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Newsletter of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Section on Cataloguing

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This issue of SCATNews is mainly devoted to information about IFLA procedures and the upcoming IFLA meeting in Boston, but first:

Welcome to new members from the Chair

The Section on Cataloguing is pleased to welcome the following six new members:
Patrick Le Boeuf (France)
Renate Gompel (Germany)
Gunilla Jonsson (Sweden)
Eeva Murtomaa (Finland)
Charlotte Pedersen (Denmark)
Cristina Magliano (Italy).
Also elected to a second term:
Zlata Dimec(Slovenia)
Monika Münnich (Germany)
Glenn Patton (United States).

The Standing Committee now has a total of 20 members this coming year.

A list of all the Standing Committee Members will be distributed at our first meeting in Boston (see schedule below).

For the new members, IFLA will hold sessions to welcome newcomers twice during the conference, once on Sunday August 19, 09.00-10.20 hours and once on Monday, August 20, 09.00-10.20 hours. The session will take place in one of the large Ballroom Halls.

Everyone is reminded to register at the Hynes Convention Center registration desk. Remember to bring your confirmation letter and/or registration number with you.

Conference schedule and changes
The following is the list of meetings for our Section and other highlights from the Conference Program that you may find of interest

Saturday, August 18
11:30-14:20 Cat SC I - Standing Committee, Section on Cataloguing -Business meeting - Election of Officers, discussion of Section plan

Sunday, August 19
07:30- 08:30 meet at the Marriott Hotel - Sunday stroll in Boston - About a 50 minute walk at a leisurely pace. No registration required.
9:00-11:30 ISBD(S) Working Group meeting (Room 209)
9:00-11:00 FRANAR Working Group meeting (Room 301)
11:30-13:20 Metadata Discussion Group
17:45-19:00 Hynes Convention Center, Exhibition Hall C+D - Exhibition Opening and Reception

Monday, August 20
11:30-13:00 Div IV Open Forum - reports from all the Sections in Division IV Bibliographic Control. Our Section will have a report from Maria Witt on general Section activities and her thanks and farewell (see more below) and an update from Ingrid Parent on the ISBD(S) Working Group
13:00-14:00 Social Hour for all Division IV Section members
18:00-20:00 Boston Public Library - Opening Party with Cultural Performances

Tuesday, August 21
9:00-11:30 ISBD Review Group (Room 209)
20:00-23:00 at the Museum of Sciences - Cultural Evening

Wednesday, August 22
8:30-11:00 Cataloguing Open Programme "Positioning Cataloguing for the Future"
12:00-13:00 ISBD Review Group (Room 209)

Thursday, August 23
8:30-17:00 All day workshop on "Information Exchange in the 21st Century - Formats and Standardization" sponsored by the Division on Bibliographic Control with UBCIM
19:00-23:00 hours at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Reception and Cultural performances

Note: Our Workshop on Unicode is cancelled. If there is still interest, we may try to have a full day workshop in Glasgow on Unicode - a morning tutorial for those who would like to know what Unicode is and an afternoon discussion session for those using Unicode to bring questions - Joan Aliprand has expressed interest in leading such a workshop, so we will pursue if that is our members wish.

Friday, August 24
8:00-10:00 Cat SC II - Standing Committee, Section on Cataloguing -Business meeting - updates on activities of Working Groups and opportunities to help on new and ongoing projects, approval of the Section's program of work

Anonymous Classics Part 1 is nearly ready for printing according to Nadine Boddaert. She will have more news to share at the Boston conference regarding the other parts.

This year marks the 40 year anniversary since the 1961 Paris Principles as per a reminder from Zlata Dimec. Natalia Kasparova has submitted a request for a new meeting of cataloging experts to be sponsored by IFLA on the harmonization of cataloging rules (focus on RAK, AACR2, and the Russian rules) to be held in Germany in the second half of 2002. We will discuss this at our business meeting and report on planning news.

Procedures for Election of Officers
According to IFLA Procedures (see below), our Section Standing Committee will have as the first order of business on Saturday August 18 to elect officers. If any of you are interested in being an officer, please contact Barbara Tillett (btil@loc.gov) or Maria Witt (m.witt@cite-sciences.fr).

