

# World Library and Information Congress: 71th IFLA General Conference and Council

"Libraries - A voyage of discovery"

August 14th - 18th 2005, Oslo, Norway

Conference Programme: http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Programme.htm

August 4, 2005

Code Number: 171-E

Meeting: 129 SI - Division of Bibliographic Control

**IFLA Bibliography Section Activities** 

Bohdana Stoklasová, Chair Talbott Huey, Secretary

#### **Membership**

106 associations, institutions, and personal affiliates

### **The Standing Committee**

Represented countries:

Denmark, Germany, Japan, Finland, France, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia and Macedonia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, USA

### Strategic Plan and Goals

The Section's current Strategic Plan specifies the following goals:

- 1. Extend the provision of universal bibliographic control by advocating and promoting the production of national bibliographies.
- 2. Improve the quality and consistency of bibliographic control by advocating implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on National

Bibliographic Standards (ICNBS) and by developing specific guidelines to facilitate such implementation.

- 3. Promote cooperation with the publishing industry in the provision and preparation of bibliographic information.
- 4. Publicize the work of the Section.
- 5. Promote membership in the Section and extend the geographic scope of representation on the Standing Committee.

## **Main Actions and Projects**

After the successful programme in Buenos Aires focused on Latin America, Standing Committee decided to develop similar programmes for future conferences and more formal guidelines for the major problems to be faced by the producers of national bibliographies; namely, selection criteria for inclusion of materials, particularly electronic materials, in the bibliographies; other problems of presenting electronic material; and special guidelines for agencies unfamiliar with national bibliographies or with special problems. Future programmes in Oslo, Seoul, and Durban will highlight conditions and problems in Europe, East and Southeast Asia, and Africa, respectively.

The Section's Working Group on Guidelines for (Electronic) National Bibliography met in Prague in November 2004 for more specific planning on these projects. The results will be presented in Oslo.

Also at Buenos Aires the Section conferred with Claudia Lux, IFLA representative of the IFLA-International Publishers Association Working Group, to further elucidate problems faced by many NBAs in obtaining bibliographic information from publishers. The Section will continue to inform and support the work of this group.

After this very general information on Bibliography Section and its activities the Oslo programme of the Section will be introduced.