academic and Special Libraries Section Link	MONASH

The HELIG Committee members are spread over the country, so regular online meetings have been held using Big Blue Button. We also stayed in contact via email and the mailing list as well as a rather active Whatsapp group.

Minutes, reports and links to the recordings of the committee meetings are saved in our Google Drive account. Notes from the past Representative Council made during the meeting were shared with the HELIG committee "Live".

The monies in the HELIG Savings Account with Standard Bank were transferred to the LIASA National Account. This money has been ring fenced in the account. The Financial Report for 2016 will be tabled in this AGM.

#### HELIG IL TASK TEAM

Arising out of the Round Table Discussion on Information Literacy at the annual LIASA Conference in 2016, an Information Literacy Task Team was formed to explore the need for a South African Information Literacy Framework under the leadership of Janine Lockhart, Additional Member: Information Literacy. A call for interested HELIG members to join the Task Team was made.

The Task Team currently is:-

Janine Lockhart (Project Leader)	CPUT
Ingrid Thomson (HELIG Chair)	UCT Libraries
David Thomas	DUT
Shehaamah Mohamed	UWC
Susanne Noll	UCT Libraries
Gerda Ehlers	UP
Linda Mbonambi	Monash SA
Julia Paris	Independent
Queen Mthembu	TUT
Vuyo Jamieson	St Andrews

Several online meetings have already taken place including online meetings with John Williston (University of Adelaide) and Lynne Torres (Monash Australia). Briefly, the way forward would be work on a needs analysis, and based on what comes out of that, identify a framework to work on. The task team would also work with CHELSA on this, but would include stakeholders from TVET, private and community colleges as draft is seen, at this stage, to cover "post-schooling".

- The HELIG Chair and Chair-Elect, as representatives of the Higher Education Library sector, were invited to join SAUSNeT (South African Universities Staff Network for Transformation) which was formed mid-November 2016 in response to the continuing crisis in higher education.
- The HELIG Chair represents LIASA in the Higher Education Research Chamber at the ETDPS SETA, while Nthabiseng Kotsekoane represents LIASA in the TVET Chamber.

## MEMBERSHIP

LIASA – being a membership organisation – relies heavily on new members to join on an annual basis. HELIG relies heavily on membership campaigns by its Branches. No official membership campaigns were launched by HELIG National. Promotional emails were however sent to mailing lists outside LIASA. The webinars were also supported by non-members, and all opportunities were utilized to communicate benefits to prospective members.

The following is a summary of membership numbers from 2012 to September 2017:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Sept 2017
Primary	387	448	421	368	456	468
Secondary	161	150	151	124	198	220
Total	548	598	572	492	654	688

## ADVOCACY

HELIG advocated for the profession by the sharing and communication of new trends, interesting readings and events by means of the following:

- Social media presence
  - o Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LiasaHelig/>
  - o Twitter <https://twitter.com/HELIGNews>
- Mailing lists, also other than only the LIASA lists.
- HELIG mailing list information is available at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/heligliasa>
- The Information Literacy list was also active.
- Articles on activities published in LIASA-in-Touch
- Presentations and participation in conferences, workshops

## MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

The primary marketing and communication tools utilized include five mailing lists (LIASA, LIASA HELIG Members, LIASA HELIG Committee, LIASA HELIG Information Literacy Task Team, LIASA HELIG Information Literacy), Twitter and Facebook. These are mostly used on a daily basis.

HELIG has accounts for the following: Gmail, SlideShare, YouTube, Flickr, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Forms, and Dropbox. The LIASA Webinar software (BBB) is used to manage and present events.

Usage statistics for Twitter and Facebook:

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Twitter posts	227	303	397	432
Twitter followers	84	107	157	216
Facebook likes	273	320	464	537

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Our focus in this term of office has been on Information Literacy and User Experience.

We are very pleased that Andy Priestner was invited to present a pre-conference workshop on UX, and to provide a keynote at the LIASA Conference. The HELIG Round Table discussion at the Conference this year looks at First Year Experience. Our guest speaker is Dr Annsilla Nyar of the South African National Resource Centre for First Year Students and Students in Transition (SANRC).

The HELIG Information Literacy Task Team is continuing its work to explore a South African framework for IL for Higher Education.

We worked with other national interest groups to offer interesting training and open discussions for our members. We held a joint open discussion with MAIG on Library Orientation at the end of November 2016. Discussions are underway with RETIG to hold open discussions on a number of topics.

Another webinar was “Tips for Publishing” (Part 1) presented by Dr Jaya Raju. Instead of a webinar, Denise Nicholson shared a presentation on “Understanding the SA Copyright Bill”.

Something new this year was the creation of an online journal reading club, managed by Theresa Mofana, the Additional Member holding the CPD portfolio. Our webinars have traditionally been free and open to all, not just for LIASA members, but it was decided by the National Committee that the online journal reading club would be a “Members Only” benefit.

There have been two HELIG Reading Club sessions thus far. The first article dealt with Fake News and this led to a compilation of a document that lists resources dealing with Fake News, particular in a South African context. This document is available at <https://goo.gl/MYeVUf>. The discussion was facilitated by Theresa Mofana. The second article discussed the role of academic librarians embedded in faculty research projects. This discussion was led by Gill Kirchhoff.

The KZN HELIG Branch and the FS HELIG Branch have been active, each holding two activities.

- The KZN HELIG Branch held a branch meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 during which the workshops for planned for the year. This was followed by a HELIG seminar on 11 July at UniZulu Library. Topics under discussion at that seminar included an overview of open access, and Publishing 101. The guest speaker was LIASA Librarian of the Year for 2017, Laila Vahed.
- The FS HELIG Branch held two seminars. The topic for the first one was Content Development for Webinars on 10 March 2017. The HELIG seminar on Action Research, asking critical questions and what it means for the library was held on 8 August 2017. The presenter was Prof Wilkinson.