CHAIR/TREASURER
Barbara Tillett (USA) is the current chair/treasurer and is eligible for re-election. She is willing to run again, but if others wish to serve as Chair, please speak up, as Barbara is willing to have someone else take this on.

SECRETARY
Maria Witt (France), our current Secretary is completing her final term with our section and therefore is not eligible to be re-elected. We will need to elect a new secretary.

INFORMATION OFFICER
We also have an Information Officer, Kerstin Dahl (Sweden). The Information Officer primarily serves as editor of SCATNews and also distributes information to us via email during the year as there is news. Kerstin Dahl is eligible to run again for that position and willing to serve.

Further instructions on election procedures are provided here for your information from IFLANET.

Standing Committees: Election of Officers, 2001
This year, each Section Standing Committee needs to elect a chair and a secretary. Together, these two post-holders constitute the Executive Committee of the Section. The relevant Rules of Procedure are contained in the Appendix to this report.

On the last occasion when officers needed to be elected,

there was some confusion about the election process. The following guidelines have been approved by a joint meeting of the Executive and Professional Boards of IFLA on 28 March 2001. They should be followed by all those concerned with the nomination and election of Section officers for the term 2001-2003.

Notes of Guidance

1.The current officers of each Section shall call for nominations for the posts of Chair and Secretary of the Section to serve for the period 2001-2003.

2.This may be done in advance of the first meeting of the Section Standing Committee to be held in Boston, or it may be done at that meeting.

3.It should be made clear whether the existing officers are eligible for re-nomination. If they have served for only one term of two years, they may be nominated for one more term. It should also be made clear whether they are willing to serve for a second term, if nominated.

4.The nomination and election of chair and secretary shall be placed high on the agenda of the first meeting of the Section standing committee to be held in August in Boston.

5.The nomination and election of the chair shall be placed on the agenda before the nomination of the secretary.

6.Normally the post of treasurer shall be combined with that of either chair or secretary.

7.In the event that neither the elected chair nor the elected secretary is willing to act as treasurer, a separate treasurer may be elected. In such cases, the treasurer shall not be considered to be an 'officer of IFLA' for the purposes of representation.

8.Only currently serving members (that is those members serving for the 2001-2003 term) of the Section standing committee may make nominations for these posts. It is NOT permissible for any other group within or outside IFLA to intervene in these nominations and elections.

9.Only currently serving members (that is those members serving for the 2001-2003 term) of the Section standing committee may be nominated for these posts.

10.If there is only one nominee for a post, that person shall be declared returned unopposed.

11.If there is more than one nominee for an office a secret ballot will be held by an outgoing officer or outgoing member of the committee.

12.Only currently serving members of the standing

committee concerned may vote in these elections (that is those members serving for the 2001-2003 term).

13. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

14. If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, re-election between these candidates shall be held until one receives a higher number of votes. No more than two such re-elections shall take place. If no decision is reached after two re-elections, the chair of the Professional Board shall make a choice between the candidates concerned.

15. The Rules of Procedure stipulate that "a third or as near a third of the standing Committee as arithmetically possible shall constitute a quorum." This is interpreted as meaning: if the Standing Committee consists of 20 members, the quorum is 7.

16. If a quorum is not present, a postal ballot will be held later by IFLA headquarters.

Ross Shimmon
Secretary General
April 2001

These Notes of Guidance were approved by a joint meeting of the IFLA Executive Board and the IFLA Professional Board at IFLA HQ on March 28th 2001.

Appendix
Extracts from the IFLA Rules of Procedure relating to election of Section officers

8.4 Standing Committee: Executive Committee

8.4.1 Each Standing Committee shall elect from amongst its members a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall hold office for 2 years, and may be re-elected to the same office for one consecutive term of 2 years, provided they are still members of the Standing Committee during that period. Together they form the Executive Committee.

8.4.2 Each member of the Standing Committee may nominate candidates for the offices of Chairman and Secretary.

8.4.3 In the event that the Chairman or Secretary is unable to serve, the remaining Executive Committee member will assume the duties attached to both functions until such date as proper elections can be held.

8.4.4 With regard to further nomination and election procedures the provisions of 7.3.7 and 7.3.8 are applied accordingly.

