

HEMEROTECA DIGITAL: A NEW TOOL FOR CONSULTING THE SPANISH PRESS

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Since 1999, the National Library of Spain has been digitizing its collections of periodicals and current newspapers. The results of this activity are 500 titles and over 50,000,000 digitized pages, which may be browsed on-site. From now on, the copyright-free collection is accessible at the Hemeroteca Digital at the Internet, which was launched March 14th.

<http://hemerotecadigital.bne.es/inicio.htm>



This new tool consists of 143 titles which comprise 500,000 pages representing a wide variety of Spanish press of all types: political, satirical, technical, literary,

sports, religious, etc., ranging from 1772 to 1933. Some of these pages have been recovered from the early attempts to digitize microfilms developed by the National Library.

The application allows searching by title, place of publication, and dates. It is also possible to do a full text search, as the publications are PDF files with OCR. This facility has made the Hemeroteca

Digital an outstanding tool for using the press as an historical research source.

Links are established both to other Spanish digital collections and to the bibliographic record in the National Library database. An e-mail address is given for any suggestions or questions.



This resource is the first contribution to the Biblioteca Virtual Hispánica, and it will be enhanced with the inclusion of new titles which are now being prepared. In 2007, the digitization of 1,700,000 new images is foreseen,

which will cover the most relevant titles of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Emphasis will be made on rare serial titles of the Spanish Independence War (1808-1814), whose commemoration will soon take place. The National Library hopes that the Hemeroteca Digital will be a convenient tool for librarians, library users and patrons, and we expect it to have widespread use and acceptance.



Additional features

- **Electronic address:** Hemeroteca Digital has an e-mail for any comments or questions at hemerotecadigital@bne.es
- **Spanish press in the Internet directory:** the Reference Department at the National Library compiles and keeps up to date all the Spanish newspaper URLs in the Internet. This directory is now available at
- <http://www.bne.es/esp/servicios/prensainternet.htm>
- **Electronic resources:** press and periodicals search is completed by subscription to full text databases which include most important international titles. A simple tool has been designed for consulting these purchased titles at:
- <http://www.bne.es/esp/servicios/recursos-electronicos.htm>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEWSPAPERS COLLECTION MANAGEMENT: *PRINTED AND DIGITAL CHALLENGES* NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CHILE, SANTIAGO, CHILE

Prepared by Sandra Burrows



IFLA Newspaper Section and IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation co-organized the International Conference on Newspapers Collection Management: *Printed and Digital Challenges* in Santiago, Chile April 3-5, 2007. This was the first time that Latin America hosted a conference on newspapers and 117 delegates attended from over 16 countries including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, England, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holland, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Sweden, and the United States.

The conference was held in the America room of the beautiful National Library of Chile. It was opened by Nivia Palma, Director of the Directorate of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DIBAM) of Chile, who mentioned their commitment to conservation, preservation and access of all documentary materials that form the historical expression of Chile as well as DIBAM's commitment to technological innovation to ensure that heritage, was assured a free and safe future.

The shared "good practices to preserve and manage newspaper collections" was the theme of the papers. The Director of the National Library of Chile, Ximena Cruzat Amunátegui also welcomed the delegates and stressed the six organizing themes of the conference:

- The digital future for newspapers in Chile and Latin America (to include metadata, interoperability and publisher issues).
- The digital future for newspapers in North American and European countries.
- The role of newspapers preservation in digitization.
- Copyright, Publishers, legal matters for newspapers.
- The role of newspaper cataloguing in digitization.
- Education of librarians in newspaper collection management: new perspectives for the role of librarians.

The conference papers also touched on a theme in Ximena Cruzat's introduction: the preservation of the memory of all peoples through their newspapers and the promotion of access to this memory for future generations via the digitization of our resources.

