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EIFL 2018 General Assembly Speakers' Bios

Arnold Hirshon

Associate Provost and University Librarian, Case Western Reserve University, USA, Chair, EIFL Management,



Arnold Hirshon has been the Associate Provost and University Librarian at Case Western Reserve University since 2010. During his tenure he has undertaken a large renovation of the library, including greatly expanding the digital scholarship center, and built an organizational culture of experimentation, design thinking, and assessment. Previously he was Chief Strategist and Executive Consultant for LYRASIS, and for ten years he was Executive Director of NELINET, a library consortium that provided consulting, digital services, and open source software support services. Prior to NELINET, Arnold served as Vice Provost for Information Resources (Chief Information Officer) at Lehigh University, where he was responsible for university computing and libraries. Previously, he was University Librarian at Wright State University, Associate Director of Libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, and in library administrative posts at Duke University and Wayne State University.

A highly experienced international consultant on issues of organizational, strategic and business planning, facility redesign, operations management and assessment, and technology integration. Arnold has been a consultant for EIFL since 2000. Arnold has an extensive scholarly record that includes many monographs, including the LYRASIS Library Strategic Planning Toolkit (co-author: Stephen Spohn), and is the author of numerous articles about strategic management, technology and library leadership, information service integration, assessment and optimization of operations, and non-profit management.

Stuart J. Hamilton

Deputy Executive Director of International Relations and Communications, Qatar National Library



Dr Stuart Hamilton is the Deputy Executive Director of International Relations and Communications at the Qatar National Library. His brief includes international relations, partnerships and outreach, and raising the profile of Qatar National Library as a thought leader and home for library best practice within Qatar and beyond.

He was previously Deputy Secretary General at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) where he

directed IFLA's policy and advocacy work around copyright, human rights, internet governance, and all issues relating to access to information, libraries and the digital environment. He was responsible for IFLA's engagement with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), UNESCO, as well as work relating to the World Summit on the Internet Society (WSIS), the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Rima Kupryte

EIFL Director



Rima Kupryte is the Director of EIFL. Rima oversees the implementation of EIFL's overall organisational strategy and operations. Rima has been managing EIFL since its inception. Under Rima's leadership, EIFL has grown into a thriving international organisation working in more than 60 developing and transition economy countries.

Rima's deep knowledge of library infrastructure and international development has led to the strategic expansion of EIFL's key programmes which help people to access and use information for education, learning, research and sustainable community development. Rima joined EIFL from the Open Society Institute - Budapest (currently known as the Open Society Foundations), where she managed the Network Library Programme, supporting library development in approximately 35 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Africa.

In 2008, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) awarded Rima the IFLA Medal, one of the highest professional accolades, for her contributions to international librarianship.

Iryna Kuchma

EIFL Open Access Programme Manager



Iryna Kuchma is the Open Access Programme Manager for EIFL (EIFL-OA). Her responsibilities include the development, delivery and evaluation of a range of open access related activities.

Achievements of EIFL-OA since Iryna joined in 2008 include establishment of more than 1,100 open access repositories and more than 4,000 open access journals in EIFL partner countries, opening up a wealth of new knowledge and research to the world.

The programme also supported development of 135 open access policies in EIFL partner countries.

Before joining EIFL, Iryna worked as an Information Programme Manager at the International Renaissance Foundation (part of Soros Foundations network) in Ukraine and also coordinated the Arts and Culture Programme there. In 2013, Iryna received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development Annual Award, in recognition of her 'efforts in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications in the developing and emerging countries'. Iryna is a member of Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) Advisory Board,

Teresa Hackett

EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager



Teresa Hackett is the EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme (EIFL-IP) Manager. Since the launch of EIFL-IP in 2005, Teresa has successfully overseen the development and delivery of a unique, specialist service for libraries in developing and transition countries.

Prior to joining EIFL, Teresa held a number of policy, advocacy and technical positions. From 2000-2003, she was Director of the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA); before that she provided support to the European Commission library research programme, and was part of the team that established electronic information centres at the British Council in Germany. In 2015, Teresa was awarded a Flash Grant as an agent of social change by the Shuttleworth Foundation for her work on copyright. In 2018, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) awarded Teresa the IFLA Medal in recognition of her distinguished contribution to IFLA and international librarianship, particularly in the field of copyright and for her commitment to enabling equal access to information.

Romy Beard

EIFL Licensing Programme Manager



Romy Beard is the Manager of the EIFL Licensing Programme. Romy negotiates with publishers to secure affordable access to commercial e-resources on behalf of EIFL partner countries, and works with library consortia to encourage subscriptions and usage.

Romy joined EIFL in 2014, bringing experience in academic online publishing that spanned nine years. From 2005, Romy worked with Oxford University Press as a Sales Representative in their Online Products department, liaising with libraries and library consortia across Europe. Romy moved to ebrary in 2008 as Regional Sales Manager for Europe where she worked with resellers and consortia, including EIFL. From 2011 - 2014, Romy worked in the ebrary business unit at ProQuest as Publisher Relations Manager, signing agreements for e-book distribution with new publishing partners and advising existing publishers on their digital strategy and the different business models on offer to libraries. She is a member of UKSG and is on the UKSG Outreach & Engagement Committee.

