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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

Summer is well begun, with 90+ ºF temperatures in New Haven, CT, USA, which makes it easy to cast the mind forward to seeing everyone again in Quebec City in August – which is far enough north to offer us the prospect of pleasant temperatures (about 70 ºF for a high) when we meet.

Working with the 14 energetic members of this Section is a constantly-renewed pleasure. We have been busy and successful and have good planning in place for the coming year. In this note, I want to tell you a bit about last year's success, our planning for Quebec, and our emerging and ambitious plan for next year's Milan meetings, including a pre-conference in the lovely town of Bolzano. Those events come in a context of refreshed and ambitious strategic planning for the Section and the team spirit that has designed a bookmark for us, which we will distribute in Quebec City (and make available online)!

Durban and Cape Town, 2007:

First a little about last year: While we don't wish to rest on our laurels, we are very proud of the Satellite Conference held last summer in Cape Town just before the main IFLA meetings in Durban. We spent 1.5 days at the University of the Western Cape, hearing from experts on all aspects of the relatively new and "hot" topic of Electronic Resources Management Systems (ERMS). All papers from that meeting now appear on the satellite conference web site, all but one in full text; all have abstracts translated into Italian as well, and some other languages besides. This very rich collection is a publication of merit and sets a standard for us and our colleagues to meet in years to come. We also wish to call attention to the fact that Michele Pickover's paper, given at the SOCRS programme in Durban last year, with its extensive description and analysis of the DISA project, was selected for publication in the June 2008 of the *IFLA Journal*, a singular honor for Ms. Pickover and the Section. (The images captures a view of Cape Town from Table Mountain and an interior view of the Durban convention center.)

Goals for the coming Quebec City Congress, 2008:

The Quebec City IFLA meetings formally run from 10-14 August. If my experience is anything to go by, you won't be sorry to make travel arrangements soon for a city which does not have the world's largest airport. (Montreal is about 150 miles away and some might consider flying there and finding ground transportation.)

The *Programme* for our Quebec City meeting is described in this report on p. 13 by Eva-Lisa Holm Granath, the Section's Secretary. The focus will be on the very latest developments in serials technical services: vendor-supplied cataloging, a case study of consortial development of ERMS, cooperative efforts toward building a union list of serials, and the "New ISSN" and what it means for librarians and their users.

In addition, we will:

* Develop more fully the Bolzano Satellite Conference for next year into a top-notch serials preservation event, with the support of our Information Coordinator Simonetta Pasqualis and her wonderful colleagues at the University of Bolzano. Particularly given a lovely-in-August central location in Europe, we hope we can draw widely and not only from prospective IFLA-goers, thereby creating an event of particular importance. (Bolzano is about 175 miles northeast of Milan, in an Alpine valley north of Trent: I've not been there, but it looks *perfectly* lovely as another place to which to flee from New Haven's hot summers.)

* Review our goals and plans to assure that they are relevant and timely to the burgeoning electronic universe, in which nearly every information item can become a "Serial or Other Continuing Resource!"

* Partner with other Sections for mutual benefit of IFLA membership and programs.

* Discuss how best to increase participation and membership for the Section, which 62 institutions have joined at last count. What are some ways to market the section? Where should we do outreach (serials conferences such as UKSG, NASIG, and others)? Can we analyze what attracts libraries to join a section?

* Last, not least: Have good fellowship and bond as a team. Enjoy the glories of Quebec City and Canada.

What we need:

We need your help, for the Section is as rich and rewarding as we will make it. We welcome contributions to our newsletter from Section members and many others: reviews, conference announcements and reports, citations to interesting articles, are all well received.

Acknowledgements:

Members of the Section have been very active in the past months: immense thanks to all. Special thanks go to the officers of the Section: We could not have planned the program without Eva-Lisa and her committee; nor this newsletter without Simonetta. Thanks also to Graziano Krätli, International Program Support Librarian at the Yale Library, for his tireless efforts in designing a terrific 2007 Satellite Conference Web site and subsequently editing, meticulously, every single one of the papers, doing all the Italian translations, and creating the layout for this issue of the Section's newsletter.

We look forward to our work together in Quebec City and beyond.

Cordially,

Ann Okerson,
SOCRS Chair
Yale University Library

**SERIAL AND OTHER CONTINUING RESOURCES SECTION
STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-08**

Mission
The Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section concerns itself with all issues that make continuing resources unique in both the print and electronic environments. These include: bibliographic standards and control; holdings information; national and international library co-operation; access and availability; conservation and archiving; collection development and management; pricing issues; copyright and licensing issues; resource discovery; and, relationships with the publishers and suppliers of continuing resources, as well as other related organizations. The accelerating impact of technological developments on library continuing resources producers, liaison with suppliers, and the continuing resources publishing industry also fall within the remit of the Section. As access rather than ownership becomes an increasingly important issue, the Section is committed to working closely with the appropriate Core Activities and Standing Committees within IFLA.