8.4.5 The Executive Board may, on the recommendation of the Professional Board, remove an officer from office if, in the opinion of a majority of the Professional Board, he is considered not to be fulfilling his duties, for example, by failing to make the required returns to the Secretary General or otherwise neglecting the business of the Section. Before taking this action the Executive Board shall consult the Standing Committee concerned and the relevant Coordinating Board, and give the officer the opportunity to explain his position in writing to the Executive Board. When an officer has been removed from office, the members of the Standing Committee will be asked by the Professional Board to elect a substitute for the remainder of his term of office. Appointment under these circumstances shall not prevent the substitute officer from being eligible for election for a normal term of office.

8.4.6 With regard to the transfer of files and further information in the event that new officers are elected, the provisions of 7.3.11, 7.3.12 and 7.3.13 are applied accordingly.

7.3.11 When the post of Chairman or Secretary is being assumed by a newly elected person, the outgoing officer shall:
- transfer to his successor all files pertinent to the duties which he fulfilled on behalf of the Division
- inform his successor in writing about all further activities within the Division, ongoing as well as planned, which fall within the terms of his office, including any specific information on projects and special meetings
- inform his successor in writing about the publications policy of any newsletter issued by the Division
- accomplish transfers within 2 months of the day which the successor is elected.

7.3.12 When the post of Financial Officer is being assumed by a newly elected person, the outgoing officer shall
- transfer to his successor any files pertinent to his duties as Financial Officer
- inform his successor in writing about the budget, the accounts and the actual amounts on deposit in the bank account
- transfer the amounts on deposit in the bank account to the bank account opened by his successor for the Division as soon as the successor so requires. Accomplish transfers within 2 months of the day on which the successor is elected.

7.3.13 When the post of Chairman, Secretary or Financial Officer is being assumed by a newly elected person, the outgoing officer shall - in addition to the provisions of 7.3.11 and 7.3.12 - make every possible effort to ensure the smooth continuity of the work.
End of Extracts

Preparation of Strategic Plan

Be thinking about activities you would like our Section to take on. Our Medium Term Programme ends with this conference and we will develop a Strategic Program of

work for the next 2 years during our business meetings of the Section. As you are thinking about it, please keep in mind the new IFLA Professional Priorities (printed below for your information).

IFLA's Professional Priorities

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is a worldwide, independent, non-governmental organization. The purposes of the Federation as stated in its Statutes are "to promote high standards of delivery of library and information services; to encourage widespread understanding of the value and importance of high quality library and information services in the private, public and voluntary sectors; and to represent the interests of its Members throughout the world." The Professional Priorities outlined in this document will provide guidance in the development of IFLA's professional activities. These priorities are to be incorporated into the professional programmes throughout IFLA's organizational structure, recognizing especially that the needs, concerns and views of every region of the world are to be taken into account, particularly those in the developing world. Regional concerns, communication and information exchange among IFLA's members, and the use of electronic technology to facilitate the implementation of its priorities underpin all of these professional priorities.

Supporting the Role of Libraries in Society

IFLA supports the establishment and maintenance of libraries by serving as an international advocate to ensure that the vital role of libraries in the digital age is well understood and acted upon. IFLA lobbies on behalf of libraries with government officials and community leaders, using all available avenues to secure appropriate funding and staffing of library services worldwide.

Defending the Principle of Freedom of Information

IFLA believes that all people have a fundamental right to create and acquire information and to express their views publicly. The right to know and the freedom to express are two aspects of the same principle.
Libraries play a key role in securing these rights, and IFLA supports this role by defending the ability of libraries to acquire, organize, preserve and make available the widest variety of materials, reflecting plurality and diversity in the society, and thus to protect and enhance democracy and a free debate; by defending the ability of libraries to ensure that selection and availability of material and services are governed by professional principles, not the political, moral or religious views of individuals or governments; and by defending the ability of libraries to make materials and services available to all users, with no discrimination due to race, creed, gender, religion, age or any other subjective reason.

