A few words from the Chair

Dear members and colleagues,

Just a few months ago many of us were in Helsinki for the 78th WLIC. As usual, the Helsinki conference was very fruitful and productive.

Much work was done during this conference, in the two standing committee meetings as well as in other meetings and informal exchanges throughout the conference. The section open session presented an excellent program entitled "Subject access now: inspiring, surprising, empowering". The session was a great success and the papers all quite interesting and useful.

This year's December issue continues the tradition of providing an overview of our section's activities over the past year. Major tasks of the section will be the organization of the section's open program in Singapore. The section open session at the main conference will have the theme "Subject access: Infinite possibilities". The call for papers has already been posted and I thank the members of our section who are already working hard to prepare this program, they are Lynne Howarth, Eunice Maria Silva Pinto, Pino Buizza, and John DeSantis. I wish to thank those who have contributed to this issue and our editor, Yvonne Jahns, for collecting and editing this issue. I hope you will enjoy reading it.

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A word from the newsletter editor

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our December issue.
I hope that you will enjoy this issue which is the last one in the style you have known for many years. We will come up with a new layout for June 2013. Hope you will like it!
Please, send me any news or interesting issues, reports, pictures from your work in the classification and indexing sector in libraries and beyond. Share your working experiences with us! The deadline for the June newsletter is May, 15, 2013.

We also started a Blog where you have the opportunity to report and comment on our activities. Have a look at http://blogs.ifla.org/ci/

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter!

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IFLA-Matters July – December 2012

Governing IFLA

IFLA's Governing Board, and committees including the Professional Committee, meets three times a year to discuss a number of strategic issues and to progress work on our five Key Initiatives. They started the process for elections of new Section Standing Committee members, new Division Chairs, a new Governing Board, and the next IFLA President-elect. Ingrid Parent will complete her term in August 2013 and hand over to President-Elect Sinikka Sipila.

New staff at IFLA Headquarters

Andrea Beccalli: Projects Manager. Andrea joined IFLA in October and is managing project activities, including the IFLA Trend Report (Key Initiative 1), advocacy activities, UNESCO related projects, and supporting the IFLA International Leaders Program projects.

Fiona Bradley: Manager, Member Services and Development. Fiona joined IFLA in November and will work on member (and non-member) services and professional programs, membership growth and participation; and collaborate with staff to develop publishing and communications strategies to support our advocacy, promotional events related activities and to raise IFLA’s profile internationally.

Julia Brungs: IFLA Policy and Projects Officer. Julia joined IFLA in November and is assisting us in the management of our policy and project activities.

Josche Ouwerkerk: Conferences and Business Relations. Josche has been promoted to Manager, and will take over management responsibility for the congress cycle process including governance matters for the conferences company structure and support of the Congress Advisory Committee. Josche will also provide support and advice to the professional units and the GB on IFLA branded conferences and events.

Read Ingrid Parents’ newsletter!

Professionally Speaking Blog
ProfSpeak has been set up by IFLA’s Professional Committee. It is a moderated site, available to all IFLA’s officers and members, for discussion of IFLA’s professional programs and related matters. Have a look at http://blogs.ifla.org/profspeak/ and read what’s going on, e.g. a case study about using Skype for Standing Committee business.

Newly Updated Satellite Meeting Guidelines
Each year, a significant number of IFLA Professional Units organize a Satellite Meeting. Satellite Meetings allow our sections to devote more time to a specific topic than is available during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress. Over the past years IFLA has received a number of requests for (financial) support and guidance for the organization of Satellite Meetings. These requests together with the fact that IFLA is required to formalize any agreements, has led the Professional Committee to develop significantly updated Guidelines for Satellite Meetings. These guidelines are available at: http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/officers/key-documents/guidelines-satellite-meetings.pdf.

They can also be found through the Officers Corner: http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/key-documents#procedures.

Now available:

2011 IFLA Annual Report

Latest issue of IFLA Journal: Volume 38, No. 3 (October 2012)

The Urgency of Reading: Books in Humanitarian Emergencies

Sign the Call!
http://www.urgencyofreading.org/

With the strong belief that books, writing, and learning should not be denied to victims of humanitarian disasters, Libraries Without Borders (LWB), through this call to action, seeks to increase awareness about the need for access to information and books in post-disaster situations. Furthermore, LWB calls on international organizations to 1) expand reading, cultural and educational programs, which activate the human spirit and help individuals cope with trauma; and 2) make the provision of access to information and books a priority for international humanitarian relief.
Section News & Reports

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SC membership changes 2012

A new member joined the Standing Committee for a partial term 2012-2013. She comes from Qatar, serving as a public services / technical services librarian at the Texas A&M University in Doha. Welcome Angela Green!

We said goodbye to our Swedish colleague Magdalena Svanberg with whom we have enjoyed working. She has served on the Committee from 2005 to 2012 and was a very active member. Farewell Magdalena!

Find an updated list of Standing Committee members at our Section’s homepage.
http://www.ifla.org/classification-and-indexing/standing-committee

The Section Standing Committee currently has 20 members from 14 countries.

Four members will be retiring from the committee in 2013 and seven will finish their first 4-year term.

If members would like to continue to serve on the Standing Committee for a second 4-year term, which would be greatly appreciated, or to propose new candidates, please contact the organisation or institution that nominated you. The 2013 Nomination forms have already been distributed by IFLA HQ to these organisations and institutions. If you have any questions or need help with the nomination process, please do not hesitate to email the SC officers.

Section officer elections 2013

At the first SC meeting in Singapore, there will be elections for a new Chair and Secretary. Jo-Anne will not be eligible for another term as President. It might be a good idea to start thinking about volunteering for the position or proposing good candidates.