Goals
1. **Promote the importance of best practices of continuing resources in libraries, encourage access for all readers, and provide for the impact of new technology.** *(**Professional priorities**: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (b) Defending the principle of freedom of information; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professionals; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices; (k) Representing libraries in the technological marketplace)*

Actions:
1.1   Investigate liaison with appropriate groups within IFLA and outside of IFLA to develop a syllabus for education about continuing resources.
1.2   Plan a programme for the Quebec City WLIC about the latest standards that have been developed with respect to Serials and Other Continuing Resources.

1.3   Publish the proceedings of the Cape Town 2007 ERM Satellite Conference on the Web and promote its contents.

1.4   Develop and maintain a Continuing Resources List (i.e., a list of useful continuing resources links) on the Section's Web site on IFLANET.

2. Promote the importance of, and improvement to, national and international standards for continuing resources. *(Professional priorities: (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)*

Actions:

2.1   Continue close liaison with the ISSN International Centre, e.g., cooperate in the revision of ISO 3297 and report as appropriate within IFLA.

2.2   Monitor and report on key developments such as:

2.2.1   The development and application of national and international standards, including Serial Item Contribution Identifier (SICI), Digital Object Identifier (DOI), and UNIMARC for holdings, by involvement in relevant working groups.

2.2.2   The development and application of the Open URL Resolver including any revisions to ANSI/NISO Z39.88 – 2004: The OpenURL Framework for Context-Sensitive Services.

2.2.3   The development of Resource Description and Access (RDA) as it relates to serials and other continuing resources and changes in CONSER cataloging standards.

2.2.4   Developments in Electronic Resource Management Systems and relevant standards and initiatives such as the Digital Library Federation's Electronic Resource Management Initiative (DLF-ERMI).

2.3   Work with IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Section on development and revision of definitions for statistical reporting relating to continuing resources such as COUNTER and SUSHI.

2.4   Explore development of a list of multilingual standardized equivalences for terms related to continuing resources, possibly in coordination with the work being done by the Cataloguing Section on a multilingual dictionary of cataloguing terms.

2.5   Explore developments with regard to third-party access management services and handling large bundles of electronic journals packages and records.

3. Work with a variety of groups outside IFLA (e.g., publishers, authors, suppliers, serials interest groups) and IFLA sections to promote co-operation within the serials information chain. *(Professional priorities: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (b) Defending the principle of freedom of information; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (g) Preserving our intellectual heritage)*

Actions:

3.1   Plan and present at the Milan Conference, in conjunction with the Acquisitions and Collection Development Section, a follow-up programme to the 2006 programme on business and/or preservation models for serials.

3.2   Continue participation in meetings and activities towards closer co-operation with publishers, subscription agents and third-party access management services.

3.3   Continue close liaison with other serials-related organizations such as the UK Serials Group, the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), and German Serials Interest Group (GeSIG).

3.4   Monitor work of and collaborate with the Copyright and Other Legal Matters Committee in providing unrestricted access to information.

4. Raise the profile of the Section by improving dissemination of information about the programmes, publications, and activities of the Section and by attracting and involving new members. *(Professional priorities: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (b) Defending the principle of freedom of information; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (g) Preserving our intellectual heritage); (h) Developing library professionals)*

Actions:

4.1   Publish a SOCRS newsletter twice a year, January and July, and continue the inclusion of reports on appropriate programmes and other activities in the Section's Newsletter.

4.2   Distribute to appropriate electronic groups notice of the availability of the Section's Newsletter on IFLANET.

4.3   Continue to ensure that the Section's Information Coordinator maintains currency of information about the Section and its activities on IFLANET.

4.4   Work with the chairs of national and multi-national serials interest groups to promote the Section and attract new members.

4.5   Promote continuing resources aspect to library and information science students through various outreach efforts.

4.6   Revise and update the Section's brochure in bookmark form before 2008 WLIC.

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SERIALS AND OTHER CONTINUING RESOURCES SECTION
ANNUAL REPORT 2007 (**Prepared by Ann Okerson, Incoming Chair**)

Mission

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Goals

1.   Promote the importance of best practices in library continuing resources collection management and development, encourage open access, and provide for the impact of new technology.

2.   Work towards the improvement of national and international cooperation on access to continuing resources information to include bibliographic information, holdings, abstracting and indexing services, etc.

