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1. Professional Committee Meeting, The Hague, March 14 and 16 2006. Summary of Actions, by Edward Swanson

The IFLA Professional Committee met in The Hague, Netherlands, on Tuesday and Thursday, 2006 March 14 and 16. Following is a summary of the major actions that took place during the meetings.

1. The Professional Committee received the report from the committee conducting the review of the sections, and the PC spent time at both of its meetings discussing the report and its recommendations.

Members feel that the PC plays an important role in IFLA. The question was raised whether it might do more, and if so, what. It was felt that focus definitely should be on the Profession pillar of the Three Pillars (Advocacy, etc., feeds into the Society pillar; both the Professional pillar and the Society pillar feed into the Membership pillar).

As a result of the extensive discussion on the role of the Professional Committee and the Sections, as well as structure of the organization, it was agreed that a small working group would prepare a discussion paper on these topics for distribution to all standing committee members. In conjunction with the discussion paper, it was decided to use time on the Sunday morning during the conference in Seoul to hold a hearing for all members of the standing committees to discuss these matters and provide input to the PC on future steps. (June 26: The paper is currently being drafted.)

2. Conference matters:

- The call for papers process was discussed. Generally there was a positive response to the process, although there were some negative comments, as well as a desire to have a better explanation of why this process was used, some better coordination, and perhaps some written guidelines.
- A total of 98 proposals for poster sessions in Seoul had been received. These were reviewed by a subgroup of the PC and 86 of them were approved. The proposals represented 27 countries plus IFLA, with 18 coming from the United States, 10 from Iran, 9 from Japan, 7 from China, 6 each from Korea, Germany, and Cuba, and 4

from Argentina; the rest were from various other countries. The whole question of poster sessions will be on the agenda for the December meeting of the PC. There was some concern about those who propose a poster session and then do not show up.

- The Norwegian Foundation for the Oslo Conference will be donating funds from that conference to provide travel grants to the next three conferences. For 2006, speakers at Public Libraries/Division III sessions will have priority.
- A special programme, in the form of a debate, will be presented by FAIFE as one of the lunchtime plenary sessions. It will be titled "Freedom of Expression and the Giving of Offence: The Danish Cartoons".
- Each division can ask for one one-day registration for a speaker.
- The whole question of plenary sessions was discussed. It was suggested that more effort be made to try to find speakers for the plenary sessions from outside the profession.
- The theme for Claudia Lux's presidency will be "Libraries on the Agenda". This will first be presented at the President-Elect's brainstorming session on the Tuesday of the Seoul conference. She hopes to have support from the German government in conjunction with the Goethe Institute to hold a series of programs with librarians who have had good working relationships with politicians.
- Approximately 17 proposals for satellite meetings to the Durban conference were approved. Funding of satellite meetings was discussed, but it was decided not to change the present policy whereby the sponsors of the satellite meetings are responsible.

3. A proposal was made that sections be allowed to publish their newsletters only in electronic form and post them to IFLANET, and that there be a central point that would provide on-demand print copies. After some discussion it was decided that sections may publish their newsletters only in electronic form, but it would be up to each section to decide how it would handle providing print copies. The policy of publishing two issues a year was reiterated.

4. Other matters:

- The proposal to change the name of the University Libraries Section to the

Academic and Research Libraries Section was approved.

- The new Law Libraries Section is in the process of recruiting members.
- A new discussion group, LIS Education in Developing Countries Discussion Group, was approved in Division VIII.
- The Theory and Research Section has invited the Library and Information Science Journals Section to merge with them, since LISJ was disbanded because of a lack of standing committee members, but there has been some resistance to this move.
- The schedule for the review of the core activities was approved.
- Almost all of the sections and divisions had turned in their money to IFLA Headquarters and the funding for 2006 has been distributed. A couple of additional requests for funds were approved. The budget is currently out of balance by some 7000 euros.

2. Governing Board Meeting, The Hague, March 15 and 16 2006. Summary of Actions, by Edward Swanson

The IFLA Governing Board met in The Hague, Netherlands, on Wednesday and Thursday, 2006 March 15 and 16. Following is a summary of the major actions that took place during the meetings.