WLIC 2012 in Helsinki

The Standing Committee met twice during the conference.
For the discussions see the minutes.
http://www.ifla.org/classification-and-indexing/minutes

Standing Committee C & I 2012
Photo by Y. Jahns
Conference Open Programme
Subject access now: inspiring, surprising, empowering
Helsinki, 14 August 2012

The program included four presentations on Linked Data, Subject Access to Fiction, Virtual Libraries and Topic Maps and attracted more than 300 conference attendees.
You can read the full papers in English on the conference website, along translations into French, German and Russian http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/session-117.
Or just go to our section’s conference website to learn more about these interesting subject access projects from the United States, Finland and Poland http://www.ifla.org/classification-and-indexing/conferences.

Our special guest was Jaarmo Saarti from the University of Eastern Finland who gave an overview of the Finnish developments in cataloguing and indexing, FRBRization and metadata management. Finnish libraries have been very active in implementing modern library technology, now they are on their way to a joint library system.

Post-Conference
Beyond libraries – subject metadata in the digital environment and semantic web
Tallinn, 17/18 August 2012

Organised by our IFLA C&I Section and the National Library of Estonia, with the support of the Estonian Librarians' Association, the conference explored the role of different kinds of subject metadata in the digital environment and the semantic web, in libraries and beyond libraries.
13 presentations and a round table discussion showed the wide range of indexing strategies and the role of standardized vocabularies and authority data in our times.
The website for the Tallinn Post-Conference is still open and contains full texts and presentations.
http://www.nlib.ee/tallinnssatellite
All papers will be published soon!
Librarians on wheels
The second Cycling for Libraries unconference took off from Vilnius on 28 July. The tour went for eleven days through all three Baltic countries ending in Tallinn. The participants come from all over the world, from USA to Taiwan. One of our SC members took part! Read what her experience was:

Just prior to the 2012 IFLA World Congress, Cycling for Libraries brought together 100 librarians (and library lovers) from 18 countries to bicycle 600 kilometers between Vilnius, Lithuanian and Tallinn, Estonia and to visit a great many libraries along the way.
Organized as an unconference by Jukka Pennanen and Mace Ojala, it has objectives that range from providing a forum for discussion and the exchange of ideas, to promoting international cooperation, to improving the physical and mental health of librarians.
Our venue – three countries in ten days - each with their own language and currency, as well as our even more diverse group of fellow unconference participants helped break the ice. Everything and everyone was new, nothing could be assumed, and yet we discovered that we had lots of things in common - even down to using the same integrated library systems. We asked each other endless questions about libraries and library-related issues, and benefitted from all the different types of libraries that welcomed us along the way. We were well cared for by Pennanen and Ojala and their team, sleeping in a new location most nights and finding our meals prepared for us, often along the roadside in wonderful locations like the one pictured here at the Jägala Waterfall in north-western Estonia on our last day. My lone regret is that sometimes pedaling and breathing trumped my ability to converse.

If you have the opportunity in 2013, consider adding an unconference to your plans. The 2013 Cycling for Libraries route has been announced, and more information is available at http://www.cyclingforlibraries.org/.

Sandy Roe
Secretary, Classification and Indexing Section

If you were not one of the 2486 delegates and missed the Helsinki conference you can get a glimpse of what happened by looking through the huge amount of video and photo material, not only from the cycling tour on IFLA’s conference website http://conference.ifla.org/past/ifla78/ifla78.htm, but especially collected by the New Professional Special Interest Group at http://npsig.wordpress.com/2012/09/17/npsig-activities-wlic2012/.
IFLA Namespaces Task/Technical Group

The Task/Technical Group met on 13 August 2012 during the IFLA conference in Helsinki, Finland. The meeting was attended by 12 members and 20 observers. The draft minutes of the meeting are available on the IFLA website http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/namespaces/namespaces-tg-meeting-2012.pdf.

The meeting agreed on two specific actions for 2013: develop draft generic guidelines on using and extending IFLA namespaces; and investigate the issues of constrained and unconstrained namespaces.

Since the meeting Gordon Dunsire submitted a report on issues and options for the MulDiCat (Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing) namespace to Anders Cato and chairs of related IFLA standards groups in August 2012, and the Permanent UNIMARC Committee, with the assistance of Gordon Dunsire and Mirna Willer, submitted a proposal to the IFLA Professional Committee for a two-year project to develop a representation of the UNIMARC bibliographic and authority schema in a form suitable for publishing linked data based on the schema and interoperating it with linked data using other schema, to start in 2013. G. Dunsire met with project consultants P. Perožić and M. Willer in November 2013 to discuss the methodology.

G. Dunsire gave invited presentations on the work of the Task/Technical Group to two sessions during the Helsinki conference: Applications of IFLA namespaces http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/SWSIG2012Namespaces.pptx was presented at the Semantic Web Special Interest Group open session; and IFLA namespaces http://www.gordondunsire.com/pubs/pres/IFLANamespaces2012.pptx was presented at the Committee on Standards open session.

The Classification and Indexing Section, on behalf of the Namespaces Task/Technical Group and in collaboration with the Cataloguing Section, submitted a proposal for funding for enhanced support for IFLA namespace activities in 2013. The proposal supports specific namespace activities agreed upon separately by seven IFLA groups: Cataloguing Section, Classification & Indexing Section, FRBR Review Group, ISBD Review Group, ISBD/XML Study Group, Namespaces Task/Technical Group, and Permanent UNIMARC Committee. These include a multilingual demonyms vocabulary, maintenance of MulDiCat, and development of mappings between IFLA namespaces and to related namespaces in other communities. G. Dunsire prepared a longer term strategic plan for the Task/Technical Group to be discussed by the Professional Committee.

