



Division of Library Services (Division III) Annual Report 2012

Activities and Plans

An email account has been established, for strengthening the communication between the SC officers: IFLA Division III (Google groups).

SECTIONS

The 11 sections under Division III have all had a very active year. All sections had one or more programs during the conference in Helsinki, either alone or in cooperation with other sections. More than half of the sections also had satellite meetings in connection with the main conference. Although many of the sections still publish newsletters, several of the sections have taken blogs and wikis in use in their communication work.

The sections within this division differ to some extent in their scope. Some sections have a focus on standards and guidelines concerning professional work within fields like cataloguing or bibliography, while others have as their main goal to provide guidance in providing services to special groups, like multicultural populations, or children and young adults. The sections have a wide range of ways of cooperating with other sections in other divisions, when suitable. The level of activities within Division III is also noticeable, measured by the number of project funding requested from the PC. The many Division III projects aiming to produce or revise standards have raised the question within the PC whether this important part of IFLA's activities should be placed in the framework of being a key initiative, rather than ordinary projects.

SIGs

The Indigenous matters SIG – sponsored by Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section – has been reviewed by the SC as requested. The RFID SIG – sponsored by the Information Technology Section – has provided relevant activities, like a WLIC session, and a survey. The Semantic web SIG – also sponsored by the Information Technology Section – has also had relevant activities, mostly connected to the WLIC in Helsinki.

Plans

The sections within Division III have distinct plans for the near future. The challenge seems to lie in how to make the sections plans interconnect to the overall strategic goals of IFLA, or perhaps to communicate this connection in a better way.

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