

# THE IFLA BIBLIOGRAPHY SECTION

## 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

## What Examples are there of the Section's Work?

### **Best Practice for National Bibliographic Agencies in a Digital Age**

Available at: <http://www.ifla.org/national-bibliographic-agencies-in-a-digital-age>

This web resource builds on and expands the original print volume

**National Bibliographies in the Digital Age : Guidance and New Directions** ISBN 978-3-598-24287-8  
(*IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control; Nr 39*).

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 maintains an online register of national bibliographies in order to provide an up to date resource for those interested in this area of activity.

The *National Bibliographic Register* is available at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/2216>

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](mailto: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/>

#### **Conference Sessions**

<http://www.ifla.org/en/bibliography/conferences>

#### **Publications**

<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/53>

### **IFLA Bibliography Section Standing Committee Members**

Membership of the Section includes representatives from many of the world's key bibliographic agencies.

<http://www.ifla.org/bibliography/standing-committee>