It is hoped that the IFLA namespaces will be included in a test of the Asset Description Metadata Schema (ADMS) http://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/adms/description to be carried out early in 2013 using the Open Metadata Registry. This will involve IFLA standards groups supplying more information or metadata about element sets and value vocabularies. ADMS is based on the IFLA FRBR and FRAD models, and its approach to multilingual considerations is close to that of IFLA.

ISBD translations
An ad hoc encounter at the Helsinki conference resulted in the use of the new Italian translation of the ISBD consolidated edition to add Italian translations of the ISBD area 0 terms, definitions, and scope notes to the ISBD value vocabularies http://iflastandards.info/ns/isbd/ in the Open Metadata Registry, with "published" status. The other published translations are in Croatian and Spanish.

Other translations of ISBD area 0, in Bulgarian, Chinese, Latvian, Russian, and Serbian, have also been added to the Registry, but will remain in "new-proposed" status until they have been checked by translation teams.
Wider community
Recent Vocabulary Management Community email discussion
https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=DC-VOCA
BULARY
threads relevant to IFLA namespaces include "Life-cycle statuses for RDF vocabularies" and "Vocabulary extension".

The Library of Congress report Bibliographic Framework as a Web of Data: Linked Data Model and Supporting Services http://www.loc.gov/marc/transition/pdf/marcld-report-11-21-2012.pdf uses IFLA's "Functional requirements for bibliographic records: final report" as an example of a MARC 21 record represented by the BIBFRAME model. FRBR itself is discussed as a related library initiative, but unfortunately the data model and serialization information is incomplete, and lacks any reference to the Functional Requirements namespaces. The ISBD element set is listed as being used by the British Library and Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, but is not mentioned elsewhere in the report.

Gordon Dunsire
Consultant, Scotland

Joan S. Mitchell, editor in chief of the Dewey Decimal Classification and longtime companion of our sections’ activities, plans to retire from OCLC on 18 January 2013. Joan participated in 21 IFLA annual conferences, and initiated the annual gathering of Dewey users associated with IFLA that is now known as the International Dewey Users Meeting. She also chaired the IFLA Working Group on the UNIMARC Classification Format.

Interview with Joan Mitchell
Joan, you are known to many as the longstanding editor of the DDC.
For how many years have you held this position?
Nearly 20 years—I became editor in chief in April 1993.

C & I Persons
Barbara Tillet, member of the Standing Committee from 2003 to 2011, long-standing and merited IFLA activist and Chief of the Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress retired on November 30, 2012.
It has been an honor and a pleasure working with her on RDA, VIAF, FRBR, FRAD, IME ICC/ICP, LCSH, LCC and so many other cataloguing and indexing issues.
Thank you Barbara for your commitment & hearty cooperation. Enjoy your new stage of life!
How and when did you get in contact with OCLC?
I’ll respond to that in two ways: When was I first involved with OCLC, and when did I get first get involved with the DDC?
My first experience with OCLC (then the Ohio College Library Center) was when I was working as a library assistant in my college library in Boston in the early 1970s. The librarians in the technical services department let me use the OCLC terminal. I later worked at two OCLC member libraries, Bell Labs and Carnegie Mellon University. Carnegie Mellon University also used LS/2000, an early online public access catalog marketed by OCLC, and I served on OCLC’s Local Systems Advisory Committee from 1986-87.

Of course, in one sense, I’ve been involved with Dewey my whole life. We went to the public library every week when I was growing up in northern New Jersey. My professional involvement with Dewey began when I was working at Bell Labs. When we learned that there was an effort under way in the mid-1980s to improve the computer science schedule, I offered my assistance. I eventually became chair of the American Library Association subcommittee that reviewed the proposed schedule. Soon after our committee finished its work, I was invited to join the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) as a member in 1985. I was elected chair of EPC in 1992, and resigned in 1993 when I was appointed editor of the DDC.

What did you do before?
Immediately before joining OCLC, I was director of educational technology at Carnegie Mellon University and an adjunct professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh (where I taught the introductory course on knowledge organization). During my career, I have held various positions in technical and public services in academic and special libraries.

What was the driving force in your professional life?
...Improving access to information. I started my professional career as a reference librarian, so I knew the work done to describe and categorize resources was important for access to information.

What was your greatest professional challenge?
My greatest challenge continues to be a challenge: to demonstrate the multifaceted and language-independent power of classification for organization and discovery beyond use simply as a shelf arrangement tool.

You work on a tight schedule. Do you still have time enough to read books?
Yes! I love to read, and always have a book, magazine, or newspaper with me.

Do you still read paper books?
I was an early adopter of the Kindle, because it made it possible for me to carry my books with me, and get my copy of The New Yorker and New York Times delivered wherever I happened to be in the world. I recently replaced my Kindle with an iPad mini, but still use the Kindle application to read books. I’ve made the switch almost entirely to electronic format for fiction, history, and biography, but prefer print for children’s books, some reference works, and cookbooks. I prefer to read the New York Times online, but we subscribe to the print version of our local paper. And, of course, I like electronic and print for Dewey!

What does the daily routine of a DDC editor consist of? Are there any things to be done on a daily basis?
The one constant in my day is that I read my e-mail as soon as I wake up and before I go to bed; there’s a lot of variety and challenge throughout the day in between those two events. Every day, there are activities related to the ongoing development of the DDC, indexing and mapping, translations, machine representation issues, data maintenance, and communication with users. There’s consultation daily among Dewey team members, and with colleagues at the Library of Congress and OCLC. It’s hard to
reduce what we do into a single day, but the Dewey report in this newsletter will give you a sense of some of the projects we’ve completed over the last few months. Right now, we are working on improvements to the internal representation of our data to support machine-assisted number building, extensions to our linked data offerings, development of a new facet to support an archaeological viewpoint across the DDC, exploration of a switch from a morphological to phylogenetic approach in botanical classification, and investigation of the representation of marriage and partnerships in light of changing social conditions. We are also in regular communications with our translation partners: in just the last week, we had a meeting at LC with the Vietnamese team, and a teleconference with the Swedish team. Along with two outside collaborators, we are working on a long-term research project to model classification systems in multilingual/multicultural contexts using general conceptual models to support organization and discovery in Semantic Web settings.