1. Finances. Edwin Paul of Scholtes Accountancy, IFLA's auditors, was present to discuss the 2005 financial statement. IFLA received an unqualified statement from the auditors. The 2005 surplus of some over EUR 126,000 was added to the general reserves. It is possible that the general reserves could grow to EUR 1,000,000 in the next five years.

The IFLA Fund Working Group recommended that IFLA move ahead with establishing a foundation in order to have a mechanism for receiving gifts to IFLA. This is entirely separate from IFLA, and it is also separate from the IFLA Fund which is a part of IFLA. The Working Group made recommendations on the structure of the Foundation and its trustees, which were approved.

A draft investment policy will be developed for discussion at the GB meetings in Seoul.

2. Congresses. Representatives from Congrex Holland and the Seoul National Organizing Committee were present to update the GB on activities relating to the Congress. The preregistration to date seems to be at the same level as in the past. Thus far 60 exhibitors have contracted for about 75% of the exhibit space. The President of Korea is planning to attend the opening general session.

At present there is a very small profit in the budget (this is after IFLA is paid the amounts committed to it), but it is hoped that additional support can be found that will raise that profit.

Work is going on for the Durban conference in 2007. The greatest concern is finding sponsorship money, which seems to be in short supply so far. Hotels prices are reasonable. Great concern is being shown to make sure delegates are safe while in Durban.

A site visit to Québec will be held in April. Some government funding has been lined up and more is being sought.

Congrex presented several recommendations for the site of the 2009 conference, and four cities were placed on the short list. A decision will be made in Seoul.

A brief discussion was held on sites for 2010 and later.

3. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, the retiring director of the IFLA/PAC office, was present at the Wednesday meeting to be recognized for her work. A special program had been held in Paris in honor of the occasion. Christiane Baryla, her successor, was present and welcomed to IFLA.

4. Consultants are working on the redesign of IFLANET, including in the future a content management system. A report was given on an advocacy workshop that had been held the previous Thursday, which will be on the GB's agenda at a later meeting. The Working Group on Governance also gave an update report on its activities. As a part of these activities work will begin on developing a code of ethics for IFLA officers and staff.

5. Proposed changes to the Statutes providing for the Student Affiliate category of membership, for stipulating the voting rights of Other Association Members, and for

determining quorums at Council meetings were approved for submission to the membership for vote this spring.

6. An update was given on its work by the Branding and Partnership Working Party. The Secretary General will draft some branding procedure and guidelines for discussion at the December GB meeting. It was decided that in response to criticism of the "World Library and Information Congress" name being somewhat mystifying, it henceforth would be known as the "IFLA World Library and Information Congress".

7. A draft strategic planning document was introduced and discussed. A revision, taking into consideration other matters discussed recently, will be prepared for distribution to and comment by the GB this spring.

8. A discussion paper on disasters affecting libraries was distributed and will be discussed further in Seoul.

9. Some interest has been expressed in having additional regional offices established. The Secretary General will solicit specific proposals and expressions of support before anything further is done on the matter.

3. Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings at the 2006 IFLA General Conference and Council, Seoul 19-25 August 2006, from our S.C. Member Ann Okerson

First Session: Saturday, 19 August 2006, 11:30 – 13:20

Present: Edward Swanson, Chair; Françoise Pelle (Director ISSN Center); Ann Okerson (Yale University Library); Anne McKee (Program Officer, GWLA).

Guest: Dan Tonkery (EBSCO, Head of Business Development).

1. Welcome. Edward Swanson, Chair, welcomed the group.

2. Apologies. Apologies for absence were read by Edward. The majority of members were unable to attend the Seoul meeting.

3. The agenda was adopted.

4. The Section minutes from 2005 were approved as distributed.

5. Finances – 610 euros are left in the SOCR Section's budget and will disappear at year end if not spent; Section is in good financial shape.

6. Communications – Simonetta, the Information Coordinator, is working on a newsletter issue. Edward will attend the IC meeting on Tuesday in her stead. He reported that IFLA is working on replacing its current computer setup and IFLAnet Web site. A consultant's report will be reviewed by the Governing Board next Saturday. IFLA services are currently hosted at the Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (INIST) in Nancy, France; it is time to review and update the possibilities.

