

Bibliography Section

Annual report, 2010

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Mission

The Bibliography Section furthers universal bibliographic control (UBC) by promoting standards and best practices in the production, content, arrangement, dissemination and preservation of bibliographic information related to the national output of each country. In the context of UBC, the Section is particularly concerned with the work of national bibliographic agencies in the digital era. It is also concerned with the promotion of the importance of national bibliographic data [the discipline of bibliography] to library professionals in all types of libraries, publishers, distributors, retailers and end-users. Promotion of open access to national bibliographies and business models in support of this are also important issues, bearing in mind the need to balance open access/extra services.

While taking full account of technological capabilities, the Section will ensure that its solutions are not necessarily dependent on particular technologies.

The Section closely associates its work and activities with that of other sections within the Division of Library Services. Where appropriate, it seeks ways to cooperate with divisions and sections beyond Division III.

Membership and officers

Eighty associations, institutions, and personal affiliates are currently members of the Section. With regret, the chair has informed three Standing Committee members that due to lack of attendance at SC-meetings during WLIC's they are considered resigned. Hence, the SC at the moment counts twelve full members and four corresponding members. The following nations are represented: China, Cuba, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Republic of Korea; Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

In 2010, the Section was chaired by Carsten H. Andersen, Danish Bibliographic Centre. Glenn Patton, OCLC, USA, served as secretary and treasurer. Neil Wilson, British Library served as information coordinator/web editor.

Activities in 2010

Gothenburg meetings

The Section's meetings in Gothenburg focused on:

- 1) Evaluation of the Section's strategic plan and communication plan
- 2) Assessing the Section's Gothenburg session
- 3) Discussing promotion, translation and revision of "National Bibliographies in the Digital Age : Guidance and New Directions".
- 4) Discussing a possible satellite meeting in Puerto Rico in collaboration with the National Libraries Section to promote "National Bibliographies ..."
- 5) Discussing promotion of the section, particularly in the Caribbean and Latin American region
- 6) The Section's Puerto Rico programme

Strategic plan

Strategic goal nr. 1: Extend the provision of universal bibliographic control by advocating and promoting the production of national bibliographies

The section has developed a communications plan and a plan for promoting "National Bibliographies in the Digital Age : Guidance and New Directions".

The section had agreed to review proposals for papers for the international bibliography conference in St Petersburg but that support turned out not to be needed.

The section supported the Mali seminar financially and with presentations on UBC, legal deposit, international cataloguing principles, etc. (see the International workshop section below).

Glenn Patton chaired the Bibliographic Standards Working Group, which concluded its work with a report. The group's recommendation for the formation of a Bibliographic Standards core activity within IFLA was endorsed by the Professional Committee.

Françoise Bourdon was part of a working group on the future of ICBC. The working group recommended that ICBC should continue publication under the same name and frequency, but content beyond conference papers that are also available on the IFLA web site should be added. The publication should still continue to contain news on standards, project reports, technical reports, book reviews, etc. It is also recommended that an editorial board be formed and peer review instituted for at least some of the content.

Strategic goal nr. 2: Establish dialogue with and between bibliographic agencies

A section communication plan has been prepared and implemented (see the Communication plan evaluation below).

A leaflet presenting the Bibliography Section has been prepared and published on the Section's website. It was also sent to subscribers to the Section's mailing list.

The National Bibliography registry is a success with now 36 entries and more to come
<http://www.ifla.org/en/node/2216>

Members of the Section have been asked to consider nominations for the SC.

A planned effort to recruit new section members (especially national bibliographic agencies from Latin America & the Caribbean) is still to be carried out.

Strategic goal nr. 3: Support open access to national bibliographies

This was the theme of the Gothenburg open session (see the Gothenburg session section)

Strategic goal nr. 4: Communicate actively

A section wiki (for the SC members) and a section blog have been introduced. We need more content.

From strategic plan to action plan

From 2010 sections provide action plans instead of strategic plans. The current action plan of the Bibliography Section is found here: <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/2010-2011-action-plan>

Gothenburg session

The theme of the Section's programme was: "Open access to national bibliographies: best practices and business models" and had approx. 100 attendees. The presentations were:

Bibliography of Serbia - free online edition / VESNA INJAC (National Library of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia) <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla76/91-injac-en.pdf>

Content analysis of open access manuscripts in National Library and Archives of Islamic Republic of Iran (NLAI) / FATHOLLAH KESHAVARZ, SAEDEH AKBARI-DARYAN and AFSANEH TEYMOURIKHANI (National Library and Archives of Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, Iran) <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla76/91-keshavarz-en.pdf>

PDF, CSV, RSS and other acronyms: redefining the bibliographic services in the German National Library / LARS G. SVENSSON and YVONNE JAHNS (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Frankfurt, Germany) <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla76/91-svensson-en.pdf>

Open access to national bibliography: Polish approach / MAGDALENA KRYNICKA (National Library of Poland, Warsaw, Poland) <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla76/91-krynicka-en.pdf>

All papers were available in English, French and Chinese, and in addition two of them were available in German. The 1st, 3rd and 4th papers are expected to be published in International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC).

National Bibliographies in the digital age : Guidance and New Directions

Access to the Word document has been granted for translation purposes. Translations into Chinese, Russian, Latvian, Spanish and French are underway.

A group within the SC consisting of Neil Wilson, Charlene Chou and Françoise Bourdon will form an editorial board to coordinate revisions.

Anke Meyer has agreed to give a presentation in Spanish on the subject at a WLIC 2011 preconference in Guatemala "*Cooperation among multiple types of libraries and affiliated information services of archives and museums toward meeting common goals of sharing*".

Françoise Bourdon promoted the guidelines during the international workshop in Mali (see below).

Puerto Rico session

In Gothenburg the Section had discussions with the National Library Section whether a proposed satellite meeting "*Bibliographic control and internet resources - which course of action have specific bibliographies taken in relation to internet resources?*" should be carried out. Due to insufficient local contacts the decision was made to cancel.

Instead, the Bibliography Section represented by Anke Meyer and Federica Paradisi plans a joint session together with The National Libraries Section, the IT Section and ICADS on e-legal deposit, also covering bibliographic issues.

International workshop

The Section supported the workshop: "The Development and Implementation of Online National Bibliographies in French-Speaking West African Countries.

A 5 day workshop on the Development and Implementation of Online National Bibliographies in French-Speaking West African Countries was held in Bamako, Mali, 22-26 November 2010. Participants from Benin, Burkino Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal and Togo took part in the workshop.

The successful workshop was supported by IFLA's National Libraries Section and Bibliography Section, IFLA ALP, UNESCO, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, and the Mali Ministry of Culture. It was organised by the Bibliothèque nationale du Mali. Genevieve Clavel-Merrin of the Swiss National Library (and the IFLA National Libraries section), Françoise Bourdon of the Bibliothèque nationale de France (and the IFLA Bibliography section), and Janifer Gatenby from OCLC made presentations. Delegates from each participating countries reported on the situation regarding legal deposit, national library, national bibliography, ISBN and ISSN agencies in their respective country.

The workshop:

1. Provided state of the art of legislation and rules on legal deposit in the participating

countries

3. Studied the IFLA recommendations, taking into account African specificities, especially in the field of multilingualism
6. Formulated recommendations for the creation and online production of national bibliographies

The follow up to the seminar and these recommendations will be under the responsibility of a dedicated Committee in which Bibliography Section should be involved.

Semantic web SIG

The Bibliography Section supports the IT Section proposal of a Special Interest Group on Semantic Web. Carsten H. Andersen has agreed to join the SIG.