

IFRT Education Advisory Special Committee Report

for the IFRT Executive Committee meeting on April 7, 2021

EASC meets monthly to plan, deliver, and evaluate educational programming on behalf of the round table.

The next EASC-hosted event will be an IFRT Reads featuring Oboler Award-winner Henry Reichman's book, *The Future of Academic Freedom*, during April 2021. Look for further announcements via Connect and IFRT social media. We will have a live discussion featuring Henry Reichman on Friday May 7th at 5PM Central Time!

On February 26, 2021, EASC hosted the webinar panel, *Frosty Windows, Frosty Mirrors: Representation, Labeling, Discoverability, and the Chilling Effect*. The event was moderated by Martin Garnar and featured seven panelists - Loida Garcia-Febo, Rhonda Evans, Amanda Vazquez, Laura Koltutsky, Rae-Anne Montague, Shannon Oltmann, and Desmond Wong - sharing of their expertise and experiences with social justice and intellectual freedom. 423 people registered for the event, which the Publications and Communications Committee promoted via social media, Connect, and the Intellectual Freedom Blog. There were 251 unique logins during the live event, and the event recording [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBdLDvujm2w>] has been viewed more than 150 times via YouTube. A feedback form [<https://psu.libwizard.com/f/frostyfeedback>] distributed by email to registrants has only yielded five responses so far. All respondents participated in the live event. The session evaluations are provided below:

Statement	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Themes from free-text responses
This webinar met my expectations.	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More direct discussion between panelists• More time for break-out rooms
This webinar was useful to my library work.	2	3	0	
This webinar made me think about intellectual freedom in a new way.	2	2	1	
This webinar inspired me to participate in future IFRT (Intellectual Freedom Round Table) activities.	3	2	0	

At the consent of the committee and under the advice of OIF staff liaison Kristin Pekoll, EASC chair Sarah Hartman-Caverly subsequently purchased eight thank-you gifts in the form of gift cards to Bookshop.org (for the five US-based contributors) and McNallyRobinson.com (for the two Canada-based contributors). The thank-you gifts have been distributed to all eight contributors. Sarah is working with Kristin to facilitate reimbursement from IFRT funds.

EASC thanks the Publications and Communications Committee for their efforts to promote the event, and for allowing us to pilot the IFRT Event Promotion Checklist. The checklist was extremely useful as both an event promotion tool, and also an event planning tool. From our experience, we recommend adding an Intellectual Freedom Blog post as an additional event promotion outlet; and adding consent to record, contributor honoraria, and event evaluation considerations as host committee responsibilities in the event planning section of the checklist.

The next standing meeting of EASC is Tuesday, April 13, 2021.