3.   Promote the importance of, and improvement to, national and international standards for continuing resources.

4.   Work with a variety of groups outside IFLA (e.g., publishers, authors, suppliers, serials interest groups) and IFLA sections to promote co-operation within the serials information chain.

5.   Raise the profile of the Section by improving dissemination of information about the programmes, publications, and activities of the Section and by attracting and involving new members

Membership – The Section's membership comprises some 65 institutions and a few individuals. The standing committee members are listed at the end of this Newsletter.

Newsletter

In summer 2007, Information Coordinator Simonetta Pasqualis of Italy issued the section newsletter covering the following topics:

1.   Professional Committee Meeting Held in The Hague, The Netherlands, 14-15 March 2006, From our Chair Edward Swanson

2.   Governing Board Meeting Held in The Hague, The Netherlands, 15-16 March 2006, From our Chair Edward Swanson

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
4. Revised Report on the State of Serials Librarianship in Sweden, From our S.C. Member Eva-Lisa Holm Granath
5. Report on the Project Hemeroteca Digital of The National Library of Spain, From our S.C. Member Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo
6. Electronic Resource Management Systems Satellite Conference of the Section on Serials and Other Continuing Resources, Cape Town 16-17 August 2007
7. Agenda for the Standing Committee Meetings at the 2007 IFLA General Conference and Council, Durban 18-24 August 2007

Durban Conference Open Programme Session

A very successful open programme was organized by the Section from 10.45-12.45 a.m., on Wednesday 22 August**.** The theme was: *Serials and Other Continuing Resources: New Initiatives in Africa and Developing Countries*. The planning committee included Hildegard Schäffler, Bayerische Staatsbibliotek, Germany; and Ann Okerson, Yale University Library, USA. The following papers were delivered:

- Access to African Published Research: the complementary approaches of NISC SA and African Journals Online
    MARGARET CRAMPTON (NISC, South Africa) and SUSAN MURRAY (AJOL, South Africa)
- The JSTOR African Access Initiative
    JASON PHILLIPS (JSTOR, New York, USA)
- Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE): UNEP/Yale University New Strategic and Capacity Building Tool To Enhance the Role of Libraries in Partnership for Development
    SERGE BOUNDA (UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya)
- The DISA Project. Packaging South African Heritage as a Continuing Resource: Content, Access, Ownership and Ideology
    MICHELE PICKOVER (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

The Annual Report is available at: http://www.ifla.org/VII/s16/annual/annual-report-2007.pdf

73TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, AUGUST 2007

IFLA Satellite Conference (Cape Town)

The section sponsored a 2-day event prior to the WLIC conference in Durban. The theme of this satellite conference, attended by approximately 50 librarians, was: *ELECTRONIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: A Solution with Its Own Challenges*. This was a very informative and exciting experience in hearing about and discussing Electronic Resource Management systems (ERMs). The program covered how ERMS are driving organization change, what they may be evolving into, the challenges they present to the libraries using them, and whether they can be at all useful to libraries who are just developing their online presence. The dates and venue were:

August 16-17, 2007
UWC Library Auditorium
University of the Western Cape
Modderdam Road, Bellville
Cape Town 7535
South Africa

The Section is deeply indebted to all the local arrangements staff from Cape Town University and particularly from the University of the Western Cape, for their incredible work on the flawless logistics. This work was coordinated by Katy Ginanni, Ebsco; Caroline Dean, University of Cape Town; and Caretha Nel, Cape Peninsula University of Technology. The Programme committee included: Helen Heinrich, Cataloging Coordinator, California State University, Northridge, California, USA; Eva-Lisa Holm Granath, Serials Librarian / Serials Cataloguer, Linköping University, Sweden; and Kimberly Parker, Head, Electronic Collections, Yale University Library, New Haven, Connecticut, USA. Administrative support was provided by Yale Library staff: Graziano Krätli, Jessica Slawski, Roy Bohlander, Meng Tang, and Ann Okerson. Our gratitude goes to our wonderful sponsors: Ebsco Information Services, Innovative Intervaces, ProQuest, Swets, and TDNet.

Full particulars, speaker information, and papers can be found at the conference Web site at: http://www.library.yale.edu/preifla2007/

A Short Personal View of the Satellite Conference
By Eva-Lisa Holm Granath

Satellite conference in Cape Town: it was almost surreal to finally be there! I had the privilege to be part of the program planning committee for the ERMS satellite conference. That experience included numerous telephone conferences between me in Sweden, Helen Heinrich in California and Kimberly Parker first at Yale, on the East Coast of the United States, and later on in Switzerland. I must say great thanks to my more experienced colleagues: I learned so much from both of you during the whole program planning process! And I did have fun! I am quite proud about the way the conference turned out. Thanks also to numerous persons both at Yale and in South Africa who made this event come true, especially Ann Okerson and Katy Ginanni.

