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## 1. Introduction

Dear colleagues and friends,

As usual before the annual IFLA conference (now called the World Library and Information Congress: 69th IFLA General Conference and Council—see <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/index.htm>), this Newsletter will inform you of the Section's activities in Berlin and also on the Section's activities in recent months. This year is an exceptional one, since we will welcome new members of the Section and we will have to say good-bye and many thanks to the outgoing ones. The list of the members of the Standing Committee valid for 2003-2005 is added at the end of the Newsletter. This is also an election year, and the Section will elect its officers during its first meeting.

This is the last issue of the Newsletter that is to be distributed to all the members-subscribers in printed form. In the future it will be presented mainly on the IFLANET and distributed in its printed version only to those libraries that do not have access to Internet and request the printed version. Please do not forget to do this if this is your case.

We look forward to meeting many of you in Berlin.

Bohdana Stoklasova  
Chair

Talbott Huey  
Secretary

## 2. Activities of the Section at the IFLA Annual Conference in Berlin

***Note: The numbers of rooms have been announced only for some sessions. They are added in brackets when available. SI means simultaneous interpretation.***

***The poster illustrating the challenge for the Bibliography Section at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century added at the very end of this Newsletter will be available (in colors) during all our sessions.***

### Saturday 02 August 2003

**08.30-11.20**

**13. SC I Bibliography Standing Committee Meeting [21]**

**12.00-**

**Bibliography Standing Committee Lunch**

**10.45-12.45**

**72. Newcomers Session - SI**

**Monday 04 August 2003**

**08.30-10.30**

**86. Bibliography - SI**

**Electronic National Bibliographies**

1. [Pérennisation des bibliographies nationales dans le nouvel environnement virtuel de l'information](#)  
Continuous importance of national bibliographies in the new virtual format of information  
MARCELLE BEAUDIQUEZ (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France)
2. [Electronic national bibliographies: state of the art review](#)  
[Bibliographies nationales électroniques : point sur la situation actuelle](#)  
UNNI KNUTSEN (Norwegian National Library, Oslo, Norway)
3. [Guidelines for electronic bibliographies: are they needed?](#)  
[Faut-il des prescriptions sur les bibliographies nationales électroniques?](#)  
[Нужны ли руководства для электронных национальных библиографий?](#)  
[Directrices para las bibliografías nacionales electrónicas: ¿son necesarias?](#)  
MAJA ŽUMER (National and University Library, Ljubljana, Slovenia)
4. Future role of (electronic) national bibliographies  
JUHA HAKALA (Helsinki University Library, Helsinki Finland)

**13.45-15.45**

**99. Bibliographic Control - SI**

**Current issues and trends in bibliographic control**

1. Overview of Division's interests and activities  
I.C. McILWAINE, PIA LETH, BARBARA TILLET and BOHDANA STOKLASOVA (Chairs of the Division and the section within the Division)
2. Meeting of experts on an International Cataloguing Code  
BARBARA TILLET (Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA)
3. UNIMARC in its new home  
FERNANDA CAMPOS (National Library of Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal)
4. Functional Requirements and Numbering of Authority Records (FRANAR)  
GLENN PATTON (OCLC, Dublin, USA)
5. Bibliographic control in Germany  
CLAUDA FABIAN (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich, Germany)

**Thursday 07 August 2003**

**08.30-17.30**

**157. Bibliographic Control - Workshop**

**Subject Gateways**

1. To burst all links of habit -- [not] to wander far away, on from island unto island at the gateways of the day" : Australian Subject Gateways, the successes and the challenges  
JANINE SCHMIDT, ANNE HORN, The University of Queensland, Australia

