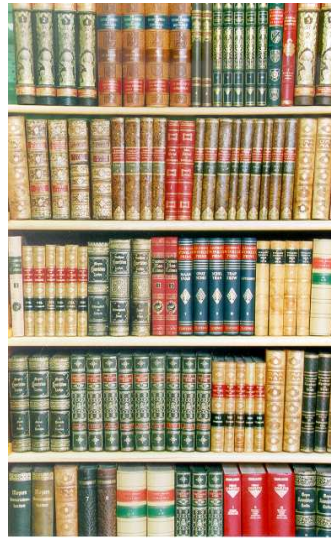


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From the Chair of the Section

Individual section's work is based on one of IFLA's three pillars: profession. The programmes in IFLA's conferences should be high quality sessions. This year all sessions are organized in co-operation with other sections – which has required a lot of work and adjustment of interests. I hope the outcome is good.

Pentti Vattulainen



From the Secretary/ Information Coordinator

Welcome to Issue No. 33 of the Acquisition & Collection Development Section *Newsletter*. This issue contains a broad range of information, both of an official nature, relating to the Section's recent and forthcoming activities along with a variety of IFLA-related updates. Very welcome guest contributors have provided some national news as well as book reviews.



**World Library and
Information Congress: 72nd
IFLA General Conference and
Council, 20-24 August, Seoul,
Korea**

IFLA returns to Asia on the occasion of its 72nd General

Conference. The primary conference venue is Seoul's COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre. The usual range of events familiar to IFLA Conference goers, such as Open Programmes, Section Meetings, Workshops, Poster Sessions, Pre-Conference Seminars, other Satellite Meetings, exhibits and special social and cultural events present.



Acquisition & Collection Development Section Activities at the Seoul Conference

The two regular meetings of the Standing Committee of the Section will take place on what has become their standard times: on Saturday (August 19), 11:30-14:20 and Friday (August 25), 11:00-13:50. The Pre-conference [details below], co-sponsored by the Section, is being held on Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18. The Section's Open Programme, co-sponsored with Serials & Other Continuing Resources, is on Thursday, 24 August, 08:30-10:30, 10:45-12:45.

SATELLITE MEETING ON
RESOURCE SHARING,
REFERENCE AND COLLECTION
DEVELOPMENT IN A DIGITAL
AGE, Thursday and Friday, 17
and 18 August.

Jointly sponsored by the IFLA Sections on Acquisition & Collection Development, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing and Reference and Information Services.
Location: National Library for Children and Young Adults of the National Library of Korea.

Each of the sponsoring Sections is responsible for one of the three Sessions, two to be held on Thursday and one on Friday. The Acquisition and Collection Development Section is scheduled first, with the focus on management of electronic resources, featuring five speakers from the Section. The other two Sessions focus on aspects of document delivery and reference services in a digital age. A tour of the National Library of Korea follows lunch after the final Session on Friday.

OPEN PROGRAMME ON
EVOLVING BUSINESS MODELS
FOR HYBRID COLLECTIONS,
Thursday (24 August) 08:30-
10:30, 10:45-12:45.

Co-sponsored with the Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section. The first part of the Programme focuses on e-books:

- A Consortium Study of Academic E-books: E-books Business models for university libraries in Korea

YEON-HEE PARK (Korea Education & Research Service, Seoul, Korea)

- Analysing E-book pricing options and models based on Electronic Library of Finland (FinELib) E-book strategy

PAULA MIKKONEN (The National Library, Helsinki, Finland)

- Battle for eBook mindshare: it's all about the rights

ZSOLT SILBERER and
DAVID BASS (Ebrary, Palo Alto, USA)

The second part of the Programme focuses on e-publishing and aspects of journal publishing:

- E-publishing of scientific research at academic institutions in Japan
MIKIKO TANIFUJI
(National Institute of Materials Science, Japan)
- Learned Society Publishing in the Internet Age
NICK TURNER (British Medical Association) and
SALLY MORRIS
(Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, London, UK)
- E-publishing and open access repositories: the relevant legal moments for academic institutions
WILMA MOSSINK (SURF-foundation, Utrecht, Netherlands)

- Developments in journal publishing in Latin America - a cautionary tale?
IAN M. JOHNSON
(Aberdeen Business School, The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK)

