



Classification and Indexing Section

Action Plan 2013-2014

Mission

The Classification and Indexing Section exists to:

- focus on methods of providing subject access in catalogues, bibliographies, repositories, and indexes to resources of all kinds
- serve as a forum for producers of subject access tools
- facilitate international exchange of information about methods of providing subject access
- promote standardization, uniform application, and interoperability of subject access tools in both legacy and emerging Semantic Web environments
- encourage, comment on and give advice about research in the subject approach to information and disseminate the results through open meetings and publications.

Goals

Goal 1. Monitor and provide information about current issues and new developments in subject access to information resources that represent perspectives from a wide range of countries, languages, and emerging areas of interest. (Key initiatives 2 and 3)

Actions

- 1.1 Exchange within IFLA information and expertise relating to subject access to information resources.
- 1.2 Actively monitor and liaise with international professional groups and researchers focused on subject access to information resources.
- 1.3 Disseminate information about current activities in subject access in the Section's newsletter and on the IFLA website. Continue to develop and assess the Section's blog as a complement to the newsletter.
- 1.4 Develop and present a programme for Lyon, the theme of the congress: *Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge*.
- 1.5 Consider topics for a 2016 satellite meeting.
- 1.6 Publish the proceedings from the 2012 Tallinn satellite meeting

Goal 2. Develop new and review existing standards and guidelines related to subject access. (Key initiative 1)

Actions

- 2.1 Establish a Working Group on issues relating to genre and form access. Enlist additional members from other relevant sections.
- 2.2 Establish a Working Group to explore the issues of subject access in a changing environment.
- 2.3 Establish a Working Group to develop an open data registry of a multilingual vocabulary of demonyms, e.g., Newfoundlanders, Glaswegians, Milanese, Luxembourgais.
- 2.4 Review MulDiCat (2012 version) to identify gaps where additional terminology important to subject access, classification, and indexing may be required.
- 2.5 Appoint a Classification and Indexing Section member to work with the Cataloguing Section on the revision of the International Cataloguing Principles (ICP).
- 2.6. Contribute to FRBR harmonization through membership on the FRBR Review Group.

Goal 3. Provide information about the work of the Section and Standing Committee (Key initiatives 2 and 5)

Actions

- 3.1 Explore social media options for disseminating information about the Classification and Indexing Section's activities.
- 3.2 Translate key Section documents into at least the IFLA official languages.
- 3.3 Liaise and coordinate with IFLA groups with overlapping interests.

Goal 4. Build the capacity of Standing Committee members (Key initiatives 2 and 3)

Actions

- 4.1 Promote membership of the Section, attracting expertise from broader geographic and linguistic backgrounds.
- 4.2 Seek and recruit members and/or corresponding members from countries not currently represented on the Standing Committee, including from appropriate committees in other library associations.
- 4.3 Assign a mentor to each new member of the Standing Committee.
- 4.4 Encourage active participation of *all* members in Standing Committee activities.
- 4.5 Encourage new member participation on program review committees, and/or in assisting with translations, contributions to the blog, etc.