Promoting Literacy, Reading, and Lifelong Learning

IFLA's programmes promote literacy in many aspects, helping libraries worldwide to develop programmes that support increased literacy for all people, including basic literacy (the ability to use, understand and apply print, writing, speech and visual information in order to communicate and interact effectively), reading (the ability to decipher print and other forms of notation, to understand written language and its construction, and to comprehend the meaning of the written word), information literacy (the ability to formulate and analyze an information need; to identify and appraise sources; to locate, retrieve, organize and store information; to interpret, analyze, synthesize and evaluate that information critically; and to evaluate whether the information need has been satisfied) and lifelong learning (providing for the needs of all learners, whether formal or informal, helping to raise the aspirations and achievements of individuals of all ages and abilities).

Providing Unrestricted Access to Information

IFLA seeks to influence political and economic decisions that have an ethical impact on access to information so that all persons throughout the world have the same opportunity to participate in the information society without regard to physical, regional, social, or cultural barriers. Ongoing technological progress seems to widen the gap between the information rich and the information poor world-wide. IFLA supports programmes which provide support for information access in developing regions of the world.

Balancing the Intellectual Property Rights of Authors with the Needs of Users

IFLA assumes a dual responsibility, both to the producers of intellectual property and to libraries as representatives of information users, because safeguarding and providing access to products of the mind are fundamental to the growth of knowledge.

IFLA works to protect the rights of authors and the role of libraries by playing an active role with organizations such as WIPO and UNESCO in the drafting of appropriate treaties and legislative models which recognize the dichotomy between the rights of authors and the needs of users.

IFLA also works to assure that intellectual property rights support the universal availability of information by such activities as encouraging national legislation for legal deposit and assuring the right of libraries to make copies of published documents in a manner consistent with principles of fair use. Safeguarding these rights must involve both the owners of intellectual property and its users. It necessitates working in collaboration with authors, publishers and librarians.

Promoting Resource Sharing

IFLA serves as an international forum and advocate for sharing information in all its forms across national borders. It promotes the communication of bibliographic information which is the basis for all resource sharing, it works to develop cooperative principles for international lending, and it supports a voucher scheme to liberate lending reimbursements from national currencies. IFLA works to encourage the sharing of resources, by supporting traditional lending and document delivery, by promoting the communication and easy exchange of bibliographic information, and by encouraging the development of virtual libraries whose holdings will be accessible without regard to geography or national boundaries.

Preserving Our Intellectual Heritage

Although responsibility for the preservation and conservation of the intellectual heritage in their custody is ultimately the responsibility of individual libraries, IFLA works to promote the establishment of regional, national and international priorities and the application of the best scientific knowledge in the fulfillment of this responsibility. One of IFLA's primary activities is to ensure appropriate coordination at the international level through programmes such as advocacy, training and the development and dissemination of standards and best practices. IFLA also participates in international activities related to disaster preparedness and recovery.

Developing Library Professionals

IFLA works to strengthen the abilities and knowledge of library and information science professionals and paraprofessionals throughout the world in order to improve service to the user. Programmes supported by IFLA encompass all educational processes, including library and information science curricula and continuing education activities suchas lectures, seminars, workshops and in-service training.

Promoting Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices

IFLA actively promotes standards, guidelines and best practices to provide guidance to libraries throughout the world in how to perform core functions well, and in many cases how to perform them in the same manner. The latter is particularly important in areas such as electronic communications where conformity with clear, established and widely accepted and understood standards is indispensable for the exchange of information in cost-effective ways.

Supporting the Infrastructure of Library Associations

IFLA supports the infrastructure of library associations, especially in countries and regions where these are poorly developed, because they provide the essential means for accomplishing IFLA's goals at the national level. Library associations provide many valuable services to librarians. They work to develop effective library programmes and services that meet the needs of library users and advance societal objectives and interests, ensuring public access to information, and preserving and protecting cultural resources.

Representing Libraries in the Technological Marketplace

IFLA serves as an international advocate for libraries and their users, seeking to influence the development of technology in the world marketplace, especially technology that controls the flow and availability of information. IFLA represents both the sophisticated interests of high-tech libraries and the practical concerns of more traditional users. It negotiates on behalf of libraries (and for the benefit of library users) in discussions on international trade and telecommunications, and it also works to encourage the development of affordable technologies that will bring information to all the populations of the world.

Adopted by the Professional Board of IFLA,
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DIVISION 0F BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL, SECTION ON CATALOGUING

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES 2000-2001

Prepared by Maria Witt, Médiathèque de la Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Paris, France, Secretary of the Section on Cataloguing 1997-2001

The following is extracted from the report Maria will give during the Division IV Open Forum in Boston, August 20.