The conference attracted approximately 50 participants, 25 of them librarians from South Africa. The evaluations were over all very positive. Cape Town showed its sunny side and the practical arrangements worked out very well. When planning the conference we aimed at getting an interesting mix of practical examples from implementations of ERMS, backgrounds about standards developments, and future forecasts.

I learned that it is very important to think ahead about how to most effectively organize the different workflows in your library. And to closely analyze what your library really needs from an ERM system. On this particular topic, I recommend that you read the three very interesting papers delivered by Rochelle Ballard and Jennifer Lang from Princeton, Wilhelm Widmark from Stockholm, and Dorette Snyman from Pretoria. Snyman underlined that the new organizational structure at her library is process-based rather than format-based. She also stressed that it is important to assign ownership to the processes. For instance, ownership of technology should NOT be with the IT unit. Process-based organizations seems to be the word of the day!

For a good background about the development of ERM systems, I recommend Kim Parker's keynote paper. Kim has been involved in this work from the start as a member of the Digital Library Federation Electronic Resources Management Initiative (DFL-ERMI).

It is not easy to predict the future. Robert Bly from ExLibris made a very interesting and exciting presentation about ERM systems in the wider context. According to him, ERM systems will eventually subsume ILS functions such as acquisition and serials. SUSHI will enable evidence-based librarianship. Web services (SOAP) will present users with more interactive user-friendly interfaces without having to change the back-end systems.

Great thanks also to all the speakers who made the conference a successful and memorable event!

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

First session: Saturday, August 18, 2007, 14:30-17:20

Attendance:

Standing Committee Members:

Helen Adey (Nottingham Trent University, UK)
Philippe Cantié (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
Kathryn S. Ginanni (EBSCO Information Services, South Africa)
Eva-Lisa Holm Granath (Linköping University, Sweden), Recorder
Ann Okerson (Yale University, New Haven, USA)
Simonetta Pasqualis (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy), Information Coordinator
Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, Univ. of Minnesota, USA), Chair

Observers:

Patrick Danowski (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany)

Regrets:

Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain)
Louisa Maria Landáburu Areta (Biblioteca Nacional de España)
Frederick C. Lynden (Brown University, Providence, USA)
Anne McKee (Greater Western Library Alliance, Glendale, USA)
Francoise Pellé (ISSN International Centre, France)
Hildegard Schäffler (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany), Secretary
Barbara Sigrist (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany)
Marie-Joëlle Tarin (Bibliothèque Univ. Sorbonne, Paris, France)
Jina Choi Wakimoto (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA)

Absent:

Paul Harwood (Content Complete Ltd., Oxford, UK)
Idrisi Musa (Ministry of Works, Entebbe, Uganda)

Lion sculpture in the Durban Convention Center

1.Welcome and introductions, including welcome to new members

Edward Swanson, Chair, welcomed the members and observers of the Standing Committee meeting. He particularly welcomed the new members.

2. Apologies for absence

See the attendance list above. In the absence of Hildegard Schäffler Eva-Lisa Holm Granath acted as Recorder for this meeting.

Eward reported that each IFLA standing committee can have up to 20 members. There are at the moment two casual vacancies: one for Suzanne Fedunok (for two years) and one for Idrisi Musa (for four years). In our next meeting we will discuss names to approach.

3. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

4. Minutes of meetings at 2006 IFLA General Conference and Council and matters arising

The section minutes were approved as distributed.

5. Election of officers for 2007-2009

Ann Okerson was elected as Chair and Eva-Lisa Holm Granath as Secretary for 2007-2009.

6. Financial report

Edward reported that the Section's annual allotment is 325 EURO. The money is kept at the IFLA headquarters and will "disappear" at year end if not spent. The IFLA sections may apply for additional funds for special projects.

7. Communications

Information Coordinator. Simonetta Pasqualis Dell'Antonio agreed to continue as information coordinator.

Newsletter. The members discussed the form of the newsletter and what to put in it. Ann Okerson suggested that if Simonetta puts together much of the content, she and Graziano Krätli at Yale might be able to provide support in various ways, such as layout/editing. Ann also suggested that we try to make it semiannual with one issue in late fall with a report from the conference, the minutes, and the strategic plan. The other issue would come in late spring/early summer with short country reports etc. The name change of the section (2003) results in a name change of the newsletter and a new ISSN has to be assigned.