Publications – Section members had talked about the possibility of a publication that combines last year's IFLA conference papers plus this year's. We will revisit this possibility after this week's Thursday double-program with the Acquisition and CD Section. We do not know the status of the French translation of the *Basic Serials Management Handbook*. The current version is on the Web site and this is the second revised edition.

7. Edward reported about highlights from meeting of Governing Board and Professional Committee (which occurred yesterday):

- New projects for the coming year were discussed. Project money is available to support worthy projects. Ideas are welcomed.
- There is concern within IFLA that a number of people who signed up to present poster sessions were "no-shows." Starting with last year, IFLA is keeping track of no-shows and would like to extend that to program presenters.
- The question was raised: is a person allowed to give more than one paper per IFLA conference? Yes, provided these are two *different* papers on two different topics; no more than two are permitted.
- Tuesday will be the President's Planning Day, to discuss ideas for her term of office which begins next year. She is very much interested in the role governments play in libraries. 8:30 – 10:30 is the general discussion slot.
- All are asked to please fill out valuation form in packets.

- Also on Tuesday, there will be a "meet the treasurer" session from 1:45 – 3:45. These are very interesting sessions.
- On Friday, Serials Section members will discuss the possibility of publishing some/any of the Section Program papers in the IFLA journal. This does not preclude their being produced in a separate publication.
- Strategic plan: a draft plan will be published in Monday's IFLA Express. The IFLA Governing Board welcomes comments. Until now IFLA has not had such a plan, staying mostly with 2-year action agendas.
- Only people with passports, tickets, and badge will be allowed into the opening ceremony. There will be significant searches of bags, etc. There will be nowhere to store bags, so if you can get along without them, do not bring them.
- For the 2009 conference, IFLA has begun operating under a new system, whereby the Governing Board chooses a region of the world in which IFLA want to hold a conference and Congrex looks at availability of cities to make recommendations to the GB. The 2009 conference will be held in the Mediterranean region. The venue choice will be announced at the closing session of this IFLA.
- On Monday from 12:45 – 13:45, FAIFE is sponsoring a debate based on the Danish cartoons controversy. So far IFLA has not made a statement on this topic. It should be an interesting session.

8. Booth Schedule – Wednesday 12:00 – 13:00 is allocated to our Section. Edward will be there and welcomes others to join him.

9. A document about suggestions for change in IFLA organization was distributed by Edward. A hearing on this topic will be held on Sunday at 12:45 p.m. This document represents the outcomes of work by a small committee (Gwinn, Evans, Scheeder, Swanson, and McKee). Written comments will be accepted until 1 November. The recommendations in the paper are very preliminary and subject to change based on comments.

For example: previously Round Tables were disbanded and changed into Sections – however, that is not working too well, as some of these groups have too few members.

Therefore, one of the recommendations is to re-create a Special Interest Group category, a more informal type of group with fewer members. Also recommended is to increase the minimum number of members for a Section to 50 (instead of 20) and to increase the minimum number of members for a Standing Committee to ten. Some sections may need to merge into others, if this is accepted. There need to be clear rules for disbanding sections. Finally, there is the question of whether virtual interest groups should be considered.

There was some discussion about various rules allowing for flexibility, particularly with discussion groups and special interest groups.

10. Program Planning for our Section:

2006 – Ann Okerson reported on and described program planning for this conference, which was done via e-mail (and required reading of many many abstracts and papers!) by Hildegaard Schäffler and Pentti Vattulainen (Acquisition and Collection Development Section chair). Being a joint program, this will be a double session/time slot.

2007 – Satellite Meeting. (Edward has already gotten a slot for two days preceding the IFLA meeting). Katy Ginanni, now based in South Africa, highly recommends Cape Town (very attractive for visitors) or perhaps Johannesburg. The group discussed the logistics of having a satellite conference in the congress city (Durban) or another city. Cape Town seemed to those present like a very appealing choice. After some discussion, the group seemed to be leaning in the direction of focusing the topic on ERMS (Electronic Resources Management Systems), in particular their implementation and integration issues. Dan Tonkery reported that of some 300 ERMS purchased, fewer than 10 are fully operational. Everyone agreed that populating ERMS properly is a huge task, the magnitude of which was not anticipated by librarians. "Be careful what you ask for," is an adage that comes to mind. There was discussion about whether this topic would be of relevance to African libraries? Katy will be asked by Edward for her insights.