In hindsight, what was the biggest surprise for you concerning the development of the DDC?
The way technology has made it so much easier to engage directly with users and foster collaboration with colleagues all over the world. This has enabled us to cast a much wider net beyond our immediate group to improve the DDC, and to extend it through translations and with mappings and crosswalks to other systems.

What is your view on the relationship between the DDC and other classification systems used worldwide (e.g. UDC)?
We have always maintained communications with other major classification systems, and have actively sought opportunities to learn from each other and exploit data classified using the various systems. For example, the Czech National Library maintains a crosswalk between UDC and DDC to facilitate collection assessment based on the DDC. We have just launched a virtual chronological / regional view of religion that is based on the revision of class 2 introduced in the UDC about ten years ago. LC’s internal AutoDewey program assists classifiers in assigning Dewey numbers in those places where LCC and DDC are similar enough to facilitate mapping from LCC to DDC. OCLC Research’s Classify, a FRBR-based prototype, supports the assignment of classification numbers and subject headings by presenting a work-level summary of the class numbers (DDC, LCC, and NLM) and subject headings (FAST) assigned to a work.

Is the DDC ready for the future?
When I joined the Dewey editorial team in April 1993, OCLC had just launched Electronic Dewey (an MS-DOS product) and the web was in its infancy. As we fast forward to the present, we have just introduced a new number building / user contribution tool in WebDewey, we have increased our Dewey linked data tenfold since mid-2012, and we have an ambitious program of translations and mappings under way in which the data are captured in human- and machine-actionable formats. In short, we are constantly reimagining the classification with respect to form, content, and use to keep up with the times.

What is your wish from the DDC user community worldwide?
That they stay actively involved with the DDC. You can see from my story that my involvement with the DDC initially came from being a user of the system. So many ideas for improvements to the DDC have arisen from within the user community; I hope user involvement with the system continues to flourish.

Interviewed by Yvonne Jahns, December 2012
WLIC 2013 in Singapore

World Library and Information Congress: 79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly Singapore, 17-23 August 2013

Find information about Singapore and the conference at http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79
Register now!

Singapore Congress Program
Find a Congress Overview, all other Sections’ Calls for Papers, Call for Posters and announced Satellite Meetings at http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79/congress-overview
So, it is easy to plan your trip to Singapore!

Conference Attendance Grant by the Stichting IFLA Foundation
Stichting IFLA Foundation has made funds available to support 10 colleagues to attend the Congress in Singapore. Successful candidates receive support in the form of Congress registration and a subsidy towards travel, accommodation and additional expenses for a maximum total of EUR 3,000.
Submission deadline: 1 March 2013

More information on other grants related to the WLIC 2013 Singapore can also be found on the website.

IFLA Camp
Following-up the first IFLAcamp in 2012, the New Professionals Special Interest Group and the Asia and Oceania Section welcome you to IFLAcamp², the WLIC2013 unconference for new and established professionals!

What: IFLAcamp² is a two-day satellite meeting in the mode of an unconference that provides plenty of space for ad-hoc sessions and group discussions. The participant-driven approach will allow for active involvement of all attendees and include all kinds of topics of interest.

Who: IFLAcamp² is a joint event by the New Professionals Special Interest Group and the Asia and Oceania Section.

When: IFLAcamp² will take place from 15-16 August 2013.

Where: We are going to meet in the Li Ka Shing Library of the Singapore Management University. Located in the heart of Singapore, we will not only spend two intensive days of unconferencing, but also have the chance to explore this exciting metropole and enjoy some culinary adventures.

For more information check out the IFLAcamp² website (http://npsig.wordpress.com/iflacamp2/).

(Hash) Tags, Tweets & Posts
#wlic2013 for Tweets, and wlic2013 in other social media.
Classification & Indexing Section Open Session
“Subject access: Infinite possibilities”
Call for Papers

For the Classification & Indexing Section Open Session we invite presentations showing new, unique, or innovative ways of providing subject access to users from all types of libraries – approaches or applications that go beyond the traditional or the ordinary, being exemplars of “infinite possibilities”.

For example

- Are you developing or applying subject access tools that exceed expectations, facilitating infinite possibilities for your users’ needs?
- Do you provide subject access to resources through library architecture or shelving design that is unique, innovative, or seen as “cutting edge”?
- Have you designed new or particularly creative tools for navigating subject repositories?
- Do you use subject metadata in novel or unexpected ways in recommendation or other subject access services?
- Is there a connection between your subject access policies and learning environments that are creative, or encouraging of “thinking outside the box”?
- Are you designing structured vocabularies for the linked data cloud that lead the way to infinite possibilities for subject access?
- Do you offer innovative genre access for fiction, children’s literature, audiovisual media, or emerging digital objects?
- Do you work in a library or other information institution with a unique social tagging success story?
- Has your library or information institution devised strategic approaches to managing the vast landscape of subject access systems and tools that threaten to overwhelm users with infinite possibilities?

If so, then please consider submitting a short paper to present at our Open Session in Singapore. We are particularly interested in presentations from Singaporean libraries or libraries of the Asian/Southeast Asian areas.

Submissions

The deadline for submitting short papers is 8 February, 2013. Papers should be in English and no more than 2000 words in length. The submission should also include:

- Abstract of approximately 150 words, summarizing the paper
- Author’s name, professional affiliation, postal address, and email address.

