



## **Section on Acquisition and Collection Development**

*Annual Report: 2003 - 2004*

### **1. Scope of the Section**

The Section on Acquisition and Collection Development concerns itself extensively with methodological and topical themes pertaining to acquiring materials (purchase, exchange, gift, deposit), de-acquisition and weeding, techniques used for determining collection development policies, collection assessment and practices, materials pricing issues, and librarians' relations with publishers and vendors. Also of concern to the Section are the impact and application of technological developments that underlie many of the changes observed in departmental workflow, and partnering arrangements when acquiring materials (such as electronic data interchange, materials licensing agreements, and cooperative collection development). As access to materials becomes an increasingly viable alternative to ownership, the Section finds itself working more closely with the Sections on Serial Publications and Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan, and the Publishers' Liaison Committee. In formulating its Goals the Section strives to be flexible and responsive to changing conditions in the professional environment. The Section is especially cognizant of the need to integrate its Goals with IFLA's thematic focus and professional priorities.

### **2. Membership and Officers**

- 2.1 As of 1 August 2004 there were 150 members of the Section. They are
- institutions: 116
  - national associations: 19
  - international associations: 1
  - personal affiliates: 13
  - student affiliates: 1

The Standing Committee in 2003 consisted of 20 members and 3 corresponding members. At the Berlin conference 2003 the new Standing Committee was nominated. It consists of 22 members and 2 corresponding members.

2.2 The Chair and Financial Officer until the Berlin conference was Nancy Davenport (Library of Congress, U.S.). She asked to be relieved of this responsibility due to a pending change in her professional responsibilities. Accordingly, Pentti Vattulainen (National Repository Library, POB 1710, 704121 KUOPIO, Finland; tel. \*(358)(17)26460000, fax \*(358)(17)3645050), e-mail [penntti.vattulainen@nrl.fi](mailto:penntti.vattulainen@nrl.fi) was elected to replace her as Chair and Financial Officer.

The Secretary, Information Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor was Pentti Vattulainen (see above). Following his election as Chair and Financial Officer, Lynn Sipe (University of Southern California, Leavey Library 301-A, Los Angeles, CA 90089-2571, tel. \*(1)(213)(740-2929), fax \*(1)(213)(740-7713), e-mail [lsipe@usc.edu](mailto:lsipe@usc.edu) was elected to replace him as Secretary, Information Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor.

### **3. Meetings**

#### **3.1 Standing Committee at the Buenos Aires Conference**

The Standing Committee met twice during the Buenos Aires Conference in August 2004 to undertake routine business and to prepare for the Section's activities. Both meetings were held in the Buenos Aires Hilton on Sunday, 8 August, 11:30-14:20 and Saturday, 28 August, 11:30-14:20.

**The main points discussed in Buenos Aires were:**

- Report on the May 2005 Repository Library Conference in Kuopio, Finland
- Action Plan/Strategic Plan for 2004-2005
- Options for increasing member contributions to the Section's Newsletter
- Likelihood of holding an intra-Conference meeting of the Standing Committee somewhere in Europe in January or February 2005
- Possibilities for continuing/not continuing the Acquisitions & Collection Development Bibliography
- Update on the Handbook for the International Exchange of Publications
- Planning for the Oslo Conference Initial planning for the Seoul Conference

Eleven members of the Standing Committee were present for the first meeting of the Standing Committee; thirteen members of the Standing Committee were absent, five of whom had provided prior notice of their not going to Buenos Aires. The same number of people was present at the second meeting. Ten observers were also present for the Sunday meeting, none for the Saturday meeting.

### **4. Projects**

#### **4.1 Acquisitions Bibliography**

Extensive discussion at the Standing Committee meetings failed to definitely resolve the issue of how to proceed or not to proceed with the Acquisitions Bibliography, maintained by the Section for several years. Accordingly, the Officers were authorized to review the matter and to present a proposal at the Oslo Conference as to whether or not to continue the Bibliography.

#### **4.2 Handbook of the International Exchange of Publications**

A revision of the original edition of this work has been underway since 2000, under the direction of Pentti Vattulainen. The revised publication is almost ready to be sent to the publisher, K.G. Saur or as an IFLA monograph. IFLA has provided a modest amount of funding in support of this project. There is also a possibility of the document being published on the Web.

#### **4.3 Section Brochure**

A revision of the Section's brochure, prepared by Lynn Sipe, is largely complete, save for some minor errors which await editorial correction. The revised version of the brochure will appear after the Oslo Conference so that it can include highlights of the Section's revised Strategic Plan.

### **5. Publications**

#### **5.1 Section Newsletter**

Issues no. 28 (January 2004) and no. 29 (July 2004) were issued and distributed to members of the Section and posted on IFLANet.

#### **5.2 Other**

See above, 4.2 and 4.3 for pending publications sponsored by the Section.

### **6. Conference Programmes**

The Section hosted a very successful Open Programme on Tuesday, 24 August, 10:45-12:15 at the Buenos Aires Hilton. The programme theme was "Collections for Literacy and Development: Focus on Latin America". Simultaneous translation was provided for the four speakers, three of whom were from Latin America and one had recently moved from Latin America. Attendance was conservatively estimated at 150. The speakers and their topics were (IFLANet URL for text of the papers follows each entry):

- "Cooperative collection development in the Latin American and Caribbean Virtual Health Library" (ROSANE TARUHN and CARMEN VERONICA MENDES-ABDALA, BIREME/OPS, Sao Paulo, Brazil) [http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/papers/030e-Taruhn\\_Abdala.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/papers/030e-Taruhn_Abdala.pdf)
- "La brecha informativa en Latinoamérica: un caso de estudio-The educational divide in Latin America: a case study" (IRENE MUNSTER, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA) <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/papers/031s-Munster.pdf>

- “Colecciones patrimoniales: instrumentos para la educación y el desarrollo” (GLORIA INÉS PALOMINO, Biblioteca Pública Piloto, Medellin, Colombia)  
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/papers/032s-Palomino-Londono.pdf>

## 7. Other Events

The Section co-sponsored, with the National Depository Library of Finland, the highly successful *2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Repository Libraries* in Kuopio, Finland, 12-15 May 2004. The theme of the conference was “Maintaining Availability of Print Material: the role of repository libraries.” More than forty participants from at least a dozen countries were present. A detailed account of the conference is found in the Section’s Newsletter no. 29 (available on IFLANet) as well as at the conference web site, <http://www.nrl.fi/kuopio2/htm>.

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## 9. Date

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