2007 – IFLA conference. Suggestions were: more about ERMS, Serials Access in the Third World; Serials Initiatives involving Africa. Some suggested speakers were Serge Bunda (UNEP, Nairobi, speaking about the OARE

initiative); Mark Ware (UK independent consultant, on the sustainability issues facing HINARI-AGORA-OARE and his review of the projects). Ann Okerson will contact 1-2 South African librarians for ideas. Dan Tonkery suggested a paper from the user perspective: medical students, practitioners and what do they need and what do they get from some of these initiatives? This could be an important and moving topic.

2008 – IFLA conference in Quebec City, Canada. Preliminary conversation revolved around programming with a cataloguing theme, especially of e-journals and serials, a topic that was strongly promoted by several members in absentia (via email list). Edward will speak to the Chair of the Cataloguing Section to see what they may be planning and to see if a joint program is plausible.

Section brochure. Katy Ginanni will be working on this. Edward showed a new bookmark from the Cataloging Section and will pass on to Katy for her consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

*Second Session: Friday, 25 August 2006,
11:00 – 12:30*

Present: Edward Swanson (Chair); Françoise Pelle (ISSN); Ann Okerson (Yale)

Guest: Helen Adey (Acting Deputy Librarian, Nottingham Trent University, UK)

1. Review of WLIC Conference Overall –
Comments of the group were as follows:

- Appreciation was expressed for a very good program and excellent social events.
- The Local Committee's organization was excellent.
- Everyone agreed – and it had been mentioned by many of our colleagues – that the absence of a participants' list at IFLA registration was a real problem. Delegates who attend IFLA want very much to connect to others as one of their highest priorities. The first thing that many of us do is to reach for the list of participants – but this time it is on the CD-ROM, which no one can read until they get home (best case). The posted list was very incomplete and inadequate the first few days and many couldn't get back to the registration area to keep checking. By the time the

"final" list was posted, it was too late to make contact. We recognize that printing such a participant brochure can be costly and suggested ways in which it could be shrunk (for example, type font, amount of information provided about each registrant). An incomplete and abbreviated list handed out to registrants would be much better than what was done at this conference.

- In previous WLIC meetings, metro tickets were given to registrants. Several expressed the wish that this had been done in Korea, with its vast underground system that many used.
- Floor plan of COEX was very strange in its numbering. In particular, people who had meetings on the 2nd floor couldn't easily find them.
- Comments were made that the city is very expensive.

2. "Best Paper" – Group agreed that Ms. Park's paper about KESLI and the Korean e-book models would be recommended to IFLA for publication. We need to find out whether Ms. Park can turn her PowerPoint into a written paper. Her presentation was very informative and detailed and her English was fine.

3. Programming for 2007 – Satellite Meeting. Given the extensive comments about the minutes of the first meeting, made by members who couldn't attend the Seoul meeting, our small group; agreed that Electronic Resource Management Systems (ERMS) would indeed be the topic for our pre-conference. Sentiment was high, based on the comments of Katy Ginanni, that Capetown would be the first choice of venue. Edward will ask Katy to head the local arrangements committee, to explore venue choices (university, hotel, conference center), accommodations, and costs. This will make it possible for Katy and Edward to determine registration costs, for example. Costs will include a variety of factors, such as site rental, AV support, food, publication if any, possible limited support of speakers. Aggressive recruiting of sponsors for this event will help offset costs for attendees.

There was some discussion about whether to hold the pre-conference on Wed/Thu of the week preceding WLIC or on Thu/Fri. Françoise Pelle noted that adding extra days is costly for registrants and thus we agreed to all day Thursday, August 16, and a half day on Friday,

August 17th, giving delegates time to travel to Durban for committee meetings on Saturday, as needed.