Simonetta is eager to get some documentation from the section's work in 2004/2005 and the conference in Buenos Aires since there are no newsletters from that time.

Ann Okerson said she would work with Yale Library staff to organize a listserv for SOCRS members and other interested individuals.

Publications. The group discussed the possibility of papers from the pre-conference being published in the IFLA Publication Series. Ann will raise this possibility with Sjoerd Koopman before the end of the conference. (N.B. At the special session on IFLA publications, he did express interest in the possibility.)

We have no information of the status of the revision of the Basic Serials Management Handbook. According to the minutes from two years ago in Oslo, the French translation is finished. But where is it? Philippe Cantié will ask Cathérine Omont-Guilmard. Simonetta will check with Elizabeth Gazdag/Judith Szievássy about the Hungarian version (that would be a basis for a new English version).

8. Report on meetings of Governing Board and Professional Committee, August 17

Edward reported that August 16 there were 3074 persons registered for the conference. 2600 were paying registrants and the remainder were exhibit staff, accompanying guests, etc. He noted that the registration planning had been for 2400, so this represents a financial bonus for IFLA. However, at the same time, the exhibitor fees are down – and there is additional income from the Seoul conference, so it all is balancing out. Edward also reported about different programme related matters and practical issues. The venue for 2010 will be announced in the closing session (now we know that it will be Brisbane, Australia).

The section programme is on Wednesday at 10:45. Edward invited the section members and the speakers to lunch afterwards at the Edward Hotel.

9. IFLA Booth schedule

There is no longer an IFLA Booth schedule for the sections.
10. Information meeting on Sunday, August 19

Edward reported that there will be a hearing on Sunday 11:45-13:30 about suggested changes to IFLA's professional structure. On Tuesday there will be an extra Governing Board meeting to start the process. The changes will be implemented in 2009.

11. Program planning

Report from the pre-conference on ERMS in Cape Town August 16-17.

Ann, Eva-Lisa and Katy Ginanni reported from the event. It was very successful with approximately 45 participants, mostly from South Africa. The evaluations were mostly very positive. Yale put in a lot of work in coordination, including creating the website, fundraising, and handling the finances and registration. Katy was in charge of the local arrangements. The programme committee was chaired by Kimberly Parker from Yale: the other members were Helen Heinrich and Eva-Lisa. The website will be up for a while since we have promised to post the papers and the PowerPoint presentations. Ann reported that she hopes a presentation of the economic outcome of the event would be ready by the end of September. (We now know it may take longer to disburse the payments and present a final accounting.) We also discussed publishing the papers in the IFLA Publication Series.

2007 General Conference
Theme: Serials and other continuing resources: New initiatives in Africa and developing countries. Ann reported that there will be four speakers. The programme has been planned by Hildegard Schäffler and Ann.

2008 General Conference
Theme: New initiatives in serials management and serials cataloguing. The programme planning committee consists of Helen Adey, Philippe Cantié, and Eva-Lisa. Among the topics suggested were: the new ISSN guidelines, other new standards, cataloguing/handling e-journals, and statistics. There is a requirement that we send out a Call for Papers to IFLA-L (around November).

2008 Preconference
The section has been approached by Frank Kirkwood from the Government Information and Official Publications Section (GIOPS) about co-sponsoring a pre-conference in Ottawa about government serials and government websites. Frank discussed the idea with us and will be back at our meeting on Friday for further discussions. Ann promised to raise this matter in her library with her documents staff, to see if there were a willing government documents expert to serve as SOCRS's member of the planning committee. (Subsequent answer was that it was not possible for 2008, due to staff changeover.)

Future conferences and satellite meetings
For the conference in Milan 2009, we discussed a theme of cultural heritage concerning archiving and preservation of journals either for the general conference or for a pre-conference. There are uncertainties about holding a pre-conference. Simonetta will discuss with Italian colleagues about the possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday.

Second session: Friday, August 24, 2007, 14:00-16:50

Attendance:

SC Members:

Helen Adey (Nottingham Trent University, UK)
Philippe Cantié (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
Eva-Lisa Holm Granath (Linköping University, Sweden)
Simonetta Pasqualis (Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy)

University of KwaZulu Natal

Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, University of Minnesota, USA)

Observers:

Frédéric Blin (Ministry for Higher Education and Research, France)

Absent:

Kathryn S. Ginanni (EBSCO Information Services, South Africa)

The youngest IFLA attendee, Durban Convention Center

12. Section brochure and Strategic plan for 2008-2009

There are not yet any guidelines for the work with the strategic plans. Edward suggested that the committee should work on it by e-mail when the time comes.

