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## CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

Please enter your information and return this form to IFLA Headquarters  
by 8 May 2020. Email: [ifla@ifla.org](mailto:ifla@ifla.org)

1. Topic and/or brief title:  
A more sustainable WLIC

2. Background:

The World Library and Information Congress, WLIC, is of vital importance to the global library community. Librarians and information specialists from all over the world interact to develop library services and advocacy. Unfortunately, the annual WLIC also generates carbon pollution from the long distant flying and the expensive travelling unables many librarians in the world to participate. IFLA is a strong advocate for the Agenda 2030, so it would be appropriate for its own congress to be organised as a sustainable event.

Some associations have gone far to have sustainable international conferences, implementing a multi-location approach in which participants travel to a regional hub closer to home.

"For example, the 15th International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition in 2018 was organised on several locations on four continents. Each hub held its own keynote speakers and panel sessions. But the hubs also connected with each other for virtual panel sessions and discussions. Conference organizers reported that under this semi-virtual approach, the number of countries represented increased by 50% and per capita carbon pollution was reduced 70% compared to a traditional international conference."

<https://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2019/10/how-can-academic-and-professional-organizations-reduce-flying-to-conferences/>

This is just one example of how conferences could be more sustainable. We are convinced that there are many other ways. WLIC could be organised in the traditional way every third year but otherwise be organised as connected regional conferences.

3. Text of resolution or recommended action:

We propose to the Governing Board to investigate alternative and sustainable ways to conduct future WLIC and arrange WLIC as a global event only every third year.



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4. Names of those submitting the item/resolution:

**Proposer**

Member Name: Swedish Library Association

Member Code: SE-0001

Name of authorised representative: Karin Linder

Signature:

**Seconded**

Member Name: Norwegian Library Association

Member Code: NO-0001

Name of authorised representative...Ann Berit Hulthin

Signature