Short papers and presentations should represent unpublished, original work. Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee of members of the Standing Committee of the Classification and Indexing Section. Successful short papers will be identified by March 1, 2013, and authors notified shortly thereafter.

Authors should be prepared to give presentations at the C&IS Open Session at the IFLA Conference, held between August 17-23, 2013. The length of the presentations should be approximately 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions/discussion. The conference will be conducted in English and all presentations will be required to be in English. Successful short papers will be translated into the official languages of IFLA. IFLA has first publication rights to papers selected.

Short paper submissions should be sent to Lynne C. Howarth, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, lynne.howarth@utoronto.ca

Please note
All expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation can be issued to authors.
Do you remember our section’s program in 2011? What’s going on with Linked Data? Visit the following Pre-Conference and submit a paper!

**Workshop on User interaction built on library linked data (UILLD)**
**Pre-conference 16 August 2013, Jurong East Regional Library, Singapore**

The quantity of Linked Data published by libraries is increasing dramatically: Following the lead of the National Library of Sweden (2008), several libraries and library networks have begun to publish authority files and bibliographic information as linked (open) data. However, applications that consume this data are not yet widespread. Particularly, there is a lack of methods for the integration of Linked Data from multiple sources and its presentation in appropriate end user interfaces. Existing services tend to build on one or two well integrated datasets – often from the same data supplier – and do not actively use the links provided to other datasets within or outside of the library or cultural heritage sector to provide a better user experience.

The main objective of this workshop/pre-conference is to provide a platform for discussion of deployed services, concepts, and approaches for consuming Linked Data from libraries and other cultural heritage institutions. Special attention will be given to papers presenting working end user interfaces using Linked Data from both cultural heritage institutions (including libraries) and other datasets. For further information about the workshop, please contact the workshops chairs at uilld2013@gmail.com

**Paper submission deadline: February 28, 2013**

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**From Books to Bytes**

Have a look at the Virtual Exhibition “From Books to Bytes” [http://exhibitions.nlb.gov.sg/bookstobytes/home/index.html](http://exhibitions.nlb.gov.sg/bookstobytes/home/index.html) to learn more about Singapore’s National Library

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News around the world

Dewey Decimal Classification

340 Islamic Law
After a favorable response in the worldwide review of the discussion paper “Proposed expansions for Islamic law in 340 Law and related changes” (www.oclc.org/dewey/discussion/papers/IslamicLawDiscussion2R.pdf), we plan to introduce the changes in the DDC 23 database in January 2013. The updates focus on expansions for Islamic law in 340 Law—and on a few topics that came to our attention because of our work on Islamic law, especially religious activities and religious groups in 341 Law of nations and 342 Constitutional law.

Alternative View of the Bible and Specific Religions
For some time now, we have been exploring the development of an alternative view of 200 Religion to reduce Christian bias in the standard notational sequence for the Bible and specific religions. In cooperation with Ia C. McIlwaine (University College London, and the former editor in chief of the Universal Decimal Classification [UDC]) we have prepared a chronological/regional view of the Bible and specific religions based on a similar development introduced in the UDC in 2000. The new optional arrangement appears in appendix A of the print version of 200 Religion Class, and in a new Manual note at 220-290 Optional arrangement for the Bible and specific religions in WebDewey. In June 2012, in collaboration with colleagues in OCLC Research, we launched a virtual browser based on the new optional arrangement and linked to Dewey-classified resources in WorldCat.org on the Dewey web site at www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/religion/religion.htm.

WebDewey
WebDewey features an easy-to-navigate user interface with local control over the display of record elements, a generic user interface script to support access to Dewey data in different languages, and access to different mapped terminology sets. In March 2012, the full mixed translation of DDC 23 was made available in the Swedish version of WebDewey. In November 2012, the updated translation of DDC 22 was made available in the German version of WebDewey.

We introduced a combination of data improvements, interface adjustments, and static linked PDFs on 23 September 2012 to support an abridged view of the full edition data in WebDewey. On 11 November 2012, we installed the beta version of the number building / user contribution tool in WebDewey. This new WebDewey feature assists users in building numbers, assigning index terms to the resulting numbers, and contributing the numbers plus index terms back to the Dewey user community. The user-contributed data are captured in a structured format that can be imported and redistributed. Staff at the Library of Congress plus several national libraries in Europe participated in testing the tool prior to launch. Training modules on WebDewey and on the DDC in general are available at www.oclc.org/dewey/resources/teachingsite/courses/.

Dewey.info
Dewey.info, an experimental space for linked DDC data, contains the top three levels of the DDC in 12 languages, plus assignable numbers accompanied by captions from the English, Italian, and Vietnamese DDC Abridged Edition 14 data sets. In June 2012, we extended the linked DDC data in dewey.info by adding assignable numbers and captions from DDC 23 (38,000+ numbers—this increased the Dewey linked data store tenfold). At the same time, OCLC took the first step toward adding linked data to WorldCat by appending Schema.org descriptive mark-up to WorldCat.org pages; the WorldCat data includes links to DDC data in dewey.info. In August 2012, we once again extended the linked DDC data available in dewey.info by adding notation for geographic areas from Table 2 (8000+ numbers).
2012 International Dewey Users Meeting
Forty-two librarians from fifteen countries attended the International Dewey Users Meeting held in conjunction with the World Library and Information Conference (IFLA) in Helsinki on 14 August 2012. The meeting was the 10th annual meeting of Dewey users held in conjunction with IFLA. A full description of the meeting and links to the presentations are available at http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/08/international-dewey-users-meeting-at-ifla-2012.html.

Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)
The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) held Meeting 135 at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, 11–12 June 2012. Caroline Kent (British Library) was re-elected as chair for the term January 2012 – December 2013. Jonathan Furner (UCLA [and former assistant editor of the DDC]), was elected vice-chair for the term January 2013 – December 2014. He will succeed current vice-chair Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing), who has served the maximum number of years in that position. Two new EPC members joined the committee for the June 2012 meeting: Gert de Jager, Subject Cataloguer, Unisa Library, University of South Africa; and Pat Riva, Coordinator of the Monographs Section, Cataloguing Directorate for Heritage Collections (Direction du traitement documentaire des collections patrimoniales), Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ).

The agenda included proposals related to updates to the classification, modifications to EPC work methods and DDC development, and new editorial rules for segmentation and oceans and seas. The committee considered discussion papers on Islamic law; the treatment of marriage, partnerships, and unions in the DDC, a new standard subdivision for archaeology, and the possible adoption of a new taxonomic basis for 583-584 Angiosperms. The agenda also included presentations on modeling topics in the DDC, DDC research, DDC training, edition-level metadata, Dewey linked data, data provenance, upcoming enhancements to WebDewey 2.0, and the virtual chronological/regional religion browser.

EPC held electronic Meeting 135A in October 2012, during which the committee approved the final version of the changes to Islamic law. EPC will hold Meeting 136 at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, 13–14 May 2013.

Dewey Staff News
Joan S. Mitchell, editor in chief of the DDC since 1993, plans to retire from OCLC on 18 January 2013. Prior to joining OCLC in 1993, she was director of educational technology at Carnegie Mellon University and an adjunct professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. She has also held various positions in technical and public services in academic and special libraries. During her library career, Joan participated in twenty-one IFLA annual conferences, and initiated the annual gathering of Dewey users associated with IFLA that is now known as the International Dewey Users Meeting. She also chaired the IFLA Working Group on the UNIMARC Classification Format. Joan has written and spoken extensively in the area of knowledge organization. Her research during her tenure as editor has focused on localization and interoperability in classification systems, representation of classification data, and the application of general conceptual models to classification systems. Joan has a B.A. cum laude in economics from Newton College and an M.L.S. from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2005, the American Library Association awarded her the Melvil Dewey Medal, which recognizes distinguished service to the profession of librarianship.

Joan Mitchell
DDC Editor in Chief
Universal Decimal Classification

In 2012, the UDC Consortium marked its twentieth anniversary, by granting a free publishing licence to two languages into which UDC has not yet been translated: Arabic and Belarusian. During this busy year, the UDC Editorial team worked on preparing a new multilingual UDC online tool for users, planned for release in summer 2013. We added new languages to all UDC databases and continued the revision and improvement of the UDC content.

UDC Consortium Translation Databases in 2012

UDC Consortium supports UDC translations in 3 online databases:

1. The complete UDC MRF (over 70,000 UDC classes), previously only available in English, now contains Croatian, Czech, Dutch, German, Estonian, French and Spanish UDC data. Work on further translation in these languages is currently in progress and this is organized and performed by publishers and language owners. During 2012 the most progress was made in the Czech and Spanish translations (by the Czech National Library and AENOR, respectively). In 2013 we hope to make more advances with Croatian, Dutch and French.

2. The UDC Pocket Edition (over 10,000 UDC classes), is held in a separate multilingual database containing 11 languages: Arabic, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Estonian, German, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish. Translations in Croatian and Dutch were completed in 2012 and there are less than a thousand records left to translate in Czech, Estonian and Spanish.

3. The UDC Summary (over 2,600 UDC classes) can now be viewed online in 50 languages http://www.udcc.org/udcssummary/php/index.php. Arabic and Sinhala languages were added recently. Tamil and Polish were completed in 2012 and significant advances were made in Serbian and Indonesian. The statistics of the translation is available at http://www.udcc.org/udcssummary/statistics/php/trans_stats.php.

Complete Multilingual UDC Schedules Online

In summer 2013 the UDC Consortium plans to release the complete multilingual UDC schedule online as a subscription service. Library schools will be granted free access to the service. Apart from English, Dutch and German other languages will be included following an agreement with publishers. In addition to standard browsing and searching functions, this UDC tool will:

- provide access to cancelled UDC number records and their redirections to valid numbers
- allow adding of comments, local data and proposing search terms, mappings etc.
- have a tool to parse, validate or sort complex UDC strings that librarians would like to check
- allow launching of a UDC search against selected library catalogues or bibliographies
- have dedicated editors providing user support for particular languages

This service will be synchronised with the update of the UDC Master Reference File.

UDC as linked data

The UDC SKOS export of UDC Summary data can be browsed and downloaded from http://udcdata.info/. In addition to this, the UDC Consortium will release the complete UDC MRF as linked data following the next UDC MRF update in spring 2013. This linked data is planned to include not only 70,000 valid UDC numbers but also 11,000 cancelled classes - which will enable linking UDC notations in library catalogues even if they contain deprecated notations.

Changes in UDC

The next issue of the Extensions & Corrections to the UDC, 34(2012) is now in preparation and will include all the changes introduced to the UDC in 2012 and new proposals. This update will include a
revised schedule for Romance and African languages and a number of other structural improvements and corrections to the language table. In 2012 we also revised schedules for Scandinavian countries and Central America. The revision of biology continued with the Invertebrata class being completed. A number of changes and extensions will also appear in class 79 Entertainment. There is on-going revision work on class 007 which will accommodate much needed terminology in general system theory, 1 Philosophy and 512.7 Algebraic geometry. Work on this will be reported in E&C34.

News on FID and UDC Archive
In 2012 the UDC Consortium obtained permanent shelf-space in the National Library of the Netherlands situated in The Hague for the archive left to the UDC Consortium after the dissolution of the International Federation for Information and Documentation (FID) in 2000. The collection contains FID documentation but most importantly records on the work on UDC since 1895, in particular those by the FID Central Classification Committee that was the official international body managing the development of the UDC. In the next few years the UDC Consortium plans to organize, process and allow access to parts of the collection that may be of interest to the research community.