On Tuesday evening, the National Library of Chile hosted a welcoming ceremony and exhibit of the history of the Chilean press and on Wednesday,

Apex Publishing hosted a reception at the Hotel Plaza San Francisco. The IFLA Newspapers Section members met Monday, April 2, 2007 in the José Toribo Medina room of the National Library to discuss the issues of the 26th business meeting. Ed King, Secretary/Treasurer of the Section and Head of the British Library Newspaper Library was instrumental in providing the book of the conference papers in English and in Spanish for all attendees.



Picture of IFLA Newspapers Section members in Medina Room, National Library of Chile by Marcos Jiménez. Back Row: Pär Nilsson (The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden); Maritza Failla (National Library of Chile); Edmund King (Secretary/Treasurer, British Library Newspapers); Georgia Higley, (Library of Congress); Linda Ronan (International Coalition on Newspapers, Center for Research Libraries); Peggy Glahn (Apex CoVantage); Hartmut Walravens (Chair, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin); Sandra Burrows (Library and Archives Canada). FRONT ROW Majlis Bremer-Laamanen (Helsinki University Library); Else Delaunay (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Thaddeus Lipinski (Oxford University Library Services, Oxford, UK)

THE NEWSROOM OF THE NATIONAL INDEX TO CHINESE NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS

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Shanghai Library (China) is the largest public library in China and also one of the top ten libraries in the world on account of its rich collection (49.98 million items; 2004 statistics) and extensive floor space (83,000 square meters). <http://www.library.sh.cn/new-eng/guide/> Every year, it adds more than one thousand Chinese newspapers and eleven thousand periodicals, which paves the way for building the Database for the *National Index to Chinese Newspapers &*

Periodicals. This rich collection is the source of the development of the Database for the *National Index to Chinese Newspapers & Periodicals*.

The *National Index to Chinese Newspapers and Periodicals* was published at 1955 as the pilot issue of synthesized Chinese newspapers and journals nationwide and it enjoys a superb reputation in the field of library and information service around the world. It also received an award of honour by the



Ministry of Culture and an award by Shanghai Bureau of Culture. Over the past 50 years, based on the abundant collection and the many experienced staff in the Shanghai Library, the *National Index to Chinese Newspapers and Periodicals* has evolved to becoming a synthesized information service product with printed and CD-ROM editions. In 2006, the official website of the *National Index to Chinese Newspapers and Periodicals* was unveiled. From then on, this allowed

users to be able to search on the Internet. There are over 15 million entries in the database. They cover the time span from 1857 to the present and the resources of the database are from over thousands of series (including some issued in Hong Kong and Taiwan). For more information please contact Gabrielle-Shu Xu

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上海图书馆是大型的综合性研究型公共图书馆，目前拥有16,000,000余册图书，现有馆藏各类文献达49,980,000册(件)，而每年中文报纸的收藏量在1,00

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《全国报刊索引》创刊于1955年，是中国最早出版的综合性中文报刊检索工具，在海内外图书情报界

享有盛誉，并获得中国文化部科技成果进步二等奖和上海市文化局(现上海市文化广播影视管理局)科技进步一等奖。50余年来，《全国报刊索引》依托上海图书馆丰富的馆藏报刊资源和专业工作团队，已发展成集印刷版、光盘版以及网络版为一体的综合信息服务产品。2006

年，《全国报刊索引》网站(www.cnbkisy.com)顺利开通，整合了《全国报刊索引》的篇名库、目次库、会议库以及其他专业数据库，文献信息资源最早可回溯至1857年，数据量超过15,000,000条，收录期刊达10,000余种(包括部分港台期刊)，成功实现了跨库检索和一站式服务。



期待您的回信。

谢谢。

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INFORMATION ITEMS: UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

1. Satellite meeting on Mould, Integrated Pest Management and Dust in Collections organized by the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section,

IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section and IFLA Newspapers Section in cooperation with IFLA PAC.

15-16 August 2007
Riverside Hotel, Durban
North, South Africa

IFLA Serials and Other
Continuing Resources'
Satellite Conference, Cape
Town

Please see:
<http://nlsahopta.nlsa.ac.za/FLAPAC2007/program.htm>
for schedule

and registration form.