IFLA ACQUISITION AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT SECTION-STANDING COMMITTEE **MEETING 1**,
Saturday, 19 August 2006,
11:30-14:20
Location: COEX Room 332

AGENDA (Draft):

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Minutes of Mid-term meeting in Paris (in *Newsletter no. 33*, July 2006)
5. Report of meeting of the Division V Coordinating Board, 18 August 2006
6. Section's activities in Seoul:
 - Report on Satellite Meeting on "Resource Sharing, Reference and Collection Development in a Digital Age"

- Special Meeting of the IFLA Program Committee: open to all members of Standing Committees (*Hearing session for Standing Committee members of all IFLA Sections to discuss the future of IFLA's professional structure, as proposed by the Professional Committee*)
Sunday, 20 August 2006, 12:45-13:45

- Section Dinner (Sunday, 20 August 2006, after Exhibits Opening Party).

- "Evolving Business Models for Hybrid Collections", Thursday, 24 August 2006, 08:30-10:30, 10:45-12:45.

7. Section's activities

- Projects:
 - a. Section brochure
 - b. Gift instructions
 - c. Online manual on electronic resources
- Publications:
 - a. Proceedings of Bologna Workshop
 - b. *Newsletter*

8. Programmes for future conferences:

- Durban, 2007: "Libraries for the future: progress, development and

- partnership”
• Quebec, 2008

9. Other Business

IFLA ACQUISITION AND
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
SECTION-STANDING
COMMITTEE **MEETING 2**,
Friday, 25 August 2006, 11:00-
13:50
Location: COEX Room 333

AGENDA (Draft)

1. Conference review
2. Remaining business from Meeting 1
3. Other Business
4. Adjournment



Selected Programs of Other Sections in Seoul of Possible Interest to Members of the Acquisition 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 Seoul that may be of possible interest to Members of the Section. Please check the official Conference Programme for details on locations, speakers and detailed topics.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

“The role of academic libraries in online and blended learning and teaching” Sunday, 20 August, 13:45-15:45

DOCUMENT DELIVERY & RESOURCE SHARING

“Best Practice in Document Delivery and Resource Sharing” Sunday, 20 August, 13:45-15:45

NEWSPAPERS

“Newspapers of East Asia” Monday, 21 August, 08:30-10:30

RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

“West by East - East by West: Cultural and technological exchange - Old technology, new technology, collecting and describing rare materials” Monday, 21 August, 10:45-12:45

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LIBRARIES with INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

“Workings of the ubiquitous library - Will all library services and content be available to anyone, anywhere at anytime?” Wednesday, 23 August, 13:45-15:45

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY with NATIONAL LIBRARIES with ACADEMIC & RESEARCH

LIBRARIES and KNOWLEDGE
MANAGEMENT

*"Institutional Repositories:
policies, implementation issues,
an overview of the technologies"*
(part 1) Thursday, 24 August,
08:30-10:30; (part 2)
Thursday, 24 August, 10:45-
12:45



**Minutes of the IFLA
Acquisition and Collection
Development Section
Standing Committee
meetings Mid-Term Meeting
held at the Bibliothèque
Nationale de France, in
Paris, 17-18 March 2006**

The Standing Committee held a lengthy and very productive meeting in Paris on Friday, March 17. The meeting was held in the Salle du Conseil of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France. Pascal Sanz and Catherine Ormont, members of the Standing Committee, facilitate the local arrangements. The actual minutes of the session follow this introduction. Attendees were also provided with a behind the scenes tour of the library on Saturday morning along with free entrance to the library's special exhibitions. Saturday evening Pascal Sanz hosted a very special dinner at his Paris apartment for members of the Standing

Committee, along with other local library community invitees.

IFLA ACQUISITION AND
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
SECTION: STANDING
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Pentti Vattulainen, Chair, at 10:15.

1. Attendance and general introductions.

Members attending were Ole Gunnar Evensen, Natalia Litvinova, Catherine Omont, Pascal Sanz, Lynn Sipe, Corrado Di Tillio, Pentti Vattulainen, and Nadia Zilper.

