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Message from the Chair—Pentti Vattulainen

Acquisition and Collection Development Section is one of six belonging to the Division of Collections and Services. The divisional structure was adapted to IFLA in 1976 and since then much has changed: new sections and new divisions have been formed. The name of our section was originally Acquisition and Exchanges Section, and – as the name indicates – it largely concentrated on technical matters connected with print materials. The name was changed after Istanbul conference 1995 and the reason was that the acquisition environment began to change because of the emerging electronic resources. The focus of the Sections programmes and workshops changed. It became more general and after discussions collection development was seen to be the right term to describe it.

The new strategic plan for 2006 - 2007 is being prepared. In this connection there has come out an idea to further change the name of the section: to remove acquisitions from the name of the section. This has to be discussed in the Standing Committee meetings of the Section in Oslo. I hope to see in Oslo many Section and Standing Committee members and others interested in the work of our Section.

Message from the Secretary—Lynn Sipe

Our goal was to have Issue no. 31 of the *Newsletter* out by early July but due to reality intervening in various ways its appearing at the end of the month.

Particular thanks are due to Rossana Morriello for her report on the International Workshop on “Current Issues in Collection Development: Italian and Global Perspectives”. All members of the Standing Committee who were able to attend the meetings and workshop in Bologna can attest to the extraordinary welcome and hospitality we all received, thanks to Rossana and her Italian colleagues.

BioBriefs for some of our new colleagues on the Standing Committee, along with some from continuing members appear in this issue. Thanks to those contributors as well. Elsewhere you’ll find ample information on the upcoming Oslo Conference, details on some of the hard work that lies ahead for the Standing Committee and Minutes from the Bologna meetings.

Contributions for the *Newsletter* are always encouraged from all members of both the Standing Committee and from other members of the Section on Acquisition and Collection Development. Suggestions for changes or improvements are equally welcomed!

IFLA Acquisitions and Collection Development Section Standing Committee meetings held in conjunction with the Workshop on “Current Issues in Collection Development: Italian and Global Perspectives”, Bologna, Italy

The Standing Committee met twice in Bologna, on the days preceding and following the Workshop. The first meeting was held on Thursday, 17 February from 13:00-17:30 and the second on Saturday, 19 from 12:45-13:40. These minutes cover both meetings, in a less detailed format than the Annual Conference minutes. The meetings were held in the Archiginassio Library, which also was the site of the Workshop.

IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section-Standing Committee

1. Attendance and general introductions

Standing Committee members attending were:

Corrado Di Tillio, Christina Friström, Klaus Kempf, Liv Rustiviken, Lynn Sipe, Pentti Vattulainen, Nadia Zilper

Observer attending (Saturday only):

Rossana Morriello, who had coordinated and moderated the Workshop on Friday and who had arranged the wonderful hospitality provided to the members of the Standing Committee

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as proposed.

3. Announcements

Pentti Vattulainen shared the very sad news of the passing of two members of the Standing Committee since the Buenos Aires Conference, Jacqueline DuBois (Bibliothèque de l'Université Paris 03) and Alexi P. Romanov (National Library of Russia)

4. The Workshop on “Current Issues in Collection Development: Italian and Global Perspectives”

Pentti Vattulainen provided an overview of the Workshop at the Thursday meeting of the Standing Committee and led a brief discussion of its successful outcome at the Saturday meeting.

5. Report on December meetings of the IFLA Professional Committee and the IFLA Governing Board

The Chair summarized some of the key points in a report distributed by Edward Swanson, Chair of the Coordinating Board for Division V and distributed to Division officers. Much of this information was scheduled to be included in the Section's forthcoming *Newsletter*.

6. Annual Report for 2003-2004

It was noted that the Section's Annual Report for 2003-2004 was due soon to IFLA Headquarters. The contents of the Report are likely to be gleaned from the minutes of the Standing Committee's meetings, but if any one had any additions to suggest they were encouraged to submit them to Pentti as soon as possible.