It was agreed that, based on choice of venue and costs, attendance should be capped at somewhere between 100 – 150. Also, in a discussion about whether to issue a call for papers or to recruit our chosen speakers, we will pursue the latter course. A couple of committee members offered (via e-mail) to be part of a small planning group; Edward will follow up with them. Ann Okerson noted that one of her staff is a leader in this area and she will approach her about joining the planning group.

4. Programming for 2007 – WLIC Two-Hour Slot. It was agreed that in Durban we will hold our program on the topic of SOCR access/initiatives in developing countries, but with a particular focus on Africa. Several ideas were aired. Ann Okerson and Hildegard Shaeffler will again comprise the planning group (if Hildegard is willing!) and will invite speakers, reporting and consulting as needed with the committee on e-mail.

5. Program in Seoul – Recap. The program was successful, with anywhere from 70 – 100 in the audience at any given point. This was a difficult program slot, given that it was the last day of the meeting and many were already leaving. Also our program was at the same time as the "hot topic" of Institutional Repositories. It was agreed that title of program matters and ours was a little abstract and lengthy this time.

6. Programming for 2008 – Quebec. Edward has approached the Chair of the Cataloging Section, Eva-Lisa Holm Granath, about a joint satellite meeting on the topic of cataloging e-resources. She will get back to him after their meeting and he will report via e-mail. Some discussion was held about a possible program for 2008 and, inspired by Françoise's description of the revision of the draft ISSN standard, which should be finalized by then, we agreed to a program about "What's Hot in Serials Standards." This could also encompass the new revision of the RDA (Resource Description and Access, i.e., AACR in its new guise) and an update about authentication developments.

7. Mid-term program meeting. The group agreed that this is not feasible for our section.

8. Program/Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2009. It was agreed that the committee will begin to work on this via e-mail after Edward distributes the relevant starting materials.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

4. Report on the State of Serials Librarianship in Sweden, from our S.C. Member Eva-Lisa Holm Granath

LIBRIS: The National Union Catalogue of Swedish Libraries

In general LIBRIS displays the holdings of 300 research and special libraries. Holdings mainly belonging to the public library sector are accessible via the BTJ database BURK. Bibliotek.se is a project to join the two databases by supplying a Web interface for simultaneous searches in both systems. The LIBRIS cataloguing system uses the MARC 21 format. Everything registered is automatically transferred to [LIBRIS WebSearch](http://LIBRIS.WebSearch). In the system there are also special or sub-databases available, like for example E-resources in LIBRIS. The cataloguing records made in LIBRIS are then (in different ways) exported to the local library systems. There are several different local library systems in use in Sweden. A strategic analysis of the functionality of the national and cooperative cataloguing system in LIBRIS is currently in progress, and we are all eagerly waiting for its results. The co-operative system is a strength, although it is very important to know who makes the decisions regarding what.

Cataloguing & classification standards

The Swedish Library Association's Committee for Cataloguing and Committee for Classification work for all library types. The first committee is responsible for cataloguing rules and bibliographic formats for both printed and electronic media. The other committee is responsible for the Swedish Classification System (SAB). But several research and special libraries use other classification systems, such as UDC, MESH and Dewey. A switch to Dewey in the LIBRIS database is currently under consideration. The main reason for that is rationalisation: we would be able to

use the classification codes that are already in the imported records.

We have a Swedish version of AACR2, the revision of chapter 12 is now available in Swedish. At the beginning of 2006, the National Library of Sweden organized a very well attended national information and discussion meeting for Serials Cataloguers. Hopefully it will become an annual event! The final report of the FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) Review Group is now available in Swedish translation.

E-journals

Consortial agreements

BIBSAM is the National Library of Sweden's Department for National Coordination and Development. Its overall objective is to provide for efficient information supply to research and higher education, for example by negotiating national licenses for electronic resources. About 70 research and special libraries are loosely joined together in a consortium and may choose the agreements they prefer. BIBSAM's fundamental principles are:

- access through IP numbers or domain names
- the right to so-called "walk-in use"
- the right to make digital copies for non-commercial purposes
- provision of copies to publicly financed libraries
- there should be an e-only option
- access to usage statistics, for e-journal databases per journal title

There are consortial license agreements for e-journals from most large publishers, for example CUP, Emerald, MUSE, OUP, ScienceDirect, SpringerLink and Wiley. There are also other consortial groups, like those formed by medical or technology libraries. Most libraries also have their own agreements, for example with JSTOR and Taylor & Francis. Most libraries use proxy servers for off-campus access.