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2. Journées Patrimoine écrit 2007 Rennes, Champs Libres, FRANCE 13 et 14 septembre

"Hier à la une : les collections de presse dans les bibliothèques françaises"

Après « Le berceau du livre imprimé. Autour des incunables » à Tours en 2005 et "Les manuscrits dans tous leurs états" à Orléans en 2006, les journées Patrimoine écrit 2007, organisées par la DLL en partenariat avec Rennes Métropole et la BnF, seront consacrées aux collections de presse dans les bibliothèques françaises ainsi qu'à l'actualité du Plan d'action pour le patrimoine écrit.

Following on the 2005 Written Heritage Day theme of "Incunabula: the cradle of the printed book" in Tours and the 2006

Written Heritage Day on manuscripts in Orleans, the 2007 Written Heritage Day will focus on press collections in French libraries and the Action plan for written heritage. These meetings have been organized by the DLL (Direction du Livre et de la Lecture, Ministry of Culture), Rennes Métropole and the Bibliothèque nationale de France.

Pré-programme

Jeudi 13 septembre 2007, Champs Libres, auditorium

Accueil et discours d'ouverture

- La matinée sera consacrée aux actualités du Plan d'action pour le Patrimoine écrit et à l'évolution des dispositifs de financement de l'Etat.

- Après-midi : "Hier à la une : les collections de

presse dans les bibliothèques françaises"

14h15-17h30. Première partie : conserver et signaler les collections de presse (plans partagés de conservation de la presse, avec notamment l'exemple de la région Rhône-Alpes, évolution du BIPFIG, signalement des périodiques dans le SUDOC-PS et table-ronde sur la gestion des collections de périodiques en bibliothèque).

Vendredi 14 septembre 2007, Champs Libres, auditorium

- 9h-12h. Deuxième partie : numériser et diffuser les collections de presse (les techniques de numérisation et la numérisation partagée de la presse, avec notamment l'exemple de la numérisation des éditions de *Ouest-Eclair* et celui du partenariat entre AD

Yvelines et BM de Versailles dans le domaine de la numérisation de la presse ancienne)

- 14h-17h. Troisième partie : étudier les collections de presse (les programmes de recherche sur la presse et les publics des collections de presse au XXI^e siècle).

Les personnes intéressées par ces journées d'étude

peuvent dès à présent se pré-inscrire.

Merci de nous préciser :

- vos nom et prénom

- votre institution

- vos coordonnées professionnelles

- votre adresse de messagerie électronique

- votre disponibilité (les deux journées ou seulement l'une des deux journées).



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L'inscription est gratuite.
Le programme complet sera diffusé ultérieurement.

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3. ELECTRONIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS A Solution with Its Own Challenges

The [Serials and Other Continuing Resources](#) (SOCR) Section and the [University of Western Cape](#) (UWC) invite you to participate in an exciting experience hearing and discussing about Electronic Resource Management systems (ERMs). The program will cover 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 opening plenary session will cover the historical development of ERMs by Kimberly Parker, a member of the original Digital Library Federation Electronic Resource Management Initiative

group that developed the framework upon which all current ERMs are now constructed.

August 16-17, 2007
[UWC Library Auditorium, Ground Floor](#)
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Modderdam Road,
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Working Language:
English

ANNONCEMENTS AND AWARDS:

National Endowment for the Humanities Awards Funding to the International Coalition on Newspapers for Preservation of Latin American Newspapers

(Chicago, IL) The National Endowment for the Humanities (NRH) has awarded the Center for Research Libraries a \$350,000 Preservation and Access grant to assist the continuing work of the International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON.)