2. [Metadata schemes for subject gateways](#)  
[Schémas de métadonnées pour les répertoires par sujet](#)  
[Схемы метаданных для предметных входов](#)  
 LYNNE C. HOWARTH (Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada)
3. Multilinguism and DDC cross-browsing: two keys towards a better interoperability in RENARDUS  
 ELISABETH FREYRE (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France) and  
 HEIKE NEUROTH (Goettingen State and University Library (SUB), Goettingen, Gemany)
4. [Relationshship between subject gateways and national bibliographies in international context](#)  
[Взаимосвязь между предметными входами и национальными библиографиями \(в международном аспекте\)](#)  
[La relación entre pasarelas temáticas y bibliografías nacionales en el contexto internacional](#)  
 BOHDANA STOKLASOVA, MARIE BALIKOVA and LUDMILA CELBOVÁ (National Library of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic)
5. [Vascoda - a portal for Scientific Resouce Collections created by German libraries and information centres](#)  
[Vascoda - ein Portal für wissenschaftliche Ressourcen von deutschen Bibliotheken und Fachinformationszentren](#)  
[Vascoda – портал коллекций научных ресурсов, создаваемый немецкими библиотеками и информационными центрами](#)  
[Vascoda - Vascoda - un Portal de colección de recursos científicos creado por bibliotecas y centros de información alemanes](#)  
 TAMARA PIANOS (Universitätsbibliothek Hannover und Technische Informationsbibliothek, Hannover, Germany)
6. Short survey of subject gateways activity  
 BOHDANA STOKLASOVA, National Library of the Czech Republic,Prague, Czech Republic)

**Friday 08 August 2003**

**08.00-10.00**

**185. SC II Bibliography Standing Committee Meeting [4]**

### **3. News from the NBAs**

Note: We would like in future issues of this Newsletter to include news about national bibliographies and their publishers. Please collect such items as you learn of them and pass them on to the Secretary. Thanks!

This time we note that the National Library of Cambodia has a new Director, Mr. Chamroeun Khuon. A national bibliography is in preparation after a long hiatus.

And the National Library of Thailand also has a new Director, Mrs. Siriporn Chiruppapa.

Barbara Bell reports that Namibia's National Bibliography for 1996-1998, formerly delayed by a staffing shortage, has now been published.

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## **5. Short Survey of Subject Gateways Activity**

This survey was distributed to all IFLA's Bibliography Section members (continuing, outgoing, new, and corresponding ones) plus Australia, which has achieved remarkable results in this area. Some countries reported that they are not active in the SG development, and some of them did not answer at all. The answers of participating countries included in the table resulted in the following summary:

### **1. Level of SG building**

Although we can see a relatively long tradition and remarkable results in the area of Subject Gateways (SG) construction in some countries now with projects in operation, this is a new concept for many other countries now involved in pilot projects, plans & testing. In many countries no activity in SG building is planned for the near future.

### **2. Coordination/direction of SG building**

There are some countries with isolated SG activities without any coordination/direction. However, the coordination/direction mainly exists (or is planned) on the national and subject levels.

### **3. Cooperation at national level**

Cooperation at the national level exists (or is planned) in most countries. Development of SG without cooperation at the national level is exceptional.

### **4. Cooperation at international level**

Cooperation at the international level exists (or is planned) in most countries. It is clear that achieving results by the necessary processes of compromise and development of solutions and guidelines acceptable for all participants in international projects (e.g. Renardus, CORC) is extremely important and helpful also for countries not directly involved in these projects.

### **5. Metadata used for SG**

Dublin Core (mainly DC enriched) is the predominant metadata scheme used for SG building.

### **6. Subject access (classification)**

DDC is the predominant classification for SG building. It is used either directly in the countries building their SG, or it serves as a "bridge". For countries involved in international projects such as RENARDUS and using other classifications, the mapping to DDC is mandatory. Some countries not yet involved in international projects have also produced concordance tables so as to be able to cooperate in a seamless way with the "DDC based" countries and projects; e.g. Czechia, where the purpose of this concordance is much broader than just SG building.