Public and school libraries have their own consortium called KULDA, the Swedish acronym for Consortium Procurement of Licensed Databases. Among the e-journal packages they have offered so far is EBSCO Host Masterfile and Premierfile.

Cataloguing e-journals

Cataloguing e-journals has been a hot topic. Many libraries have not catalogued their e-journals, because there are too many journals and too little time and also because it has seemed logical to wait for national initiatives. Since 2002 there has been national guidelines for separate records for print- and e-journals. But before that there were, for a brief period of time, guidelines for a combined record, so there are still quite a lot of such records in the LIBRIS database. Most libraries have a list/database of their e-journals, separate from their local catalogues. Some also have lists where they can search both print and e-journals separate from their catalogues.

Unfortunately, the national initiatives for union cataloguing of e-journals in consortial agreements have not been as developed and active as the work with the agreements themselves. There is since a couple of years back a stated principle that LIBRIS should show the participating libraries holdings *regardless of format* and since last summer we have records for all the BIBSAM consortia e-journals in LIBRIS. There is also a system for exporting records to different local library systems, although I don't know how many libraries have done that so far. An informal group, made of representatives from four academic libraries (I being one of them), was formed to work with LIBRIS and BIBSAM and keep track of changes in the agreements. Such changes are implemented via a special Web interface connected to the LIBRIS database. Unfortunately, this work has a low priority right now, since all energies are directed towards the implementation of the portal and linkserver (see below).

Discussions are also conducted on the possibility of cooperation with regard to the storage of print journals—to prevent libraries from keeping duplicate titles or discarding unique ones—but this is an issue worth more attention and action.

Free e-journals

Unfortunately, not many free e-journals are included in LIBRIS and the local library catalogues. Many libraries don't even have them in their lists of e-journal, but simply provide a link to various sites hosting free e-journals.

The [Directory of Open Access Journals](#) (DOAJ) is a Swedish initiative developed and hosted at

Lund University Library. There are now 2400 journals in the directory, 700 of them searchable at article level.

Portal and linkserver

LIBRIS (and many of the BIBSAM research libraries) are currently working on the implementation of a portal application (MetaLib) and link resolver (SFX). Libraries have been eagerly waiting for this link resolver which allows for better and easier use of e-journal content. Many libraries have by now launched the portal publicly. From SFX the participating libraries can get e-journal lists. The question is if they can replace the libraries' existing lists of e-journal. (We would like to be able to search both print and e-journals at the same time...)The goal is to be able to export e-journal records from SFX into the LIBRIS and our OPAC databases.

Digital publication

We are eagerly waiting for a repository law on electronic documents in Sweden that has been announced for later this year. The National Library of Sweden only catalogues the electronic documents for which files are delivered to their server. Right now most libraries have difficulties handling electronic documents from organizations and agencies. When a serial publication moves to electronic format only, we usually don't have any records for the e-only in our catalogues. With an e-repository law the handling of metadata would have to be automated, and the National Library is working on different projects in regard to this issue. One question is whether the records for all these documents should be in LIBRIS or in a separate database.

The National Library maintains an archive of Swedish Web pages called Kulturarw3. For eight years now a robot has been browsing thousands of Swedish Web sites, collecting personal homepages, periodicals and documents from text archives. Access to this archive is restricted to computers in the National Library.

The [SVEP project](#) has promoted, coordinated and supported electronic publishing at Swedish universities and colleges for two years, starting in September 2003 and ending in December 2005.

[LIBRIS Uppsök](#) provides a service for finding and retrieving undergraduate theses and diploma work in full text published at a number of Swedish universities and colleges. Currently

the database contains around 17000 such publications.

A new copyright law was passed by the Swedish Parliament on 25 May 2005 and became effective on July 1st. Called "Copyright in the Information Society," it is a Swedish adaptation of the European Union Copyright Directive. Among other provisions, it allows electronic delivery of journal articles among libraries but not between libraries and their patrons.