7. Review of the Strategic Plan for 2004-2005

Copies of the Section's *Strategic Plan for 2004-2005* were distributed. There was a discussion of the status of each of the action items, with an eye toward incorporating appropriate ones in to the new *Strategic Plan 2006-2007*. Most of the action items had been successfully completed, some need to be carried over to the new plan and a few were no longer feasible due to lack of interest or ability by proposed partners.

8. Initiating Discussion of the Strategic Plan for 2006-2007

Initial discussion on the Section's *Strategic Plan for 2006-2007* took up a significant amount of time at the meetings. Many useful suggestions from the status review of the *Strategic Plan for 2004-2005* provided some very useful building blocks for the new plan. Lynn Sipe volunteered to edit the existing plan, incorporating suggestions made at these meetings, as a starting point for discussions of the new *Plan* at the Oslo meetings. A draft of this revised document will be distributed, once it is completed, to attendees of the Bologna meetings for corrections, prior to its distribution to the entire Standing Committee. Since the new strategic plans from each section are due to IFLA HQ by October 2005, discussion of the *Plan* will undoubtedly be a key focus of the Standing Committee meetings in Oslo.

9. Oslo Programme

The other major topic of discussion at the meetings was on firming up the programme for Oslo. The programmatic theme had already been determined to be "Electronic resources: different approaches for end users". What remains to be decided as exactly which papers on what topics might be appropriate for inclusion under this theme. At the Buenos Aires conference it had been proposed that there could be presentations on national electronic legal deposit

and on national license agreements. In addition, it was felt that something from both a public and a special library perspective would be of interest. Open source resources was another possibility. During the course of these meetings specific suggestions were made for presentations on national licensing agreements (Germany), public library partnerships (Italy), electronic legal deposit (Norway), and statewide electronic license agreements (North Carolina or California). Interest was also expressed on seeking a paper from a developing country. There are significant time constraints, with abstracts due to IFLA by March 1 and the actual text of the papers due by April 15. To assist in making final decisions on which papers to include in the Section's programme Pentti asked that the proposed speakers be contacted immediately and that abstracts be submitted to him as soon as possible.

10. Other Business

Following brief discussion the members of the Standing Committee present in Bologna agreed to recommend to the full Standing Committee in Oslo that the *Acquisitions & Collection Development Bibliography* be abandoned as an ongoing project of the Section.

The best night for members of the Standing Committee to have dinner together appears to Sunday night, 14 August. Liv Rustiviken will provide restaurant recommendations. Several Standing Committee members have volunteered to pay for dinner for other members for whom the cost of such a dinner might be a deterrent to joining the group.

11. Other Agenda Items

In the interests of time it was agreed to postpone discussion of other items on the Agenda until the Oslo meetings. Key among them were programme planning for the Seoul and Durban meetings as well as IFLA's pending review of each of the sections. Section questionnaires are due at IFLA HQ by 15 November 2005.

Report on the International Workshop on "Current Issues in Collection Development: Italian and Global Perspectives" by Rossana Morriello

Last February, the city of Bologna, Italy, hosted the midwinter meeting of the IFLA Section on acquisition and collection development. As part of the meeting, an open session on "Current issues in collection development: Italian and global perspectives" was organized on February 18, in the charming setting of one of the most beautiful and fascinating Italian historical libraries, the Archiginnasio Library. The successful organization of the workshop was the result of a fruitful collaboration between IFLA Section on Acquisition and Collection Development and the National Committee on University and Research Libraries (CNUR) of the Italian Library Association (AIB).

The success of the workshop was proved by the high number of people attending (about 250), coming from all kind of libraries. Collection development is of particular interest in Italy in these years as a result of an increasing professional literature in Italian appearing on this subject, and of a recently reached awareness of the strategic importance of planning acquisitions and collection development in times of budget restrictions and widening of the publishing market, with an uncontrollable number of publications appearing both in paper and digital formats.

The organization of the workshop was possible also thank to the collaboration of the Soprintendenza regionale per i beni librari e documentari della Regione Emilia-Romagna (aka IBC, the main regional authority in the field of libraries), Archiginnasio Library and the regional section of the Italian Library Association.

