

Bibliography Section Annual Report 2011

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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. In 2011 3 SC members ended their 2nd term while 10 new SC members started their 1st term. At the moment, the SC counts 19 full members and 4 corresponding members. The following nations are represented: Austria, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Republic of Korea; Norway, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

In 2011, the Section was chaired by Carsten H. Andersen, Danish Bibliographic Centre. Anke Meyer, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, took over as secretary and treasurer from Glenn Patton, OCLC, USA. Neil Wilson, British Library served as information coordinator/web editor.

Activities in 2011

Puerto Rico SC meetings

Minutes from the meetings: http://www.ifla.org/files/bibliography/sc-minutes-puerto-rico_2011.pdf

Puerto Rico open session

The open session was a co-arrangement with the National Libraries Section, the IT Section, Knowledge Management Section and CDNL and was titled: "*e-Legal deposit: from legislation to implementation; from ingest to access*". Co-arrangers from the section were Anke Meyer and Federica Paradisi. Though exciting to collaborate with so many colleagues, the focus ended up much on legal deposit and little on bibliography. Papers are available on the IFLA website: <http://conference.ifla.org/past/ifla77/programme-and-proceedings-full-printable.htm>, sessions 193 and 198.

Recruitment

Section

Several initiatives were launched in 2011 to support further outreach of the section.

A Spanish translation of the leaflet introducing the section was handed out at the section's open programme during WLIC 2011.

Chinese and Russian translations of the leaflet have been made available.

Barbara Tillett has kindly offered that the leaflet be included in materials distributed by LC in relation to RDA sessions in Latin America.

The lack of access to lists of IFLA membership (other sections) as a means of establishing an overview over potential new members to recruit was raised as an issue at the Officers Training Session in Puerto Rico.

Standing committee

Having just 12 members, of whom 3 members were outgoing, recruiting new SC members was an Action Plan 2010-2011 issue. Being able to welcome 10 new members in 2011, recruitment has proved successful.

National Bibliographies in the Digital Age : Guidance and New Directions

The current guidelines are now available in English, Chinese, Spanish, Latvian and Lithuanian. Translation into French, Russian and Japanese is work in progress.

A working group has been formed to facilitate a revision of the guidelines. The group consists of Karin Kleiber, Barbara Tillett, Françoise Bourdon and Neil Wilson (convenor). The revision approach has been discussed: revision of/amendments to the current version or an entirely new set of guidelines? A major issue in this discussion has been the question of open access. It has been the wish of the SC to make the guidelines freely available online according to IFLA's statement on Open Access as a prerequisite to update the current version. Consultations with IFLA HQ showed that free online availability is not currently an option. The current guidelines depicts an at least six years old world of bibliography, technology and publishing and the SC has decided to start a process of

establishing new guidelines for national bibliographies without the constraints of the current version.

National Bibliographic Register

The register now counts 36 entries.

An NBR-group has been formed to further extend the number of entries and to establish procedures to ensure regular updates of the entries. The group consists of Anke Meyer and Neil Wilson (convenor).

The entry template has been translated into Spanish and Portuguese and a list covering potential contributors to the register has been established as a basis for further outreach.

Statement on UBC

The SC has received a proposal to make an up to date statement on Universal Bibliographic Control. The SC supports the proposal and Barbara Tillett is convening the work to provide a draft statement to be reviewed within the section and more widely within IFLA.

WLIC 2012 satellite meeting

A proposal to co-arrange with the Cataloguing Section a satellite meeting prior to WLIC 2012 on "Bibliography in the Digital Age" was approved by IFLA's Professional Committee. Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and the Polish National Library both kindly offered to host the event, that will take place in Warsaw on August 9th. Co-arrangers from the section are Karin Kleiber, Vincent Boulet/Françoise Bourdon, Grazyna Jaroszewicz and Sinikka Luukkanen.

WLIC 2012 open session

Today's definition of "bibliography" was agreed upon as the theme for the section's open session in Helsinki. The arrangers are François Bourdon, Miriam Mauri and Grazyna Jaroszewicz.

Communication

We are still struggling a bit with the section blog and the ambition to turn the blog into an essential means of sharing new developments in the area of bibliographies. SC and section members are still and repeatedly invited to provide postings.