We decided to produce a bookmark instead of a brochure. We looked at a bookmark from the Reference and Information Services Section. Text from the existing Strategic plan will be used and information about committee members will be included. Simonetta offered to take on the responsibility of making an example that she will send to the rest of the committee for comments. The Section's money can be used for printing costs.

13. Conference review

It is agreed that the Section programme was successful with interesting papers. Around 100 persons attended the programme. For the coming years we could, however, do more of monitoring of the discussions/questions.

Other observations of the conference included: The opening ceremony was very moving and very good. The programme, the library visits and the social events were very well planned and out hosts were helpful and friendly. We would all have liked to be able to move around in Durban more freely. With the security issues being very high, the conference venue should have had more in the way of shops (fruit, snacks, magazines, stamps, mailboxes etc).

We discussed the language issue: people often react very impolitely (by leaving the room) to speakers delivering papers in other languages than English. It is very important that translations of those papers are available on IFLANET in advance.

Paper(s) for IFLA Journal
Division V has been asked to suggest three papers for publication in IFLA journal. Philippe suggested that SOCRS put forward Michele Pickover's paper on the DISA project. We all agreed to that.

14. Review of national serials activities

All committee members were encouraged to report of national serials activities to the newsletter. The reports can be short items (with URL to more information) about conferences (like UKSG and NASIG), projects, consortia, i.e., everything we can think of regarding serials. For the newsletter before the conference in Quebec, it will be important to include a country report regarding Canada.

15. Remaining business from first session and Other business

Pre-conference in Ottawa.
Frank Kirkwood handed out a written proposal about the pre-conference he discussed with us during our first meeting. The pre-conference will be a joint event between three sections (SOCRS, GIOPS,

Government libraries) and FAIFE. SOCRS agreed to take the lead and Edward volunteered to work on the programme planning committee.

Section member list and listserv
SOCRS has 73 members. We will ask to see a list of all the members in order to know how to spread information about membership at national levels (at conferences etc). We would also like to have a listserv for discussions among the committee members and other interested parties? (Ann has requested this at Yale. Additionally she has been in discussion with the incoming Chair of Acquisition & Collection Development about joint marketing of the two sections in the United States.)

Casual vacancies
Edward has approached Helen Heinrich about the vacancy for two years and she has said yes. We decided that Helen Adey will approach Robert Bley (ExLibris, UK) about the other vacancy.

New professional structure
Edward reported about the outcome of the hearing about IFLA's professional structure. The Governing Board decided that 40 will be the new minimum number of members for a section. SOCRS will be placed in the division named Library collections.

Officers training
Eva-Lisa reported from the Officers Training Session that all sections should produce annual reports. IFLA staff will produce a calendar with all the annual deadlines that are of importance for the Standing Committees.

16. Recognition of retiring members

Elena Garcia-Puente Lillo, Kathryn Ginanni, Frederick C. Lynden and Barbara Sigrist are outgoing members of the Standing Committee. Edward thanked them of behalf of the Committee for their active participation in the group. Edward also recognised members who has completed their first 4-year term by handing out/sending certificates to them.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and Edward thanked everybody for their participation.

**SOCRS DURBAN PROGRAMME: NEW INITIATIVES IN AFRICA AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
22 AUGUST 2007**

Access to African Published Research: The Complementary Approaches of NISC SA and African Journals Online
By Margaret Crampton (NISC, South Africa) *and Susan Murray* (AJOL, South Africa)
http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/papers/137-Crampton_Murray-en.pdf

The JSTOR African Access Initiative
By Jason Phillips (JSTOR, New York, USA) http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/papers/137-Phillips-en.pdf

Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE): UNEP/Yale University New Strategic and Capacity Building Tool To Enhance the Role of Libraries in Partnership for Development
By Serge Bounda (UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya)
http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/papers/137-Bounda-en.pdf

The DISA Project. Packaging South African Heritage as a Continuing Resource: Content, Access, Ownership and Ideology
By Michele Pickover (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)
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74TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL
Québec, Canada, 10-14 August 2008

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SOCRS session theme: "**NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF SERIALS: NEW INITIATIVES IN MANAGEMENT AND CATALOGUING**" – Wednesday, August 13th, 16.00 - 18.00.

We have four interesting papers to look forward to!