The workshop was divided in two sessions: in the morning, major emphasis was given to collection development in public libraries, while in the afternoon the session was dedicated to university and research libraries.

The morning session was opened by greetings of the authorities: Pierangelo Bellettini, Director of Archiginnasio Library; Rosaria Campioni, Head of IBC; Marco Cupellaro, Secretary of the Italian Library Association; Rossana Morriello, Chair of CNUR, and Pentti Vattulainen, Chair of the IFLA Standing Committee, who introduced the workshop and presented the activities of IFLA Section on Acquisition and Collection Development.

Chair of the morning session was Patrizia Lucchini, President of AIB Emilia-Romagna regional section. Papers given in the morning were by Anna Maria Brandinelli, who presented the important and deep work on collection development done in Sala Borsa Library, Bologna main public library, and the main features of their collection development policy statement; Maurizio Vivarelli who described the experience on collection management in Forteguerriana Library in Pistoia (Tuscany); Giacomo Nerozzi, who dealt with the problem of collection building and continuous revision in the reference room of the Archiginnasio Library, which has to face the problem of having a double mission, being at the time an historical library and a public library; Alessandro Agustoni, who presented the result of a cooperative work on collection development realized by libraries of the Province of Milan; Giovanni Solimine, who presented the collection policy of BEIC, the new prestigious European library of information and culture to be built in the next years in Milan, of which he coordinated the team charged with the realization of the collection development policy.

In the afternoon, in the session coordinated by who is writing this report, as chair of AIB National committee on university and research libraries, papers were given by Nadia Zilper, University of North Carolina and member of IFLA Standing Committee, who made an overview of problems and issues in collection development; Laura Casagrande and Andreina Masotti, who described the work,

still in progress, being done in IUAV University in Venice, and aiming at the realization of a collection development policy statement in the field of architecture, in which IUAV is specialized; Maurizio di Girolamo and Maria Grazia Pistelli gave a detailed description of their experience with acquisitions in EDI, an electronic format for exchanging information between libraries and suppliers, used in University of Milan "Bicocca" and implemented on Aleph 500; Klaus Kempf, member of IFLA Standing Committee, spoke on the subject of acquisitions through approval plans as experienced in the National library of Bavaria; and Lynn Sipe, University of Southern California Library, Los Angeles, and member of IFLA Standing Committee, presented a detailed study of the changes in workflows libraries have to face as a consequence of the introduction of electronic resources in the collections.

The level of papers given was very high and the great interest of people attending was confirmed also after the workshop. Consequently, we decided to publish the proceedings of the conference, both in print and electronic format. Papers will be in fact available, all translated both in Italian and in English, on AIB-WEB, the website of the Italian Library Association, in the web space of CNUR, at the following url: <http://www.aib.it/aib/commiss/cnur/ifla-boe.htm3>. Also, paper proceedings, in Italian and in English, will be edited in a volume by IFLA Section on Acquisition and Collection Development and AIB Commissione Nazionale biblioteche dell'Università e della Ricerca (CNUR), and published by Compositori Publisher in Bologna. Details on the publication will be available at the above-mentioned url.

Besides the open session, members of IFLA Standing committee could meet for their midwinter meeting in the Archiginnasio Library. I was very grateful to be invited as an observer in one of the meeting and so to have the opportunity to share ideas on the important subject of study of this IFLA Section, which is of extremely interest also for AIB and particularly for the National committee on university libraries.

Also, with the aim of making the colleagues of the Standing Committee staying in Bologna pleasant and interesting, we organized guided visits to Archiginnasio Library, Sala Borsa Public Library and the historical Bologna University Library, which are some of the most beautiful and lively Italian libraries, able to join their rich historical background, emerging from their collections and from their architecture, with modern solutions for library services.