Ramune Petuchovaite

EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme Manager



Ramune Petuchovaite is the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) Manager for EIFL. Her responsibilities include the development, delivery and evaluation of a range of activities that support piloting of innovative public library services that contribute to community development. In addition, Ramune has contributed to development of a framework for public librarians' capacity building, and manages a EIFL's capacity building initiatives for public librarians in Africa.

Before she joined EIFL in 2012, Ramune served as Chief Specialist at the Division of Information Society Development of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, where she was responsible for coordinating implementation of the state-funded library renovation and modernization programme. During her term at the Ministry, Ramune worked on a US\$36 million national 'Libraries for Innovation' project, co-funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which improved public access to computer and internet services in over 1,300 public libraries. Ramune has also lectured library and information students on library management, project management and other subjects at the Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University.

Jason Priem

Co-founder at Impactstory



As an Information Science PhD student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jason led the creation of the field of altmetrics - coining the term, authoring the influential Altmetrics Manifesto, and leading the first altmetrics workshops.

He left the doctoral programme in 2013 to co-found Impactstory, a nonprofit that grew out of his dissertation work. Since then Impactstory has received funding from the US National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the Arcadia Fund, and continues to work building software tools that promote the growth of open science. Jason's latest project with Impactstory is Unpaywall, an open database of 20 million free-to-read scholarly papers used by millions of researchers and lay readers worldwide.

Lisa Wadors

Senior Programme Manager: Education, Research & Partnerships for Benetech Labs and its Global Literacy services including Bookshare and Diagram



Dr Lisa Wadors Verne heads up the Bookshare library programming. She has doctorate in Special Education and Policy from the University of California, Berkeley and San Francisco State University, Joint Doctoral

programme with a focus on teachers' beliefs about including children with special needs in typically developing classrooms.

With over 15 years in Educational research and application Dr Wadors Verne has particular expertise in special education policy and law, inclusion and family and school collaboration. Dr Wadors Verne holds a B.S. in Business Administration and Marketing from Villanova University and a M. A. in Early Childhood Special Education from Santa Clara University.

Milan Vasiljevic

Manager of Electronic Resources and Licensing department, Qatar National Library



Milan Vasiljevic works at Qatar National Library as Manager of Electronic Resources and Licensing department.

He has more than 10 years' professional experience in various types of libraries. Over the past six years, his main area of interest has been electronic resources. He is a committed advocate for open access and more sustainable subscription models.

Milan holds MA degree in Library and information Science from the University of Belgrade, Serbia and MLS from University College London.

Jevgenija Sevcova

EIFL Programmes and Events Coordinator



Jevgenija Sevcova is the Programmes and Events Coordinator at EIFL. She joined EIFL in 2016. Her key responsibilities include managing the General Assembly and supporting training and resource development for EIFL licensing coordinators and librarians in EIFL partner countries to ensure widespread adoption and usage of negotiated e-resources and to maintain records of licensed content.

Jevgenija joined EIFL from the Lithuanian Research Library Consortium where she works as databases manager, and is responsible for administration of projects, training, and for supporting Consortium members in ensuring sustained access to licensed content. In addition, Jevgenija provides assistance to Lithuanian public libraries in evaluating, administrating and promoting e-resources. Jevgenija is active in the field of information literacy, and has co-authored and published training materials to build library staff and library users' online information skills. In addition, she has provided training on information retrieval for journalism students.

Tatjana Timotijević

Head of Department of Scientific Information, National Library of Serbia, Belgrade



Tatjana Timotijević has worked in the Department of Scientific Information at the National Library of Serbia since 2002, serving as library advisor and, from 2014, as head of the Department. In addition, Tatjana is coordinator of the Serbian Library Consortium (KoBSON), and runs a national Serbian DOI (Digital Object Identifier) agency.

Tatjana is a member in a various international associations and consortia. She is EIFL Country and Licensing Coordinator for Serbia; a member of the EIFL Licensing Content Task Force; ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) Country Coordinator; SELL (Southern European Libraries Link) Country Coordinator, and is a member of the Wiley Library Advisory Board. Tatjana has given presentations, conducted training and run educational courses on e-resources for researchers in scientific institutes, professors and young researcher (PhD students).

Niamh Brennan

Programme Manager, Research Informatics, Trinity College Library Dublin



Niamh Brennan is Programme Manager for Research Informatics in Trinity College Library Dublin where she works on the development of Trinity's Research Support System, its integrated institutional repository, TARA (Trinity's Access to Research Archive) and a number of scholarly communication initiatives.

Niamh is a member of several national and international groups working on open access to research outputs and enabling their improved reporting, retrieval and evaluation of impact. These include board membership of SPARC Europe and of Ireland's National Steering Group on Open Access Policy, DART-Europe (Digital Access to Research Theses Europe) and partnership in OpenAIRE, OpenAIRE Plus and OpenAIRE2020. She is a member of the management councils of two key Irish journals in economics and social sciences and has partnered in a number of research projects in digital humanities, international development and social sciences including the Irish African Partnership for Research Capacity Building, Gothic Past, Bridge-IT and the Dublin Tenement Experience.