Interest in cataloguing
The interest in cataloguing and for its harmonisation at the international level has been shared for a long time by the libraries throughout the entire world. The Section on Cataloguing is one of the oldest IFLA sections and attracts more and more members. The goal and focus of work on standardization has been for a long time the Section's main activity, the objective of which is defined in the Medium Term Programme.

In this context the Section has looked at the development and maintenance of cataloguing standards and guidelines for traditional formats, but also has taken into account the revolutionary developments in the digital, electronic, and

networked environment in order to promote universal access to and exchange of bibliographic information. Concerning the usages of computerized catalogues, we took into account this topic by creating the Working Group on Guidelines for OPAC Displays. During the last ten years we took also into account the questions of authority information, harmonization of which is necessary for efficient use all over the world.

The Section worked simultaneously on numerous projects and is able to do this, because the Standing Committee members are numerous and many colleagues from other sections are also involved: we have the philosophy of cooperation in the broad sense of this term. In the projects initiated by the Section on Cataloguing we would like to attract other experts in order to cover a maximum of needs.

The Section has close relationships with the IFLA Section on Information Technology, Section on Serials, and of course we do not forget the Sections within our own Division IV : the Section on Bibliography and Section on Classification and Indexing, as well as the UBCIM programme office of IFLA. We deal also with other organizations and institutions including ISO, in particular the Committee TC46, international and national cataloguing and standardization committees, and professional training schools and courses.

FRBR
I would like to take a moment on one of the most important projects of the Section in the past 10 years, which had a great impact on other works. Its name is The Study on Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). The Section has also developed a new view of bibliographic description, based on functional requirements: the famous "FRBR" or Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records. The final report published in January 1998 defined some follow-up steps, consisting of examining the impact on:
• National bibliographic agencies, individual libraries, cataloguing codes and guidelines, and teaching of cataloging;
• ISBD's and their evolution; and
• Authority control.
These suggestions were broadly covered throughout the entire world. In January 2000 " there were more than 100 references to FRBR in documents available on the net " (J. Byrum). Another indicator of the level of interest in FRBR is the number of connections to the Web version of FRBR report (5237 between January 2000-October 2000, rank 8th <1165 in January - rank 2nd, 1746 in March - rank 3rd, 1578 in September - rank - 4th and 1548 in October - rank 4th >)

The European Library Automation Group (ELAG) was very active in this area. The FRBR subject has been discussed by ELAG since the study's publication at ELAG workshops in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and several presentations were done (L. Holm, 1999 ; P. Le Bœuf, 2001). During the

2000 Workshop some common features were discussed between archives, libraries, and museums.

The FRBR impact is also very important within several national professional forums. Also the projects of the Section and the Division IV like the Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records and the ISADN (MLAR), the FRANAR Working Group (Functional Requirements for Authority Numbers and Records, and the Working Groups on the ISBD revisions, had all taken into consideration the FRBR concept and model.

Membership and Standing Committee
The Section increased its members by ten percent : it had 149 members in December 1998 and 163 members in December 2000. For several years now the SC has functioned with IFLA's maximum number of 20 persons (21 between 1999 and 2001), plus corresponding members, the observers, and honorary members, (sometimes as active as the regular members). Several continents are presently represented within the Section and within the Standing Committee, but we would like to expand the participation of members from Asia and Africa. During the IFLA annual conferences, there are always many people in addition to Committee members at our SC meetings: it reflects the popularity of the topics and interest for the questions that are discussed.

During the year, between annual IFLA conferences, different Working Groups (WG) continue their projects using different means and methods of work : e-mail, fax, snail mail, and also fruitful meetings "face to face". We will have the opportunity during this session, to hear several WG leaders on the projects conducted, so I will not describe them here. For other details you can consult the written reports, minutes, and presentations given at previous annual conferences; these documents are available on the IFLAnet in several languages.