Finally, a special dinner in honour of IFLA international guests was organized in one of the most famous Bolognese restaurants, the Antica Salsamentaria Tamburini, with the help of Rino Pensato, librarian and gourmet. It was a thematic dinner, the theme being - of course - books and libraries, and the menu was based on recipes taken from some cookery and gastronomic books written by librarians and library scientists, some of whom were present to the dinner.

I can say that the whole meeting was very interesting and stimulating and I hope this could be only the beginning of a useful cooperation between IFLA and AIB to be developed in next years on important topics for our profession.

Rossana Morriello

Chair

AIB - Commissione Nazionale biblioteche dell'Università
e della Ricerca (CNUR)

Highlights from March Meetings of the Governing Board & the Professional Committee [from a report prepared by Edward Swanson, Chair of the Coordinating Board for Division V]

It was announced [at the Governing Board] that there would not be a raffle in Oslo. Many negative comments were received about the one in Buenos Aires. It is possible that the idea might be revived at a future conference.

A proposal to develop some non-conflict time to visit the exhibits, beginning with the Seoul Conference, and the effects such a decision might have on other aspects of the Conference will be on the agenda [of the Governing Board] in August.

The publications programme is healthy. The contract with Saur for book publications expires at the end of 2006 and so a rebidding process needs to be begun. The makeup of the IFLA Journal Editorial Committee is under review.

Some of the existing Sections have fewer than the required number of nominations to the Standing Committees. Discussion was held on how to deal with these. It was decided that the Mobile Libraries Section would be asked to merge with the Public Library Section. Various proposals for the Women's Issues Section and the Library and Information Science Journals Section were discussed, with the final decision to take place by the Annual Conference.

The Coordinating Boards will be asked to discuss the existing structure of divisions and sections at their August meetings to see if there are any recommendations for restructuring. These recommendations will be sent to the next Professional Committee, who can consider them in conjunction with the section review results.

Approval was given to changing the name of the Document Delivery and Interlending Section to Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section.

With regard to the decision to handle future administrative funds for the sections and divisions at IFLA Headquarters, it was suggested that it would save money if

the funds currently in the hands of the sections and divisions could be transferred to HQ in dollars. Exact procedures for spending these funds will be developed and discussed at the Officers Training Sessions in Oslo.

The question was raised about handing other funds that the sections raise. It was pointed out that this procedure applies only to the administrative funds distributed from IFLA funds and that other funding belonging to Sections and divisions would be handled by them.

Decisions were made [by the Professional Committee] on which poster session proposals would be approved. IFLA HQ will bring some additional posters to use in spaces where the scheduled poster session did not appear. The posters will be in several spaces throughout the building instead of in one single space.



World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council

August 14-18, 2005, Oslo, Norway

Theme---Libraries: a Voyage of Discovery

IFLA returns to Scandinavia on the occasion of its 71st General Conference. The usual smorgasbord of events familiar to IFLA Conference goers, such as Open Forums, Section Meetings, Workshops, Poster Sessions, Pre-Conference Seminars, other Satellite Meetings, exhibits and the cultural evening will all be present. This year's IFLA also brings a very unique and special event, with the official Grand Opening of Norway's new National Library coordinated with the IFLA Conference on Monday, August 15. The Conference venues are the Oslo Spektrum and the adjoining conference hotel, Hotel Radisson Plaza.

Acquisition & Collection Development Section Activities in Oslo

The Oslo Conference provides some additional shifts in scheduling of regular meetings from what has been familiar in the past, including some differences from the schedule in Buenos Aires. The two meetings of the Standing Committee of the Section will take place on Saturday, August 13 (11:30-14:20) and Friday, August 19 (11:00-13:50), which are the days immediately preceding and following the formal opening and closing events of the conference. Draft agendas for the Standing Committee meetings are in the section following this one. For venues please refer to the official conference programme.