International UDC Seminar 2013
Classification & Visualization:
Interfaces to knowledge, The Hague, 24-25 October 2013
http://seminar.udcc.org/2013/

Call for Papers

We invite overviews, illustrations and analysis of approaches to and models of the visualization of knowledge that can help advance the application of documentary and bibliographic classifications in information and knowledge discovery.

Paper proposals should be submitted in the form of an extended abstract (1000-1200 words including references for papers and 500-600 words for posters).

Important dates
15 Jan 2013 - Paper proposal submission deadline
15 Feb 2013 - Notification of acceptance
15 Apr 2013 - Paper submission

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Library of Congress

Barbara Tillett Retires from the Library of Congress
Barbara Tillett, chief of cataloging policy at the Library of Congress since 1994, has retired from the Library. Her last day of work at the Library was November 16, 2012. Barbara’s many contributions to the theory and practice of cataloging include developing and explaining IFLA’s Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records (FRBR); implementing the Library of Congress’s first integrated library system; spearheading work on the Virtual International Authority File, and leading IFLA’s development of the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP). She has been a leading force in developing the new cataloging instructions RDA: Resource Description and Access and currently is chairing the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. She plans to continue as JSC chair in 2013.

Barbara was a member of the Standing Committee for Classification and Indexing from 2003 through 2011 and was its secretary/treasurer. In 2011 she was elected to the Standing Committee of the Bibliography Section. She managed the
subject cataloging policy operations at the Library of Congress and led the way in making the Library of Congress Subject Headings available in SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organization System); making an online database the official version of the Library of Congress Classification, with the result that the Classification is now updated continuously; and developing the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms. Earlier Barbara had been the Chair of the Cataloguing Section of IFLA and served for many years on IFLA’s Professional Committee.

Barbara graduated from Old Dominion University in Virginia with a major in mathematics in 1968 and began her professional career at the University of Hawaii, where she earned her master’s degree in library science in 1970. She earned the Ph. D. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1987. In 1993 she became head of library technical services at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, part of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), and held progressively more responsible positions in the UCSD libraries. She headed the catalog department at the Central University Library, UCSD, from 1987 until coming to the Library of Congress as chief of the Cataloging Policy and Support Office (now the Policy and Standards Division) in March 1994. Tillett served as the Library’s Integrated Library System Program Director from August 1997 through July 2001. Barbara received the Margaret Mann Citation from the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association, in 2004. She received the IFLA Scroll of Recognition in 2009 for her work on the ICP.

To Barbara’s many accolades, we at the Library of Congress add our sincerest thanks for her work here and best wishes to her in retirement. Congratulations, Barbara!

**Library of Congress Cataloging Production**

In fiscal 2012 (October 1, 2011 through Sept. 30, 2012), the Library of Congress cataloged 350,201 new works, with subject analysis, on 330,621 bibliographic records. The Library added 3,950 new Library of Congress Subject Headings and 2,312 new Library of Congress Classification records. Library staff also revised 4,697 LCSH. There are now 410,227 established Library of Congress Subject Headings. The LC Classification now includes 633,726 records for numbers that can be assigned to facilitate searching and browsing in library catalogs as well as used as part of physical location information.

**Library of Congress Classification Schedules**

New editions of the following schedules have been published since the last newsletter:

- B-BJ  Philosophy. Psychology
- DS-DX  History of Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, etc.
- KF  Law of the United States
- PR, PS, PZ  English and American Literature and Juvenile Belles Lettres
- Q  Science
- R  Medicine

**Library of Congress Subject Headings**

Revision to the headings for *Vodou*: The Library of Congress Policy and Standards Division (PSD) was petitioned by a group of scholars and practitioners of vodou to change the spelling of the LC subject heading *Voodooism*. The petitioners successfully argued that “vodou” is the more accurate spelling, and that the spelling “voodoo” has become pejorative. The base heading was revised to *Vodou* in October 2012, and all other uses of the word “voodoo” or “voodooism” in references and scope notes were revised, as well.

Experiment to add 072 fields to subject authority records: Since August 2012, PSD has been adding subject category codes (MARC 21 tag 072) to authority records for subject headings. Specialists are adding subject category codes (i.e., *Subject Headings Manual* instruction sheet numbers) to proposals for new and revised headings that fall into one of the following categories: bodies of water (H 1145.5); Christian denominations (H 1187); family...
names (H 1180); land vehicles (H 1195); and plants (H 1120).

For background on the need to include subject category codes in authority records and the computer manipulations that they should enable, as well as the parameters of the project, see [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/field_072_announcement.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/field_072_announcement.pdf).

**Genre/Form Projects**

An article on LC’s genre/form project, “It Takes a Village: Developing Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms” by Yael Mandelstam (Kissam Library, Fordham University School of Law, New York) and Janis L. Young (Library of Congress Policy and Standards Division), has been published in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, volume 51 no. 1-3 (2013). The article describes the collaborative aspects of the genre/form projects in general, and treats the law project as a case study.

**Cartographic materials project:** On May 24, 2012, PSD issued a discussion paper entitled, "Proposed Treatment of Globes in the LCGFT Environment" ([http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genre_form_globes.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genre_form_globes.pdf)). The paper examined the current use of the term Globes in *Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials* (LCGFT) to refer to globes of the Earth, to exclusion of globes of other heavenly bodies (e.g., other planets, comets, asteroids). The paper went on to suggest revisions to both LCGFT and *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (LCSH) to allow for more accurate and consistent description of all globes.

Response to the paper was positive, and PSD will make several revisions to LCGFT and LCSH in February 2013.