Navigating the Currents of Vendor-supplied Cataloging
By Helen Heinrich (Cataloging Coordinator, California State University, Northridge)

With the advent of electronic journals the online format quickly became not just a convenience but the preferred type of publication for users and libraries alike. The publishers responded to the marketplace by discontinuing print versions, producing thousands of new online publications and bundling them into aggregations. Today libraries spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for access to the journal aggregations but do they get the return on their investment and can they maximize that return? In order to justify fiscal outlay on electronic journals, usage statistics have to show high numbers. Therefore, what can libraries do to facilitate the exposure of their e-journal collections to the user? The obvious answer would lay with the library catalog, as the catalog, unlike any A-Z list, offers major advantages in providing access to e-journals. In addition to being a "one-stop-shop," it offers a full range of searching options, displays family relationships and alleviates a problem of split holdings. However, faced with shrinking resources and increased volume of work, libraries cannot realistically undertake in-house cataloging of aggregated e-journals. A solution may come from commercial services that not only provide cataloging in bulk but also maintain the records up-to-date when the title composition of the aggregations and access dates continuously change.

The paper addresses the complexities of integrating such cataloging into the local database on the example of the California State University, Northridge Library, where MARC service from Serials Solutions was implemented two years ago. The paper centers on four stages of the project: *preparation, load, post-load issues*, and ongoing *maintenance*. For the *preparation* phase the presentation outlines the decisions that libraries need to make prior to the record load. The *load* part of the paper deals with the actual ingestion of the vendor MARC records into the catalog, the arising issues of authority control and possible compromises in the quality of cataloging that libraries should anticipate to make. The third, *post-load* stage focuses on the clean-up project and on educating public services about the new type of MARC records in the catalog and their impact on the library's OpenURL link resolver. And finally, the paper explains how much effort it requires to maintain the commercial cataloging service on a monthly basis.

Sharing an ERMS: An Efficient Mutual Management of Electronic Resources Metadata?
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The exponential growth of electronic resources, their central role in library collections, their predominant spending budgets, the endless variations of package contents supplied by a multitude of publishers and/or aggregators, and the frequent change of pricing model have created the need for a tool that will support librarians to handle specific requirements of electronic materials management, as ILS does for printed resources. An ERMS (Electronic resources management system) should efficiently manage the information flow of the selection, acquisition, evaluation, access and maintenance of electronic resources in compliance with their commercial licenses and legal constraints.

In France, Couperin consortium has founded an open working group to deal with academic libraries' concerns about electronic resources management. The group aims to set up state of the art current management devices and different providers solutions, and to propose several *scenario* tailored to its members' situations. Among these scenarios, the possibility of setting up a single shared ERMS has particularly held the attention of the participants. Sharing an ERMS would meet the needs of a consortium

like Couperin, as well as the needs of many libraries facing one of the following issues: (1) Their electronic collections' sizes are not tall enough to justify the heaviness of implementing an ERMS; (2) They manage large electronic materials collections but are not ready to self perform the overwhelming feeding of an ERM system in an optimal way.

Libraries interested in a shared ERMS expect such a tool to be useful for: (1) Management of descriptive, licensing, pricing, legal, technical metadata and usage statistics of electronic resources negotiated by the consortium or licensed to one of its member; (2) Management of descriptive, legal, technical metadata and usage statistics of freely available resources; (3) Ability for served libraries to add reviews to resource descriptions; (4) Management of negotiation and the collective purchasing activities; (5) Support for provision of indicators for the consortium scorecard; (6) Ability for libraries not equipped with an ERM system to use the shared ERMS for the management of their local data and workflow; (7) Ability for equipped libraries to exchange data with the shared ERMS; (8) Support for yearly provision of data required by libraries' different supervisory authorities; (9) Support for yearly provision of reliable indicators helping libraries to carry out their collection development policy.

By determining common needs of Couperin members and linking them to institutions' local needs, the group hopes, from a conceptual scheme, to get a tool that will be fed by the work of every member. Therefore, in this presentation we will put in perspective ERMS features, and issue concerning the sharing management as a mean of building up a tremendous source of enhanced information on electronic resources. This work on the mutualization of ERMS functions brings up question about the limits of the product. Is ERMS a back office tool or is it, as ILS, a part of front office tools? Is it an additional component of the integrated information system of the library besides OPAC, link resolver, federated search engine and portal, or does it intend to integrate everything and appear as a new generation of library management system? For the moment and from the point of view of the works of Couperin working group on ERMS, sharing an ERMS facilitates electronic resources metadata management, but also greatly complicates the integration of this management within local existing information systems (ILS, Portal, etc.).

