

## **Bibliography Section Annual Report 2015**

Prepared by Anders Cato, outgoing chair and Miriam Nauri, incoming chair

### **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 Library Services Division. Where appropriate, it seeks ways to cooperate with divisions and sections beyond Division III.

### **Membership and officers**

Approximately eighty associations, institutions, and personal affiliates are currently members of the Section. At the moment, the SC counts 13 full members and 2 corresponding members. The following nations are represented: United States, France, Russian Federation, Japan, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Canada, Republic of Korea and Japan. Anders Cato, Danish Agency for Culture, served as chair up until the SC meeting in Cape Town in August, where he was replaced by Miriam Nauri, National Library of Sweden. Anke Meyer Heß served as secretary/treasurer up until the SC meeting and was then replaced by Anders Cato. Neil Wilson, British Library served as information coordinator/web editor up until the SC meeting in August, when he was replaced on that post by Rebecca Lubas, Claremont University Consortium.

### **Activities in 2015**

- Cape Town SC meetings

Minutes from the meetings are available at:

[http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/bibliography/bibliography\\_section\\_standing\\_committee\\_meetings\\_cape\\_town](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/bibliography/bibliography_section_standing_committee_meetings_cape_town)

- Cape Town open session

The open session was entitled “ National Bibliographies Transformed: Matters Relating to the Legal Deposit of Electronic Resources ” and was a session which received a great deal of interest and we counted to around 150 number of visitors.

Papers are available on the IFLA website: <http://library.ifla.org/view/conferences/2015/2015-08-17/560.html>

## **National Bibliographies in the Digital Age: Guidance and New Directions**

It has been decided to replace the title “National Bibliography in the Digital Age” with “Best Practice for National Bibliographic Agencies in the Digital Age”, a website of which an important part will be use cases and examples of best practice. An editorial group for the new website has been working on it since 2014. The members of the editorial group are the following: Pat Riva, Nicola Potgieter, Miriam Nauri, Mathilde Koskas and Anke Meyer-Heß. The website can be viewed at <http://www.ifla.org/node/7858>

## **National Bibliographic Register**

The number of entries in the register remains at 44, despite a series of e-mails to national libraries and other agencies. Members who have not yet supplied details for their national bibliographic agencies have been encouraged to do so. An online form will be set up to make it possible to contribute ones data directly to the information coordinators.

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