The Open Session, or Program, of the Acquisition and Collection Development Section is on Tuesday, August 16 (13:45-15:45). "Electronic Resources-Different Approaches for End Users"

1. "Improving access to research literature in developing countries: challenges and opportunities provided by Open Access".
LESLIE CHAN (University of Toronto at Scarborough, Canada);
BARBARA KIRSOP (Electronic Publishing Trust for Development, UK); SELY COSTA (University of Brasilia, Brazil); SUBBIAH ARUNACHALAM (MSSRF, Chennai, India)
2. "Our digital heritage as source material to end-users: collection of and access to net publications in the National Library of Norway".
KJERSTI RUSTAD (National Library of Norway, Oslo)
3. "National licenses as the philosopher's stone of end-user access? Analyzing different approaches to resource sharing in the digital age."
(Hildegard Schaffler, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich, Germany)
4. "Bringing electronic resources to the people: the story of North Carolina Live".
(Joe A. Hewitt, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA)

For the meeting location please refer to the official conference programme.

**IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section-
Standing Committee 1**

Saturday 13.8.2005 11:30-14:20

Location: See Official Programme

Agenda (Draft)

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Election of officers for the term 2005-2007
 - Chair & treasurer
 - Secretary & information coordinator
5. Minutes of meetings at
 - 2004 IFLA General Conference and Council (Buenos Aires) In: Newsletter 30, March 2005 and IFLANET <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s14/index.htm>
 - Mid-term meeting in Bologna
Newsletter 31., July 2005
6. Report of meeting of Coordinating Board 12.8.2005

7. Section's activities in Oslo
 - Electronic resources – different approaches for end-users, Tuesday 16 August 13.45 – 15.45
 - Section Dinner (Sunday after Opening Party)
 - IFLA Booth, Monday, August 15th, at 14.00-15.00
8. Annual Report and Financial Report
In Section's website at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s14/index.htm>
9. Strategic Plan for 2006 – 2007
Old strategic plan at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s14/annual/sp14-04.htm>
10. Programmes for future conferences
 - Seoul 2006: Libraries: "Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society"
 - Durban 2007: "Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnership"
11. Section's activities
 - Projects
 1. Acquisition Bibliography
 2. Handbook of the International Exchange of Publications
 3. Section Brochure
 4. Gift instructions
 5. New projects
 - a. Resource mapping seminar, Helsinki 2005
 - Publications
 1. Newsletter
12. Section Review
See: Newsletter 31, July 2005
13. Other Business

IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section- Standing Committee 2

Friday 19.8.2005 11:00-13:50

Location: See Official Programme

Agenda (Draft)

14. Conference review
15. Remaining business from the first session
16. Recognition of the retiring members
17. Any other business
18. Adjournment

Members of the Standing Committee attending the Annual Conference are encouraged to join their colleagues for the 'traditional' Standing Committee dinner. This year's dinner will be after the Exhibits Opening/Opening Party on Sunday evening, August 14. Further details will be provided at Standing Committee Meeting 1.

Selected Programs of Other Sections in Oslo of Possible Interest to Members of the Acquisitions and Collection Development Section

As a means of furthering partnerships and alliances with other IFLA Sections and as a contribution to continuing professional development note is made here of other conference programs in Oslo that may be of possible interest to Members of the Section. Please check the official Conference Programme for details on locations, speakers and individual topics.

ART LIBRARIES: "*Visual culture-its impact on art library collecting*"
Sunday, August 14 13:45-15:45

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS: "*Sailing the treacherous seas of digital government information: from pamphlet boxes to digital library*"
Monday, August 15 8:30-10:30

RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS: "*Embracing the flood. Managing the 20th century as the past: 20th century materials - selection, preservation and access*"
Monday, August 15 8:30-10:30

SERIALS AND OTHER CONTINUING RESOURCES: "*Million dollar baby: changing serials business models for an electronic age*"
Monday, August 15 10:45-12:45

NEWSPAPERS: "*Newspaper digitisation projects. Developments in the online availability of older newspapers*"
Monday, August 15 13:45-15:45

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LIBRARIES: "*Open source literature: Widening the scope to serve science and its disciplines*"
Monday, August 15 16:00-18:00

DOCUMENT DELIVERY AND RESOURCE SHARING: "*Perspectives on supply of electronic documents*"
Tuesday, August 16 16:00-18:00

Pending Review of Each IFLA Section

All IFLA Sections in Division 5 (Division 5 includes the Acquisition & Collection Development Section) received the following message from Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA Coordinator of Professional Activities. Completion of the Review Questionnaire required of all IFLA Section's will be a matter of the highest priority for the Section's Officers in the two months after the Oslo Conference and will also be a subject of discussion at the Standing Committee meetings in Oslo.