Translations
The Section attaches a very great importance to the publicity and translation of finished and current projects, as well to the translation of conference presentations. For a long time now, many efforts were devoted to translations and were very fruitful. As a secretary dealing with the organization of this task I would like thank all colleagues and members of the Section who belong to the "official linguistics areas" for their active participation in translating papers of the Open sessions and Workshops. Concerning the French language, I extend great thanks to the other IFLA sections' members but also to other professionals outside IFLA for answering my calls for translation assistance. As a result of their good work, you were the first to know the new papers; it was an advantage! I cannot forget of course those authors, who prepared two linguistic versions by themselves, this fact greatly made easier my task of secretary!

Recent publications

Two "monographs" have been finished since last year. Final report on the Form and Structure of Corporate Headings [1] published by IFLA and written by Ton Heijligers (Nederlands), is the result of the 6-year WG. After the identification of the most problematic rules of the FSCH guidelines and their comparaison with AACR, RAK, and AFNOR, the group abandonned the idea of updating the FSCH Guidelines and proposed a report on the possibilities of contributing guidance regarding the form and structure of corporate names. This guidance would be available to developers of a future virtual international authority file and people in charge of online catalogs. A virtual international authority file was suggested which could be used by any library. The WG worked in cooperation with the UBCIM programme and with the FRANAR Working Group.

GARR – "Guidelines for Authority Records and References" was published also at the beginning of 2001, led by de Isa de Pinedo (Italy). [2] The objective of this work was to publish a single comprehensive and flexible set of rules, giving examples (covering all materials, especially adding music, electronic resources, and legal works). Two specific issues were considered: legal materials (treaties, laws) and serials. The close and fruitful cooperation with other groups: MLAR and FRANAR, as well as with UBCIM should be noted

Publication of articles : Every year the Section on Cataloguing is well represented in articles in the quarterly published by UBCIM "International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control" (ICBC), including many of the Section's presentations from annual conferences and the papers reporting on progress of the Working Groups. We also have had those topics intended for the larger public presented in the "IFLA Journal" (cf. for example John Byrum's paper on the ISBD review process from the Jerusalem 2000 conference).

The Section's newsletter " SCATNews " is published twice a year, in print and electronic form (on the IFLANET web site).

We also continue the cooperation with the journal "Cataloging and Classification Quarterly" (CCQ) that was started approximately four years ago. Several of the Section's members belong to the CCQ Editorial Committee.

Pages of the Section on the IFLANet

Since last year the web pages of the Section have been enriched (www.ifla.org/VII/s13/). You will find there the latest news and the texts of standards and guidelines currently on review (see "Announcements"). In the paragraph "Family of ISBDs" which links directly to the UBCIM pages you are presented with the bibliography of ISBDs. There are 19 manifestations in English and citations listed for manifestations in 12 other languages [3] (over 140 references in all). The list of French translations of the ISBDs' contains 14 citations; among them seven are currently in use and can be purchased from the BNF. Other web Cataloguing chapters like "Conferences and

Seminars", "Minutes of meetings", "Annual Reports" may complete your documentation.

Among current projects you may wish to pay particular attention to two of them which were on worldwide reviews last spring: ISBD(S) and ISBD(M). There is no big revolution from the ISBD (M) side. The objective of this project was to ensure the conformity between the rules of ISBDs and FRBR, in particular for the basic level of national bibliographic records. The eleven major changes in the revision were explained in John Byrum's letter accompanying the review, available on the IFLANet.

In contrast, the new ISBD(S) revision brings new totally concepts that we heard about last year. We will call the new ISBD "continuing resource" (with the suggested acronym, "CR"). Ingrid Parent, the chair of the Working Group on the ISBD(S) revisions, will talk to you with details on this project during this session (see also "Invitation to review" on the IFLANet).

Among other projects conducted during last year we can mention :

Guidelines for OPAC Displays, the Metadata Schemes, a Multilingual Dictionary for Cataloguing Terms started in 1999, and the long-running project "Anonymous classics". You will have the occasion to get information on these projects directly from some of the Working Group leaders during this session of the Division (Ingrid Parent – Canada) and during the Open Session of the Section on Wednesday 22 August morning. Monika Münnich (Germany) will speak on the multilingual dictionary project, Françoise Bourdon (France) – will give updated information on FRANAR. The Open session will cover also the subject "After FRBR"- Patrick Le Bœuf (France), and the idea of a virtual international authority file– Barbara Tillett (USA). [4] If you desire to get more complete news on other Section's projects, do not hesitate to contact the WG leaders or the Section's officers.