– *Eva-Lisa Holm Granath*
Serials Librarian & Cataloguer
Linköping University Library, Sweden

5. Report on the Project Hemeroteca Digital of the National Library of Spain, from our S.C. Member Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo

The National Library of Spain has been digitizing its collections of periodicals and newspapers since 1999. The results of this activity are 500 titles and over 50.000.000 digitized pages. The copyright-free collection is now accessible on the [Hemeroteca Digital](#) Web site. It consists of 143 titles and 500.000 pages representing a wide spectrum of the Spanish press from 1772 to 1933, and covering a variety of subjects (political, satirical, technical, literary, sports, religious, etc.).

The database can be searched by title, place and date of publication, and full-text search is possible since the papers have been scanned to PDF and converted to OCR. Users can further link to other digital collections and to individual bibliographic records in the National Library database. An e-mail address is provided for questions or suggestions.

This is the first contribution to the Biblioteca Virtual Hispánica, and it will be enhanced with the inclusion of new titles which are currently being digitized. The National Library hopes that the Hemeroteca Digital will be a useful resource and tool for librarians, scholars, students, and patrons in general, and we expect it to be widely used and appreciated.

– *Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo*
Biblioteca Nacional de España

6. Electronic Resource Management Systems (ERMs) Satellite Conference of the Section on Serials and Other Continuing Resources, Cape Town, South Africa, 16-17 August 2007.

Dear Colleagues: The Serials & Other Continuing Resources Section (SOCR) is very pleased to remind all IFLA members and friends about the ERMS Satellite Conference, which will be held in Cape Town, immediately before the start of the World Library and Information Congress in Durban. Spaces remain for this event and we hope that you will consider registering for it, learning the state of the art in Electronic Resource Management Systems, and enjoying some sights of beautiful Cape Town.

Below we provide the URL via which you can see the programme, along with speaker abstracts and biographies. This is a very strong and seasoned set of presenters, who will share important information and experiences about implementing Electronic Resource Management Systems in a variety of libraries, including some in Africa.

We will provide ERM information, handouts, and other useful documents at the event, along with transportation to/from downtown Capetown and all meals during the 1.5 days of the event. The main vendors of such systems will be present to answer your specific questions. You will receive a great deal of information about this important and rapidly growing new area of library resource management, all in one time and place. The registration form is "live" and final fees are set (with significant reductions for registrants from Africa). Attendees will be responsible for their own transport and accommodation, and the Web site offers many suggestions for your Cape Town stay, at different price points.

<http://www.library.yale.edu/preifla2007/>

Our sincerest thanks to all the planners and workers, to the speakers who have accepted, and to the University of the Western Cape for offering its facilities. Our vendor sponsors have been fantastic as well and shortly will be acknowledged with full information on the Web site. We also welcome you to the Section meetings and program in Durban and a strong programme about Serials and Other Continuing Resources in Africa and the developing world.

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7. Agenda for the Standing Committee Meeting at the 2007 IFLA General Conference and Council, Durban, South Africa, 18-24 August 2007

Agenda

First Session: Saturday, 18 August, 14.30-17.20 – International Conference Centre, Durban, Room 11b

1. Welcome and introductions, including welcome to new members
2. Apologies for absence
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Minutes of meetings at 2006 IFLA General Conference and Council and matters arising
5. Election of officers for 2007-2009
 - Chair
 - Secretary
6. Financial report
7. Communications
 - Information Coordinator
 - Newsletter
 - Publications
8. Report on meetings of Governing Board and Professional Committee, Aug. 17 (E. Swanson)
9. IFLA Booth schedule
10. Information meeting on Sunday, August 19
11. Program planning
 - 2007 General Conference (A. Okerson, H. Schäffler)
 - 2008 General Conference
 - Future conferences and satellite meetings

12. Section brochure and Strategic plan for 2008-2009

Second Session: Friday, 24 August, 14.00-16.50 – International Conference Centre, Durban – Room 11a

13. Conference review

- Paper(s) for *IFLA Journal*

14. Review of national serials activities

15. Remaining business from first session and Other business

16. Recognition of retiring members

17. Adjournment