Pascal Sanz welcomed the attendees on behalf of the BNF and outlined the proposed schedule of events, including the library tour on Saturday and dinner at his residence that evening. Tickets to that coming Monday's librarian's day at the annual *Salon du Livres* were distributed for those interested.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Announcements

a. By way of announcement, Pentti Vattulainen noted the publication of the *Handbook of the International Exchange of*

Publications by K.G. Saur. A copy was passed around for examination. The high price charged by Saur for the publication was noted, with regret, especially as it might impact its acquisition in developing countries.

b. It was noted that the proceedings of the Bologna Workshop had been posted on the AIB (Italian Library Association) website. Details on when the printed version of the papers would appear were still not available. Pentti agreed to check with Rosanna Morriello.

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

Nothing to report as no report had been received from the Chair of the Coordinating Board for Division V.

5. Annual Report for 2004-2005

Pentti noted that the text of the Report was available on IFLANet. Detailed financial information is lacking from the Report due to missing information resulting from severe problems with mail delivery at the Library of Congress. Nancy Davenport, the previous Chair, who was employed at the time at L.C., never received a significant

amount of mail, including IFLA-related mail. The Section's financial information is current again, however.

IFLA HQ now holds each Section's funds centrally. Funding is based on the number of members in each Section. The balance in the ACD Section account is in the neighborhood of €420.

6. Action Update on the Section's Strategic Plan

[The Section's Strategic Plan appears in Issue no. 32 of the *Newsletter* as well as on IFLANet. For detailed references please refer to the Plan as published.]

Goal I. Action 1. Completed.

Goal I. Action 2. Postpone until completion of the online *Electronic Resources Manual*.

Goal I. Action 3. Done. [Details to be discussed later in the meeting.]

Goal II. Action 1. In process for Seoul Conference. Cancelled for the Durban Conference upon recommendation of the Document Delivery & Resource Sharing Section.

Goal II. Action 2. On this meeting's agenda as Item #10.

Goal II. Action 3. Kay Cassell has been approached; no follow-up has taken place yet.

Goal II. Action 4. In process; to be discussed as agenda Item #7.

Goal III. Action 1. An on-going activity.
Goal III. Action 2. No currently active IFLA committees with which to work.
Goal III. Action 3. Awaiting further developments from IFLA.
Goal IV. Action 1. Depends on success of joint open programme at the Seoul Conference.
Goal V. Action 1. An on-going activity.
Goal V. Action 2. In process; to be discussed as agenda Item #7.
Goal V. Action 3. Action pending.
Goal V. Action 4. In process. Pentti to discuss with LIBER.
Goal V. Action 5. Pending.

Other strategic planning issues raised as possible action items in the next revision:

Life-long learning
Collaboration with the
Public Libraries Section

7. Projects

(a) Gift instructions
Discussed above as Goal II. Action 3.
(b) Section Brochure
A number of editorial changes and corrections were suggested to the draft presented for discussion at the meeting. Lynn was to incorporate the changes and forward to the Committee before Seoul. While the goal was to have the new brochure

ready for Seoul there was also the desire that it be available in electronic form.

(c) Electronic resources manual

Discussion postponed to the end of the agenda, given the probable length of the discussion.

8. Seoul Satellite meeting: "Resource Sharing, Reference and Collection Development in the Digital Age-a Practical Approach"

Information as it was available was presented on the Seoul Satellite meeting. Much of this, including later detail, is provided near the beginning of this issue under the heading of Acquisition & Collection Development Section Activities at the Seoul Conference. The Satellite meeting is intended to be a practical, educational workshop type of event, directed primarily to librarians from the region.

The Standing Committee agreed that the papers presented from the Section would be based on the draft content of the online *Electronic Resources Manual*. Specific topics to be covered are: selection of electronic resources; delivery and management of electronic resources; license agreements; statistics for electronic resources; and an overview of the activities of the Section.

9. Seoul Open Programme: "Evolving Business Models for Hybrid Collections"

Pentti presented an update on the current status of planning for the Seoul Open Programme, being held in partnership with the Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section. At the time of the Paris meeting twenty-two abstracts had been received in response to a broadly distributed call for papers. From these it was likely that six papers would be selected, with a primary focus on e-books. [For updated information see above, under the heading of Acquisition & Collection Development Section Activities at the Seoul Conference.]

