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Bibliography Section Strategic Plan 2009-2010

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.

Goals

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

- 1.1 Establish a communication platform for exchanging information between bibliographic agencies worldwide concerning best practices, use cases etc. on bibliographic information and services.

- 1.2 Promote and maintain "Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Electronic Age"
- 1.3 Support the "International Bibliography Congress" in St. Petersburg in 2010 by paper review, presentations and attendance
- 1.4 Support the "International Workshop: The Development and Implementation of Online National Bibliographies in French-Speaking West African Countries"
- 1.5 Work for international interoperability by collaboration with relevant sections on standardization within the library domain and on library issues in cross domain standardization
- 1.6 Work with other sections to develop ICBC

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2. Establish dialogue with and between bibliographic agencies.

- 2.1 Extend outreach to bibliographic agencies that are not currently members of the Section
- 2.2 Develop an outreach communication plan
- 2.3 Establish a Section blog to facilitate dialogue between bibliographic agencies, thus supporting the sharing of experiences, developments and inspiration
- 2.4 Ensure that the Section's written documents, presentations and other products are translated into as many of IFLA's seven official languages as possible.
- 2.5 Encourage translations of "Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Electronic Age"

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3. Support open access to national bibliographies

- 3.1 Plan and present a programme at the 2010 WLIC in Gothenburg on Open Access to National Bibliographies: Best Practices and Business
- 3.2 Encourage sharing of use cases/'good stories' related to open access to national bibliographies
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4. Communicate actively

- 4.1 Establish a framework for SC members and section members to fill in information about respective agencies and bibliographic work
- 4.2 Encourage Section members to take part in communicating and commenting on new developments, experiences, challenges, best practices, standards and advice seeking within the field of bibliography
- 4.3 Publish in a timely manner Section minutes, plans, reports, and other documents on the homepage of the Section. Where appropriate, also issue documents in printed form.

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