To the Officers of Sections belonging to Division 5

Please find attached the Questionnaire for the Review of your Sections which has been approved by the Professional Committee. On behalf of this committee I request you to answer to the questions and send me the report of your section at your convenience, but not later than 15 November 2005.

The long lead time for sending in your reply is to provide you with enough time to internally discuss the issues, and to facilitate handing over to new Standing Committee members and Officers (in August 2005) where necessary.

[Text of the Questionnaire follows]:

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Questionnaire for Review of Sections

Part 1: Factual data

1. Number of Section members, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
2. Number of Standing Committee members, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
3. Attendance at Section's Open Sessions, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
 1. Standing Committee members
 2. Observers
 3. Other contributors to the Section work
4. Number of papers in Section's conference programmes, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 (supported by list of references)
5. Number of Section's other publications, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, (supported by list of references)

Part 2: Evaluative self-criticism

(Please assess the Section's achievements against IFLA's Professional Priorities giving an indication of what are seen as the major achievements and where it is felt that the Section has fallen short of the ideal)

6. Review the Section's achievements, 2002-2003.
7. Outline the Section's projected goals, 2004-2005.
8. With what other Sections does the Section collaborate?
9. Are there other Sections, which you feel might logically collaborate with yours? Indicate ways in which this might be done.
10. If you received Project money in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 how was it spent and how successful was the outcome?
11. Outline the ways in which the Section communicates with its members, giving an indication of any improvements that might be made.
12. In what ways has the Section sought to develop its membership? How could it further this in the future?
13. Are there any ways in which the Section might benefit from support from IFLA Headquarters/other Sections/any other sources? If so, give suggestions.
14. Has the Section generated any money for IFLA – and in what ways might it do so in the future?
15. Please provide a series of keywords, which best express the topics and issues that are of concern to your Section.
16. Please add any other information that you feel is relevant to an evaluation of your Section.

IFLA/HQ, 30 January 2005, revised 13 April 2005

The Section on IFLANet

The text of the Section's latest Annual Report, for 2003-2004, is available on IFLANet. In addition other Annual Reports; copies of our Standing Committee Minutes for 2001-2004; Newsletter issues nos. 20-30; the 2002-03 and 2004-05 Strategic Plans; multiple language editions of *Guidelines for a Collection Development Policy*; and the Section's Scope Note are also posted. Go to <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s14/index.htm>.

Hail and Farewell!

Welcome to the following colleagues who are joining the Standing Committee for the first time at the Oslo Conference:

Ole Gunnar Evensen
University of Bergen Library (Norway)

Sook Hyeun Lee
National Library of Korea, Seoul (Korea)

Natalia Litvinova
Russian State Library, Moscow (Russian Federation)

Catherine Omont
(France)

Tan Sun
(China)

Silke Trojahn
Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin - Preußischer Kulturbesitz (Germany)

Farewell, with thanks and congratulations, to the following colleagues who are rotating off the Standing Committee after the Oslo Conference:

Tatiana Afanasieva
Russian State Library, Moscow (Russian Federation)

John Byford
British Library, London (UK)

Christina Friström
Lund University Library (Sweden)

Christine Girard
Université Montesquieu Bordeaux (France)

Rolf Griebel
Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich (Germany)

Susan K. Nutter
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC (USA)

Liv Rustviken
National Library of Norway, Oslo (Norway)

Irina Skorikova
Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology, Moscow (Russian Federation)

BioBriefs Submitted by Members of the Standing Committee

[This section, introduced in *Newsletter* no. 29, serves to introduce Members of the Standing Committee, based on brief biographical statements provided by the Member. Additional submissions for inclusion in *Newsletter* no. 32 are encouraged from Members not yet represented in this section!]

