



IFLA BIBLIOGRAPHY SECTION

Strategic Plan 2004-2005

Mission

The Bibliography Section furthers universal bibliographic control (UBC) by promoting standards and best practices in the production, content, arrangement, dissemination, and preservation of bibliographic information.

In the context of UBC the Section is particularly concerned with the work of national bibliographic agencies. It is also concerned with the promotion of the importance of the discipline of bibliography to library professionals in all types of libraries, to publishers, distributors and retailers, and to end-users. While taking full account of technological capabilities, the Section will ensure that its solutions are not necessarily dependent on particular technologies.

The Section is closely associated with the other sections within the Division of Bibliographic Control and, where appropriate, it cooperates with other divisions and sections.

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

(Professional priorities: a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; d) providing unrestricted access to information; f) promoting resource sharing; g) preserving our intellectual heritage; h) developing library professionals; I) promoting standards, guidelines, and best practices).

Actions: 1. Maintain contact and exchange information with national bibliographic agencies (NBAs) worldwide concerning national bibliographic information and services.

Ongoing.

2. Identify needs and requirements of NBAs in the production of national bibliographies by developing/administering surveys and other means.

Ongoing.

3. Utilize the World Library and Information Congress (WLIS) as a forum to define and publicize standards and best practices in the production of national bibliographies.

Ongoing.

4. Gather and update information on the status of the national bibliographies in the regions where the WLIS is being held in the next few years.

Ongoing.

5. Designate a working group to plan and present a programme at the Buenos Aires conference in 2004 on national bibliographies in Latin America and the Caribbean, stressing local/regional experiences.

The group was formed and the programme was successfully presented.

6. Begin planning for similar programmes in Seoul (2006) and Durban (2007).

Planning began at the Standing Committee's meetings in Buenos Aires. See below, Goal 2, Actions 2 and 3.

7. In conjunction with the Congresses, consider and, if financial support is available, plan for pre- or post-conference workshops for national bibliographic agencies on the production of national bibliographies.

None planned so far.

Goal 2. Improve the quality and consistency of bibliographic control by advocating implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on National Bibliographic Standards (ICNBS) and by developing specific guidelines to facilitate such implementation.

(Professional priorities: h) Developing library professionals; I) promoting standards, guidelines, and best practices).

Actions: 1. Arrange for translation of ICNBS recommendations into as many languages as possible and mount them on the Section website.

Ongoing.

2. Designate a working group in cooperation with the other Division IV sections and the Information Technology Section to develop guidelines for electronic national bibliographies and inclusion of electronic resources in electronic bibliographies. Interim results, stressing regional experiences, will be presented at the Oslo conference in 2005.

A single working group was formed in Buenos Aires and has begun work on this as well as the Action below.

3. Designate a working group in cooperation with the other Division IV sections, the National Libraries Section and the Information Technology Section to prepare a "how to" guide for agencies inexperienced in national bibliographic work. Some guidelines should be prepared for the Oslo conference, with fuller information at later conferences.

See Action 2.

Goal 3. Promote cooperation with the publishing industry in the provision and preparation of bibliographic information.

(Professional priorities: e) Balancing the intellectual property rights of authors with the needs of users; I) promoting standards, guidelines, and best practices).

Actions: 1. Encourage appreciation of and research into the value derived from bibliographic control, including national bibliographies, by the book trade, publishers, and other information brokers.

The Standing Committee consulted at the Buenos Aires meeting with Claudia Lux of the International Publishers Association-IFLA Working Group on how the Section can further support the Working Group; a policy statement may be called for.

2. Publicize and analyze the results of the CIP survey now being conducted by the Library of Congress.

Beacher Wiggins of the Section and the Library of Congress has prepared a report, which will be available on IFLANET.

3. Work with the Cataloguing Section and the Information Technology Section to develop tools for exchanging data with publishers and the book trade, etc.

Ongoing.

Goal 4. Publicize the work of the Section.

(Professional priorities: a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; d) providing unrestricted access to information; f) promoting resource sharing; g) preserving our intellectual heritage; h) developing library professionals; I) promoting standards, guidelines, and best practices).

Actions: 1. Publish in a timely manner minutes, plans, reports, documents, etc. in electronic and, where appropriate, printed form.

All relevant Section documents appear on IFLANET; some are distributed in print, as appropriate.

2. Publish two issues of the Section Newsletter each year.

An expanded and improved newsletter is in preparation.

3. Assure that the Section's website is attractive and informative.

Ongoing.

Goal 5. Promote membership in the Section and extend the geographic scope of representation on the Standing Committee.

(Professional priorities: a) supporting the role of libraries in society; d) providing unrestricted access to information; f) promoting resource sharing; g) preserving our intellectual heritage; h) developing library professionals).

Actions: 1. Follow up responses to Section communications with the Conference of Directors of National Libraries to encourage wider representation.

Ongoing.

2. Actively recruit new members during IFLA conferences in Buenos Aires, Seoul, and Durban.

Ongoing.

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 **Bibliography Section:** <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s12/index.htm>