What Is The Role of The Section?

The IFLA Bibliography Section furthers universal bibliographic control by promoting standards and best practice in the production, content and dissemination of bibliographic metadata related to national published output.

The Section is particularly concerned with the work of national bibliographic agencies (NBAs) in the digital age. It also promotes the importance of national bibliographic data to information professionals in library, publishing and retail supply chains. Open access to national bibliographies and the creation of sustainable business models are also promoted.

What are the Section’s Strategic Objectives?

- To extend the provision of universal bibliographic control by advocating and promoting the production of national bibliographies
- To establish and encourage dialogue with and between bibliographic agencies.
- To support open access to national bibliographies
- To actively communicate its work

Which Organisations Are Currently Represented?

Membership of the Section includes representatives from many of the world’s key bibliographic agencies including:

**Academic Libraries**
- Columbia University, University of the South Pacific, Zhonghan University

**Bibliographic Agencies**
- The Danish Bibliographic Centre Ltd, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center)

**National Libraries**
- Cuba, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Russia, South Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom

What Examples Are There Of The Section’s Work?


This publication provides invaluable practical guidance for national bibliographic agencies on how to:

- Start or improve bibliographic services
- Publish bibliographies in electronic form
- Include and present electronic resources in national bibliographies.
The Register of National Bibliographies

The Section is currently building an online register of national bibliographies in order to provide an up to date resource for those interested in this area of activity. Entries cover:

- History & Background
- Scope
- Organisation & Administration
- Services & Usage
- Business Models
- Standards Used

IFLA Conference Sessions

Each Year the Section presents a themed session at the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress including selected papers on topics of interest to the bibliographic community. Recent subjects covered have included open access, redefining national bibliographic services and cooperative library service infrastructure and bibliographic control.

How Can I Become Involved?

The Section is interested in hearing from potential new members: Those interested in either full or corresponding membership should contact the Section Secretary: Anke Meyer, at a.meyer@d-nb.de.

Where Can I Find Out More?

Section Web Site
http://www.ifla.org/en/bibliography

Section Blog
http://blogs.ifla.org/bibliography/

Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Electronic Age

National Bibliographic Register
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