1) The LCSH heading Earth will be revised to Earth (Planet) to better disambiguate it from soil and to make the heading consistent with the headings for the other planets (e.g., Mars (Planet)).

2) The form subdivision –Globes will be cancelled from LCSH. The free-floating subdivision –Maps will now be used for globes. This change in policy will allow for better collocation of all maps and globes of an individual celestial body.

3) In both LCGFT and LCSH, the heading Globes will be expanded to mean globes of any planet, comet, asteroid, etc., and will no longer be limited to globes of the Earth.

4) The genre/form term Lunar globes will be cancelled.

Further information on these changes may be found on LC’s genre/form web page, [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreform general.html](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreform general.html).

**Religious materials project:** The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) has presented LC with a thesaurus of terms for religious materials. The thesaurus includes terminology from multiple faith traditions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, and Islam. LC staff are currently reviewing the thesaurus, which will be incorporated into LCGFT in 2013.

**Literature project:** The ALA/ALCTS/SAC Subcommittee on Genre/Form Implementation is partnering with PSD to develop terminology for literary works. The Subcommittee’s Working Group on LCGFT Literature Terms includes representatives from public, academic, and research libraries as well as from cataloging vendors.

**General project:** The ALA/ALCTS/SAC Subcommittee on Genre/Form Implementation is also partnering with PSD to develop genre/form terminology for works that span multiple disciplines (e.g., dictionaries; handbooks).

**Music project:** In collaboration with the Music Library Association, work continues to develop a genre/form thesaurus.

**Music Medium of Performance Project**

The Library of Congress has been collaborating with the Music Library Association on medium of performance vocabulary, *Library of Congress Medium of Performance Thesaurus for Music* (LCMPT). The project recognizes medium of performance as a unique and entirely
independent bibliographic fact of musical works. The vocabulary is intended to be used, at least initially, for two bibliographic purposes:
1) to retrieve music by its medium of performance in library catalogs, as is now done by the controlled vocabulary, Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH);
2) to record the element “medium of performance” of musical works, as represented in individual music resources cataloged according to RDA: Resource Description and Access (RDA). Any library’s adoption of this new Medium of Performance Thesaurus could proceed independently from any cataloging code or communications standard the library may adopt.

Dewey Decimal Classification Work at the Library of Congress
The Dewey Section of the US General Division at the Library of Congress in 2012 continued its threefold mission – to develop, apply, and assist in the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC). Editorial work in 2012 focused on final preparation for the publication of 200 Religion Class by OCLC, the owner of the Classification, in May 2012. The editorial staff within the Dewey Section also continued to update data in the Editorial Support System (ESS), thus making it available in the WebDewey 2.0 environment; they also contributed to the design of new functionality in WebDewey. The editors continued to assist with the multiple translations of the DDC. The Section continued to expand use of the AutoDewey program automatically to assign DDC numbers to works of fiction, poetry, and drama by single authors. The Dewey Section with the help of several other staff assigned 92,099 Dewey numbers to works for use by other libraries in fiscal 2012, making the Library of Congress once again the world’s highest-producing Dewey classifying agency.

Retirement of Joan S. Mitchell
Joan S. Mitchell, editor-in-chief of the Classification since 1993, announced on November 15, 2012 that she plans to retire on January 18, 2103. Joan has an office at the Library of Congress and many Library of Congress staff members have had the pleasure of knowing and working with her. We applaud her many achievements in sustaining the most widely used library classification system on Earth. Congratulations, Joan!

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(A summary of news from the Library of Congress for the period mid-June through mid-December, 2012)

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Conferences & Workshops 2013

NISO/DCMI joint webinar
Translating the Library Catalog from MARC into Linked Data: An Update on the Bibliographic Framework Initiative
January 23, 2013
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time - UTC 18:00:00) Registration closes one hour before the webinar begins.
http://www.niso.org/news/events/2013/dcmi/bibframework/

In this webinar, Eric Miller (co-founder and president of Zepheira) will report on progress towards this important goal, starting with an analysis of the translation problem and concluding with potential migration scenarios for a broad-based transition from MARC to a new bibliographic framework.

ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibition
January 25-29, 2013
Seattle, USA
http://alamw13.alaa.org/

BIBFRAME: update session at ALA in Seattle
January 27, 2013 (10:30-12:00, in the Conference Center of the Washington Convention Center, Room 304).

ISI 2013: International Symposium of Information Science
http://www.isi2013.de/
March 19-22, 2013
Potsdam, Germany

HYPertext 2013
24th ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media
May 1-3, 2013
Palais des Congrès, Paris, France
http://ht.acm.org/ht2013/
https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ht2013

CRIMEA: 20th Anniversary of Crimea Conference – Results and Perspectives of Library and Information Integration and Cooperation
June 8-16, 2013
Sudak, Crimea/Ukraine
Languages of the Conferences: Russian, English and Ukrainian / SI is provided.
Classification and Subject Indexing in Library and Information Science (LIS’2013) in conjunction with the European Conference on Data Analysis
Luxemburg
July 10/11, 2013
www.gfkl2013.lu
The workshop language is English.
February 28, 2013 - Submission deadline!

LINKING TO THE FUTURE
International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications
September 2-6, 2013
Lisbon, Portugal
http://purl.org/dcevents/dc-2013
March 29, 2013 – Submission Deadline!

Classification and Visualization, Interfaces to Knowledge
International UDC Seminar 2013
The Hague, National Library of the Netherlands
October 24/25, 2013
http://seminar.udcc.org/2013/
January 15, 2013 - Submission deadline!

Information and/or Knowledge: the two faces of Janus
I. Congress of ISKO Spain and Portugal
November 7-9, 2013
Porto, Portugal, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Porto
January 15, 2013 - Submission Deadline!

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