10. Planning for the Durban WLIC (IFLA) 2007

Discussion was generated by the Section's Strategic Plan's statement that the Section would "develop an open programme for the Durban conference which emphasizes contributions and issues of developing countries in general of in Africa in particular."

The issue of whether or not to have an Afro-centric topical focus was not resolved. There was agreement on the necessity to have an interesting theme that would attract an audience yet to include sufficient

acquisition and collection development content.

An initial working title for the programme is "Challenges and opportunities for collection development in sub-Saharan Africa." Possible subjects to consider include: community, AIDS, women's issues, digitization efforts, oral history, bibliographic control, publishing and distribution, and western African studies bibliography.

As next moves it was agreed that Pentti, Ole and Pascal would each consult African colleagues of their acquaintance for possible suggestions. It was also agreed to work with IFLA's Africa Section and possibly with one of the organization's Core Programmes, Action for Development through Libraries Programme.

11. Other Business

There was brief discussion about opening up ACQUIS-L to others than members of the Standing Committee as there have been numerous requests for subscriptions from others. If this was technically feasible and permissible from IFLA's perspective, the ACQUIS-NEW list would be for use of the Standing Committee and ACQUIS-L could function as a broader acquisition and collection development forum.

The need for enhancements to the Section's pages on IFLANet was discussed. Our brochure should be available in PDF formats in the IFLA languages. Links should perhaps be added to the web sites for LIBER and JISC as well as other IFLA sites with a possible relationship to e-resources. Possibly a toolbox could be created, with links to appropriate discussion lists, web sites, and to any guidelines prepared by the Section.

7. (continued) postponed discussion on the draft online electronic resources manual)

A broad-ranging discussion on both general and specific aspects of the online electronic resources manual was held. A draft of the various submissions was distributed in advance of the Paris meeting and copies of selected portions were also distributed at the meeting. Key points raised in the discussion are summarized here:

- A key purpose of creating the manual is to help identify our niche. Its audience is any type of library which handles electronic resources. The focus is on resources which are acquired and not created.
- Emphasis on best practices, wherever found. Need the ability to link to them, which is possible in an online publication.

- Missing from the draft texts at the moment is anything on e-books.

- Rather than waiting for the perfect product to be created, it was agreed to edit and improve what has been submitted so far, release this and then add new material in subsequent updates.

- No submissions were received from two of the original volunteers for chapters (Nancy Davenport and Susan Nutter). Pentti was to follow-up with them and to ask a member of the Standing Committee to take their place if need be.

- At the moment there are varying levels of completeness in the submitted texts, ranging from largely complete to sketches of information to be included. The Committee agreed on the need for an editor of the publication, with the selection to be made in Seoul.

- Concern was expressed that the publication not become overly America-centric. Pascal volunteered to offer assistance in providing a European perspective. Reference was made to EBLIDA.org.

- Since the manual is viewed as a living document, the possibility of developing a blog to accompany it was discussed. A blog could add global views on the subject and could assist the

editor in adding new content to future releases.

- The importance of a glossary, with links from the text, was recognized.
- While an academic focus is important, in context, it must not dominate the content.
- Various suggestions were made for changes to individual sections. These have been passed on separately to each of the contributors involved.



Update on Status of Review of the IFLA Sections

[This topic was initially addressed in the *Newsletter* no. 31, pages 13-14.]

Following an initiative by the Professional Committee (PC) in 2003, former Secretary General Ross Shimmon announced that a review of all IFLA Sections would be conducted and completed by 2007. In 2004 a pilot group of 6 Sections sent in review reports. Based on the results, a revised questionnaire was distributed to the other Sections in early 2005, asking for submission of their reports in October.

At this point I would like to thank all Officers and express gratitude on behalf of the

Professional Committee for compiling the review reports of your Sections. In most cases the reports were supplemented with information from your Sections pages on IFLANET and provided us with a solid base for analysis.

In December 2005, the Professional Committee received all Section reports. A global discussion took place and the reports were referred to the Review Committee: Sissel Nilsen (Chair), Ia McIlwaine, Ralph Manning and Winston Tabb. The Review Committee studied the reports thoroughly, discussed them at a meeting in Paris in March 2006 and reported to the PC that same month.