The award supports the next phase of ICON's work which will be to preserve and improve access to Latin American newspapers in U.S. repositories. While ICON has used its resources to preserve Latin American newspapers in the past, this phase of the project will focus exclusively on Latin America, including the preservation of nine newspaper titles from Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

This phase of ICON (<http://icon.crl.edu>) will also include digitization of key reference sources on international newspapers; expansion of the database of international newspapers; cataloging at institutions with extensive Latin American holdings; and expansion of the ICON Web site content.

The Center plays a central role in the ICON effort, which is a partnership with the Library of Congress, Library and Archives Canada, The British Library, and several major North American research Libraries with significant holdings of foreign newspapers. ICON has been administered by the Center since 1999.

Newspaper titles selected for preservation filming will be drawn from the print collections of several U.S. institutions to create longer runs and fill gaps of missing papers. The database currently provides bibliographic and holdings data for almost 25,000 foreign newspaper titles. During the next phase, ICON will seek the addition of records from at least 15 institutions with substantial Latin American holdings.

ICON staff will examine key Latin American bibliographic sources, such as Steven M. Charno's *Latin American Newspapers in United States Libraries* to identify titles that need cataloging and add them to the ICON database and other national bibliographic utilities.

The Center for Research Libraries (<http://crl.edu>) is a global network of libraries and universities that ensures persistent access to primary source material for humanities, science and technology, and social science research.

National Library to digitise newspapers for the nation

The National Library of Australia, in collaboration with each Australian state and territory library, has embarked on a plan to digitise out of copyright newspapers.

The aim is to build a service that will provide free online access from the first Australian newspaper published in 1803 through to 1954 newspapers.

The newspaper digitisation project will vastly improve access for all Australians to one of the most valuable research resources on Australian history and culture. The total cost, funded by the National Library, is expected to be more than \$8 million.

It is part of a collaborative plan of Australia's state and territory libraries to locate collect and preserve every newspaper ever published in Australia, with the intention of guaranteeing public access to these important historical records.

National Library Director-General Jan Fullerton AO emphasized the collaborative nature of the project that will make our important old newspapers easily searchable.

"Newspapers are a significant record of the social, political, economic and cultural issues of the day and this is reflected not only in written articles but in the images, advertisements and even the headlines and layout of the newspaper itself.

"We will be working with our partners over a period of four years to digitise one major newspaper from each Australian state and territory, amounting to 3.5 million pages of content.



The state and territory libraries will ensure the availability of quality microfilm versions of relevant newspapers as the source material for the digitisation process.

“The National Library has already digitised more than 125,000 of its most important collection items, and this project provides us with an exciting opportunity to digitise on a much larger scale,” said Ms Fullerton.

Cathy Pilgrim, Director Digital Collections Management described the process being undertaken.

“A key part of the project is to convert digital page images, created from the microfilm, into text searchable files through the use of Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology.

“The Library will develop the online search and

delivery solution in-house, based on already available software known as Lucene. This approach will allow the Library to integrate the newspapers service with its other search and delivery services,” said Ms Pilgrim.

A project officer has been engaged and an initial pilot phase will result in 50,000 pages being digitised by August 2007. The next phase will see an additional 500,000 pages digitised by mid-2008 comprising the following titles:

The Sydney Gazette (1803–1842)

The Maitland Mercury (1843–1893)

The Argus (1846–1899)

The Courier Mail (1846–1899)

The Hobart Town Gazette, Courier (1816–1859)

The Adelaide Advertiser (1858–1889)

The West Australian (1833–1879)

The Northern Territory Times (1873–1899)

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NEWS FROM THE IFLA SECTION ON NEWSPAPERS

The editor of the News from the IFLA Section on Newspapers would like to invite you to submit any articles, announcements, upcoming conferences, and news in general on the

topic of providing and preserving access to newspapers and the news in your country or region. Please welcome a new editor, Linda Ronan, who is the ICON project Coordinator at the Center

for Research Libraries in Chicago IL. Sandra Burrows will be retiring from Library and Archives Canada as of August 2007. Please contact Linda Ronan at lronan@CRL.EDU or write to: Linda Ronan,

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