



IFLA Bibliography Section's Survey of European National Libraries: Composite Data

Below are the data from the survey conducted by the Bibliography Section in early 2005 that is described in the introductory letter below. These data are posted to provide a fuller view of the survey results than were able to be included in the presentation given during the Section's Programme in Oslo, Norway, in August 2005. Provided in each question is the number of responses, along with a wide sampling of the narrative responses that further amplify the responses. Also included are URLs to relevant websites that offer more detailed information and official documentation. This composite should provide fuller information for those wishing to mine more deeply the survey results.

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Dear Director:

Attached is a survey prepared by the IFLA Bibliography Section. The survey has been prepared to assist the Section in gathering more comprehensive information on selection criteria used by national bibliographic agencies in preparing their countries' national bibliography. With the exponential availability of web and other digital resources, the Section felt a critical need to address how national bibliographic agencies were incorporating these resources into the national bibliography.

In anticipation of IFLA's World Library and Information Congress to be held in Oslo in August 2005, the survey is being sent to national libraries in Europe. The analyses of the results of the survey will form part of the Section's Open Program. The analyses will further provide data that will enable the Section to meet its goal of 1) developing selection criteria for an electronic national bibliography; 2) drafting guidelines for producing an electronic national bibliography; and 3) providing guidelines for producing a basic national bibliography.

Your willingness to respond to the survey by March 11, 2005, will aid the Section immensely in meeting what it considers an important goal and contribution to bibliographic control and access. We estimate that the survey can be completed in 30 to 60 minutes.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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IFLA survey on inclusion of electronic resources in national bibliographies

Name of institution:	
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Date survey completed:	E-mail:
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Please return by March 11, 2005 to: Beacher Wiggins Director, Acquisitions & Bibliographic Access Library of Congress 101 Independence Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20540-4300 USA bwig@loc.gov	

Definitions

Acquire. Any electronic resource, remote or direct access, which (1), the library/institution provides access to through official contractual, licensed, or other agreements (any of these electronic resources may or may not be owned by or housed at the library/institution) or (2), the library/institution receives through its acquisitions processes (legal deposit, purchase, gift, exchange, copyright deposit, and transfer).

Archive. The process of maintenance in a secure and permanent digital repository managed by the library/institution or for its benefit.

Collect. Electronic resources owned by the library/institution and selected for its permanent collections. This may also include resources stored elsewhere for which the library/institution has permanent ownership rights.

E-book. Electronic resource, licensed or not, where searchable text is prevalent, and that can be seen as analogous to a print book (monograph). E-books are viewed using a dedicated device and/or a special reader or online using special software. E-books can be lent to users either on portable devices (eBook readers) or by transmitting the contents to the user's PC for a limited time period.

Electronic resource. Any work encoded and made available for access through the use of a computer. It includes electronic data available by (1) remote access and (2) direct access (fixed media). Remote access refers to the use of electronic resources via computer networks. Direct access refers to the use of electronic resources via carriers (e.g., discs/disks, cassettes, cartridges) designed to be inserted into a computerized device or its auxiliary equipment.