The PC welcomed the report of the Review Committee which covered a number of issues, including minimum sizes of sections and numbers required for Standing Committees, Section overlaps, Sections strengths and weaknesses, Division structure, Professional Committee structure and others. However, the Review Committee felt that more research and analysis would be beneficial, before the PC decided on any changes in organizational structure.

Most reports provided useful, detailed and clear responses on the Sections activities. Some,

however, provided insufficient information on which to make decisions and the Review Committee recommended that further information gathering and analysis be done. Three members of the Professional Committee -- Nancy Bolt (Division 2), Torny Kjekstad (Division 3) and Gwynneth Evans (Division 7) -- were asked to join the Review Committee to help complete the additional work. The Professional Committee decided that the Review Committees report should remain confidential at this time.

Once the Review Committees final report is in hand, the Professional Committee will put forward a proposal for a revised organizational structure prior to the Seoul conference. The proposal will be presented to a hearing meeting on Sunday 20 August in Seoul, where all current Standing Committee members will have the opportunity to contribute and exchange their opinions.

With this message I have tried to update you on where we stand in the process of the review of the sections. I hope that this interim report is useful. And I hope you will bear with us all, so that we can continue the process in good collaboration.

Sjoerd Koopman

Co-ordinator of Professional Activities



Highlights from March Meetings of the Governing Board & the Professional Committee of IFLA

[from a report prepared by Edward Swanson, Chair of the Coordinating Board for Division V]

Regarding the Seoul conference, pre-registration to date seems to be at the same level as in the past. Thus far 60 exhibitors have contracted for about 75% of the exhibit space. The President of Korea is planning to attend the opening general session. Work is going on for the Durban conference in 2007. The greatest concern is finding sponsorship money, which seems to be in short supply so far. Hotels prices are reasonable. Great concern is being shown to make sure delegates are safe while in Durban.

Consultants are working on the redesign of IFLANET, including in the future a content management system.

As a result of the extensive discussion on the role of the Professional Committee and the Sections, as well as structure of the organization, it was agreed

that a small working group would prepare a discussion paper on these topics for distribution to all standing committee members. [The paper is currently being drafted and will be distributed upon release.] In conjunction with the discussion paper, it was decided to use time on the Sunday morning during the conference in Seoul to hold a hearing for all members of the standing committees to discuss these matters and provide input to the PC on future steps.

A proposal was made that sections be allowed to publish their newsletters only in electronic form and post them to IFLANET, and that there be a central point that would provide on-demand print copies. After some discussion it was decided that sections may publish their newsletters only in electronic form, but it would be up to each section to decide how it would handle providing print copies. The policy of publishing two issues a year was reiterated.

The proposal to change the name of the University Libraries Section to the Academic and Research Libraries Section was approved.

Draft of the IFLA Strategic Plan Released for Discussion

IFLA HQ released last month a draft, for discussion, of the

Strategic Plan for 2006-2009. The text has been distributed to members of the Acquisition & Collection Development Standing Committee, with a request to provide feedback prior to the Seoul Conference. The Governing Board is to consider the Plan at its first meeting in Seoul.

The draft Plan includes vision and mission statements as well as an iteration of IFLA's core values. Part 2 of the Plan presents a strategic analysis of the issues facing IFLA's main constituencies as well as a listing of the main issues confronting IFLA. The latter half of the document focuses on IFLA's strategic directions, emphasizing the Three Pillars of society, the profession, and the membership. For each of the three pillars strategic goals are enumerated and a series of strategic goals associated with each are identified.



National News Notes

SPAIN: {Courtesy of Rosa García Blanco}

About the ISBN in Spain

The ISBN system started in Spain in 1972 by means of the Decree number 2984/1972, 2nd November, in which the obligation to assign all types of

books and brochure with the ISBN number ([BOE 04/11/1972](#)) is established. In this decree the Spanish Agency is created and its structure is developed for the Order 25th May 1987, published in BOE 01/04/1987.

There is an **ISBN user's Manual** which is a translation of the 4th revised and enlarged edition, elaborated by the ISBN International Agency. The Spanish Manual is from 2001 and the last modification was made in February 2002.

As of January 2007 the ISBN number will be made up thirteen digits and will coincide with the Bookland/ISBN number, which uses the bar code EAN-13.