### **7. Subject headings – language**

All the countries construct their subject headings in their own languages, naturally. However, more and more of them are adding subject headings in English to help English-speaking users search the SG and to make their own SG widely accessible from abroad.

## **8. Subject headings – nature**

There is a mix of controlled and uncontrolled subject and keyword access available through subject gateways. However, most of the countries included in the survey report controlled subject headings. These are derived from different thesauri. Because of the strong connection of subject headings with natural language, no “bridge” is visible in this area. However, the LCSH was mentioned most frequently, and, of course, MeSH will predominate for the SG dealing with medicine and connected subjects.

### **General conclusion**

This was just a small survey. There are many countries and areas that remained uncovered. It would be nice to have a more detailed survey concerning SG in the future – much more detailed and covering more countries. However, for those making SG plans or pilot projects the results of this small survey might be useful. It is obvious that results have been achieved by effective national and international projects that can be shared and should be used. There are metadata, classifications, languages and even subject headings that seem to be used more frequently than others; some of these might become a sort of bridge or switching tool in the future. It is important to follow up on this development. Of course, this is valid only for some countries. There are and will be many countries and regions that will develop completely different switching tools in the future, those more convenient to their group of languages, scripts or historical background. But there is one message which is common for all the present or future SG builders located in any part of the world and using any language or script: we should share our results, and our human and financial resources. SG are an important tool for the integration of information resources belonging to particular subjects developed in different countries and reflecting different approaches and cultures. Integration of these resources is impossible or very difficult without adherence to the same standards and international cooperation.

# BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL OR CHAOS



## Short Survey of Subject Gateways Activity

This survey was distributed to all IFLA's Bibliography Section members (outgoing, new, and corresponding ones) + Australia. Some countries reported that they are not active in the SG area, and some of them did not answer at all. The answers of participating countries resulted in the following picture:

| Question  | 1. Level of SG building<br>A) Projects in operation<br>B) Pilot projects<br>C) Plans & testing<br>D) Not planned for the near future   | 2.Coordination/direction of SG building<br>A) National level<br>B) Subject level<br>C) Regional level<br>D) Combination of A/B/C<br>E) No coordination, isolated activities   | 3. Cooperation at national level<br>A) Yes<br>B) No<br>C) Planned   | 4. Cooperation at international level<br>A) Yes<br>B) No<br>C) Planned   | 5. Metadata used for SG<br>A) Dublin Core<br>B) Dublin Core enriched<br>C) Other (please specify) | 6. Subject access (classification) is based on<br>A) DDC<br>B) UDC<br>C) LCC<br>D) Other (please specify)         | 7. Subject headings – language<br>A) National language (please specify)<br>B) Full English version<br>C) Other (please, specify) | 8. Subject headings – nature<br>A) Controlled (please, specify where the SH are derived from – e.g. LCSH, national system etc.)<br>B) Uncontrolled  |
|-----------|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| Country   |  |   |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| Australia | A  | A,B   | A   | A [In a limited way. Contacts with RENARDUS and RDN by the way of exchanging information and ideas]  | B   | C,D   | B  | A [LCSH for some gateways and custom built thesauri specific to the subject area of the gateway for the others – e.g. CAB International Agriculture Thesaurus, Australian Pictorial Thesaurus, Australian Thesaurus of Educational Descriptors]   |
| Czechia   | B  | A,B   | C   | C [Guidelines for Czech SG prepared in adherence to those of RENARDUS and based on analysis of good results of important foreign projects we would like to cooperate with] | B   | A,B [UDC-DDC concordance at the WLN Conspectus categories level – SG building connected with collection building] | A [Czech],B  | A Czech National Subject Authority File based on LCSH, including English equivalents; subject specific thesauri – e.g. MeSH   |
| Germany   | A,B,C  | A,B   | A   | -  | B   | A,D [subject specific classifications]  | A [German],B   | A [LCSH – in special Vlibs, SWD – National German Authority File for Subject Headings; subject specific thesauri – e.g. MeSH  |
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