Farewell

This year 2001 I end my service to the Section. It was an honour and a pleasure to serve as secretary for 4 years. I hope that I did not disappoint you despite some small difficulties. I did my best and what I could. This period permitted me to get to know better the ins and outs of IFLA, to make new acquaintances and friendships with colleagues from all over the world. Would you allow me, finally, to thank all the people who assisted me since my beginnings and who encouraged me professionally during this period of 12 years (including the first one when I was an observer and then member of the Section), in particular: Nancy John, Olivia Madison, Susanne Jouguelet, Ingrid Parent, Dorothy McGarry, John Byrum, Marie-France Plassard, and two lasts chairs of the Section and the Division, Barbara Tillett et Ia McIlwaine. I thank all the members of the Standing Committee for your confidence in me.

Maria Witt, June 2001

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[1] Structures of corporate name headings : final report, November 2000 / IFLA Section on Cataloguing, Working Group on the Revision of FSCH ; compiled and introduced by Ton Heijligers. – IFLA, UBCIM Programme 2001. - 21 p.

[2] Guidelines for authority records and references. 2nd ed. revised by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision. – München : K.G.Saur, 2001. - XII-46 p. – (UBCIM Publications). Formerly Guidelines for authority and reference entries…

[3] Languages represented : Catalan, Czech Croate, Dutch,, Finnish, French, Hungarian, Italian, Letton, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish

[4] The Jerusalem conference interested many participants and the attendance was good. We hope that this year the program will also be interesting.
Thème "Positionning Cataloguing for the Future", Catalogiung Open Forum, Wednesday August 22rd, 8.30 to 11, meeting number 152a:
- Monika Münnich (Germany) –Progress on the Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing Terms and Concepts ;
- Françoise Bourdon (France) – Spécifications fonctionnelles et numérotation internationale des notices d'autorité (FRANAR) : jusqu'ou le contrôle d'autorité peut-il être secondé par la technique ? = New view of UBC and FRANAR proposals ;
- Barbara Tillett (USA) A Virtual International Authority File ;
- Patrick Le Bœuf (France) – L'impact du modèle FRBR sur les révisions à venir des ISBD : un défi pour la Section de catalogage de l'IFLA = The Impact of the FRBR Model on the Future Revisions of the ISBDs : a Challenge for the IFLA Section on Cataloguing

[5] source : Selected IFLANET Statistics January 2000-October 2000. Joint EB/PB/Activities meeting, December 6, 2000)

[6] FRBR Seminar : Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records : [International Conference] Florence, 27-28 January 2000. Proceedings edited by Mauro Guerrini. - Rome, AIB 2000. - 156-160 p. – Proceedings in English and Italian. (During this conference the members of the Section gave presented papers : Olivia Madison <chair of the Study Group> and John Byrum <member of the FRBR Study Group>, and Isa de Pinedo).

The publication Proceedings of the Bicentennial Conference on Bibliographic Control for the New Millennium: Confronting the Challenges of Networked Resources and the Web is now available from the Libraryof Congress's Cataloging Distribution Service. This volume -- comprising 574 pages and featuring the full text versions of the 32 papers presented at this Conference held November 2000 -- may be purchased for $45 (North America; $50 elsewhere), including handling and shipping.

Those interested in acquiring the publication should mail checks payable to "Chief, CDS/Library of Congress" to: Library of Congress, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, D. C. 20541-4912. Copies may also be purchased using VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover Card, by calling 1-800-255-3666 (toll free, US only) or 202-707-6100. Fax 202-707-1334.

 Further information may be requested at <cdsinfo@loc.gov>.

Announcements

The IFLA Section on Cataloguing's ISBD Review Group is pleased to announce publication on IFLANET of ISBD(A): International Standard Bibliographic Description for Older Monographic Publications (Antiquarian) originally published in print by K. G. Saur in 1991 (2nd revised edition). The URL for direct access to this electronic version is http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/isbda.htm

The Review Group wishes to acknowledge the contribution of OCLC staff under the supervision of Glenn Patton, Director, Metadata Standards & Quality and member of the Review Group, to the realization of this project. The ISBD(A), as is the case with the entire Family of ISBDs, is subject to future revision to incorporate the recommendations of the Study Group on Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

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