More information can be found about the ISBN number in Spain at following website address

<http://www.mcu.es/libro/index.htm>

GERMANY: {Courtesy of Britta Woldering}

Dear colleagues,

Today, on 29 June 2006 the Law regarding the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek came into force. It replaces the Law regarding the Deutsche Bibliothek of 1969. Key issues of the amendment are the expansion of the legal deposit to networked electronic

publications, changes in the composition of the library Board and the change of the name into Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library).

With the new law networked electronic publications become part of the legal deposit collection. With this expansion our library is enabled to contribute to the safeguarding of the digital cultural heritage of our country.

Due to the new name of our library the change of all Internet and e-mail addresses is necessary. The new Internet address is www.d-nb.de, there you can also find information about the new law and the e-mail addresses of all departments. The postal addresses of the three locations of our library are as follows:

Deutsche
Nationalbibliothek
Deutscher Platz
1
04103 Leipzig
Germany

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
Adickesallee 1
60322 Frankfurt am Main
Germany

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
Deutsches Musikarchiv
Gärtnerstrasse 25 32
12207 Berlin
Germany

ITALY {Courtesy of Enrica Manenti and Raffaella Manella}

Electronic Resources in a Non-Academic Environment: First Results of the Pilot Scheme

Since 2004 the Province of Modena library network (a "Polo SBN", that is one of the 60 nodes of the national library system, called *Servizio Bibliotecario Nazionale-SBN*) and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, both institutions equipped with information technology networks, have been engaged in a joint project. The first step was the integration of the two on-line catalogues; the second step was the integration of some of the databases available for library users. This phase of the project had the following aims:

- allow the use of some of the databases owned by the University of Modena to some of the libraries of the "Polo SBN" of the Province of Modena, and vice versa, taking into account that most University students also systematically use the services of the libraries of the "Polo SBN".
- make available to the public libraries of the Province of Modena the databases which are normally used only in the University or a specialized library, promoting the use of

high quality information both in medium and small libraries.

At the end of 2004 the "Polo SBN" of the Province of Modena, managed by Cedoc (Centre of Documentation, Institution of the Province of Modena) consisted of 68 public and private libraries. Two of these were major libraries (State Estense and Municipal Delfini), seven were medium-sized libraries (Municipal libraries: Carpi, Sassuolo, Vignola, Castelfranco, Mirandola, Pavullo, Nonantola) and two were specialized libraries: Poletti and San Carolo Foundation. There were in addition 57 small libraries. In 2004 the area comprised 644,289 inhabitants, and the number of library users totaled 69,396 (some of them are obviously registered in more than one library). During this year, these libraries loaned 788,690 books, journals, CDs and DVDs.

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia has a network of 12 libraries and four of which were especially involved in the project (Economics, Law, Communication and Cultural Studies).

The choice of databases was determined by two main factors:

- databases useful for all of the citizens: i.e. *Bibliografia Nazionale Italiana (BNI)*, the

database of commercially available Italian titles, *INFO UTET* (Italian laws).

- databases useful for research in social sciences and humanities (*Francis, Periodical Index On-line, Philosopher's Index, World Biographical Index*).

Accordingly, we entered long negotiations with database vendors, and occasionally also with publishers, with the purpose of extending the licenses owned by one of the two institutions to the other and vice versa. This was done without incurring a substantial increase in expenditure. The excess payment was covered with a special financial grant from the "Polo SBN", while the University gave information technology support to make the system efficient.

Thereafter, it was necessary to promote the use of these new resources even in the smallest library. This operation seemed to present difficulties for the following reasons:

- it was difficult to determine the target of this operation as it was not known how many potential users were interested for professional or personal reasons in specialized information and knew how to access it
- most of the librarians were not so skilled in using all the databases successfully

In Spring 2005 we organized two meetings for librarians with the aim of demonstrating the performance features of each database and how to use them. These meetings, conducted by expert colleagues who volunteered their services, enjoyed great success, attracting 80 participants. In Spring 2006 San Carlo Library promoted courses on the same subject, but this time for users. Thirty users attended.