Ole G. Evensen: I have been Head of Acquisitions at the University of Bergen Library since January 2002. The University of Bergen is divided into 7 faculty libraries according to the university's organizational structure. The acquisitions department provides centralized acquisition services for the faculty libraries. All orders are processed through Acquisitions and all journal subscriptions (print and on line) are managed centrally. International exchange and the UoB Library's electronic publishing activities are also responsibilities of Acquisitions. Since January 2004 I have chaired the University's project for setting up an Institutional Repository hosted by the library. The Bergen Open Research Archive (BORA) was launched in November 2004. (<http://bora.uib.no>)

Prior to my appointment at the university library I worked for two years for Siemens Business Services as a senior advisor on digital records management and work flow in public sector. From 1982 – 1999 I had several appointments in Statoil (the Norwegian state oil company): head of document services, head of IT support centre, head of library and files and others.

My education is a BA in modern languages and literature (Italian, Spanish and Nordic) and a BA in librarianship. I constantly try to maintain my language skills. In my spare time I like hiking in the Norwegian mountains (winter and summer) and to travel. For the last 10 years (as father of four – now teenagers) I have been heavily involved in organizing brass band for youth in our school district.

Natalia Litvinova: I have been working at the Russian State Library, Moscow for eighteen years. I am responsible for acquisitions of networked resources for my library. This activity is rather new for Russian libraries and thus very interesting and dynamic. I'm really fond of it. I have a perfect opportunity to master new information technologies. Besides, working in a national library I share my experience with my colleagues. My colleagues and I have established training center "Science Online" where we have been teaching librarians from all over Russia. I also have a privilege to participate in national and international events like seminars and conferences.

My hobbies. In my leisure time I read books, visit musical and theatre performances, and work at our small country house (Russian "dacha"). I also like to help my daughter with her studies and play with our cat.

Lynn Sipe: I've spent my entire professional career at the University of Southern California Library in Los Angeles. Over the past 39 years I've held a variety of positions: Head of Bibliographic Searching in Acquisitions; as Head of the International & Public Affairs Library; as Assistant University Librarian for Collection; Associate and Deputy University Librarian; Acting Director of Libraries; Head of Technical Services; and my current position, Collection Development Coordinator. I own and co-moderate COLLDV-L, an international collection development listserv. I serve as Treasurer for the Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (private academic libraries in California).

Outside of the library environment I am a devoted reader (when time permits!), and a classical music aficionado. Travel is my real passion—I would seldom be home if I could afford it. I regularly participate in activities at the International Buddhist Meditation Center in Los Angeles, where I am an ordained Zen dharma teacher.

Silke Trojahn: I work in the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, the largest universal library in Germany, since August 1st 2003 as consultant for electronic media and in addition since April 1st 2004 as head of the acquisition-team for books and journals in western European languages. Electronic media are constantly developing, which makes it a very interesting area of work. In both electronic and conventional media my colleagues and I try to find the best way between our budget, our collection profile and the needs of the people using this library.

Apart from family and friends, my spare time is devoted to Classics (which I studied), the cinema and ballroom dancing.

Pentti Vattulainen: I act as a director in the National Repository Library of Finland. It serves the Finnish library community by keeping available important research and other print material. Before taking this office I had worked mainly in public libraries in Helsinki area and in Tanzania. I have been in IFLA conferences since 1992, first as a member of the Standing Committee of Interlending and Document Delivery. I have been the Secretary of Acquisitions and Collection Development Section in 2001 – 2003 after which I became the Chair.

My interests include ornithology in East Africa, which may seem to be far from librarianship. Well that is not the case: one of the pioneers of ornithology in East Africa was Reginald Moreau was the librarian in Agricultural and Forestry Research Station at Amani East Usambara mountains. Moreau was not a formally qualified scientist. But he was an amateur bird-watcher who discovered many birds, both endemic and rare and became an honorary scientist winning international accolades.

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