Journal Aggregations and Serials Cataloguing: Solutions for the German Union Catalogue of Serials
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The German Union Catalogue of Serials (Zeitschriftendatenbank, in short ZDB) is one of the largest databases for serials worldwide. It contains over 1.2 million titles of continuing resources of any type and almost 7 million holdings representing more than 4000 libraries in Germany and Austria. ZDB records are the basis for serials information in most regional and local library systems in Germany. The majority of the titles recorded in ZDB is still catalogued by autopsy. The emergence of various forms of electronic resources led ZDB to develop new mechanisms to deal with their metadata.

The paper will describe the cooperation of ZDB with libraries and publishers producing journal aggregations focusing on how metadata provided by publishers are used to create bibliographic and holdings records in the ZDB database. Many ZDB member libraries have subscriptions to databases containing aggregations of electronic journals produced by various publishers. Relevant for users are not (only) bibliographic records for the databases/aggregations themselves, but for the individual journals contained in those aggregations. Because of the vast amounts of titles contained in those aggregations and even more because of the fact that subscriptions change rapidly it is hardly possible for individual libraries to create bibliographic and holdings records for individual titles.

The paper describes the solutions ZDB has found for this problem. On one hand there is the provision of metadata for journal aggregations by publishers that not only contain bibliographic descriptions of journal titles but also information which ZDB member library has subscribed to a certain aggregation. On the other hand there are so-called product sponsorships where individual libraries integrate information on journal aggregations into bibliographic records in ZDB. The advantage of each solution is that not every ZDB member library has to take care for keeping its records updated. Even more important is that the bibliographic records and access information for each title of an e-journal contained in an aggregation can be exported into the local catalogue of the library for retrieval purposes.

The New ISSN Standard Makes Life Easier for the Serials Community
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A new edition of the International Standard, *ISO 3297:2007, Information and documentation – International standard serial number (ISSN)* has just been published. The main new feature is the Linking ISSN or ISSN-L. The ISSN-L is a mechanism that enables collocation or linking among different media versions of a continuing resource. While keeping a separate ISSN assigned to each of the various media versions of a title, it will be possible to designate one single ISSN-L for all those media versions of the title. Among other improvements, the ISSN-L will facilitate search, retrieval and delivery across all media versions for services like OpenURL, library catalogues, search engines or knowledge bases.

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Automatic ISSN and key-title assignment

One of the most singular features of the International ISO standard 3297 on ISSN whose latest edition came forth in 2007 is that it is retroactive in nature. This means that all serials – not only new titles fall within the scope of ISSN assignment. The Sudoc-PS network is responsible in France for the description and identification of the serials held by its mostly academic member libraries. ISSN requests are routinely forwarded through the French Higher Education Bibliographic Agency (ABES) in numbers far exceeding the capabilities of the ISSN France Centre. An automatic process was therefore designed to cope with a backlog of approximately 14,000 requests that had accumulated over the last three decades. The project involving the ABES, the International ISSN Centre and the ISSN France Centre was limited to ceased periodicals. While ISSN assignment of French serials relies on the records created by the ISSN France Centre in the catalogue of the Bibliothèque nationale de France – its host institution, the automatic routine was based on bibliographic records from the Sudoc catalogue. Multiple cross-checks were carried out to prevent double assignment and leave out serials other than ceased periodicals (current periodicals or monographic series). A complex algorithm was to match the title of each serial against key-titles already in the ISSN International Register. It was decided that the French serials to which an ISSN had been automatically assigned would remain at first under the responsibility of the ISSN International Centre. As the operation which came to completion in March 2008 proved an overall success, the International ISSN Centre is set on launching similar projects with other national ISSN centres. -- ***Philippe Cantié***

Bibliographie de la presse française politique et d'information générale[1]

The "Bibliographie de la presse française politique et d'information générale" (BIPFPIG) is a print catalog of France's pre-1945 newspapers. It is both a national bibliography and a union catalog, arranged by French department and then by title, with a historical introduction and a chronological table. The project was initiated by the Bibliothèque national de France back in 1963. When it is completed, one print volume will eventually be available for each French metropolitan department; 3/4 of them have already been issued. Despite its quality and usefulness for historians, the average number of sold copies is only 200 per volume. An electronic version supporting keyword queries and interactive map search is expected to enlarge its audience. It would fit in the new French union catalog gateway, Catalogue collectif de France (http://ccfr.bnf.fr/), offering simultaneous display of catalog entries and call numbers from 2 main sources: the French National library catalog and the French Serials union catalog ("Sudoc-PS"). ISSN links would be used as pivots between those 2 online catalogs. Only few old French newspapers have received an ISSN yet, but the International ISSN Centre is about to assign ISSN to about 20,000 newspapers described in the "Bibliographie de la presse" to help the French national library achieve its electronic version. -- ***Philippe Cantié***

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