The first results of statistical analysis of database-user profiles reveal two significant facts. First, users are creatures of habit. Normally they use what they are already able to use and it is difficult for them to find and use correctly new resources. Secondly, after the demonstration of the new databases we registered an increase in the number of sessions and searches. This latter element has encouraged us to pursue the promotional activities, while fully conscious that our sole long-term objective is the increase in the number and type of database users. Moreover, our conviction that all libraries must provide high-quality information, though in a climate of financial restraint, strengthens our resolve to go on. This project, regardless of results, has particular value in Italy since it exemplifies what can be achieved through close co-

operation in different types of libraries.

{Submitted by Enrica Manenti (Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, Modena) and Raffaella Manella (Polo SBN, Servizio Bibliotecario Nazionale, Modena)}



BOOK NOTICES

Bologna Workshop Proceedings Published

A bilingual (Italian and English) set of proceedings of the papers presented at the collection development workshop held in conjunction with the Standing Committee's mid-term meeting in Bologna in February 2005 has been published. Several members of the Standing Committee spoke at the Workshop. The complete bibliographic citation for the proceedings is: *Current issues in collection development: Italian and global perspectives; atti del convegno internazionale sullo sviluppo delle raccolte (Bologna, 18 febbraio 2005; a cura di/edited by AIB Commissione Nazionale biblioteche delle Università e della Ricerca, IFLA Section on Acquisition and Collection Development. Coordinamento e revisione di/coordination and revision by Rossana Morriello e Pentti Vattulainen. Bologna: Editrice Compositori, 2006.*



Brief Reviews of Two Recent Italian Books on Collection Development

Giambattista Tirelli, *Lo svecchiamento e l'analisi delle raccolte: revisione e aggiornamento del patrimonio librario: rielaborazione dei materiali proposti all'attenzione dei bibliotecari bresciani negli incontri promossi dall'Ufficio biblioteche della Provincia di Brescia il 24 marzo 1995 e il 12 maggio 2003*. Brescia: Provincia di Brescia, 2005

Loredana Vaccani, *Revisione delle raccolte*. Roma: Associazione italiana biblioteche, 2005

During the last 15 years in Italy, in the wake of the articles and books of Carlo Carotti and Giovanni Solimine, there has been a real boom of the interest in collection development, acquisition and weeding, culminating with the conference of Bologna, in February 2005. In spite of that, the professional literature - especially handbooks - is still quite lacking, so it is not by chance that last year two books on collection management were out to fill the void. Loredana Vaccani's book is the latest (nr.27) of a collection - very popular among Italian librarians - called "ET

(Enciclopedia Tascabile)" and published by the Associazione Italiana Biblioteche.

Giambattista Tirelli's book is available from the library service offices of the Provincia di Brescia.

The two books have many things in common: both are written by librarians who work in Lombardia, a region where many good public libraries and networks are flourishing, both are slender (although in different formats), concise, pleasant and quick to read, but at the same time rich of useful information, both present a rich appendix of materials and documents, that the authors have been using for years in successful training workshops: weeding schemes, criteria of evaluation of a single book, administrative procedures to eliminate/donate/sell/etc. books, guidelines, Conspectus codes, etc. The scope of these documents is very wide: from the seminal guidelines on weeding of the 80s, as those of Queens Library and the Bibliothèque Publique d'Information of Paris, and from the deselection formulas by Joseph P. Segal to the Italian translations of the Conspectus and Kenneth Whittaker's manuals (1993 and 2002) and the IFLA guidelines on the public library service. More recent handbooks by Françoise Gaudet and Claudine Lieber or by the

Provincia di Milano (Dal libro alle collezioni), are often mentioned as "classics" of the subject.

The two books are built on the same basic principles, which in Italy still need to face a strongly rooted cultural resistance: according to the saying "less is more"; weeding is considered by the authors as a positive on-going process, which is part of a management cycle. It must be conducted by qualified library professionals who work in an environment of cooperation, where public libraries - organisms whose mission is to be "contemporary" and up to date, as Tirelli writes - operate with one or more repository libraries within the system and where funding is adequate. Vaccani and Tirelli invite Italian librarians to include weeding among the objectives of the PEG (Piano Esecutivo di Gestione), the management plan adopted in the library services of cities and provinces, and to change the status of dated or damaged books so that they can be removed from the collection.

In Vaccani's booklet there is a short but interesting historical outline of the studies about weeding in the United States, the United Kingdom and France, and also a reflection on how the words used to indicate "weeding" vary so much in these countries.

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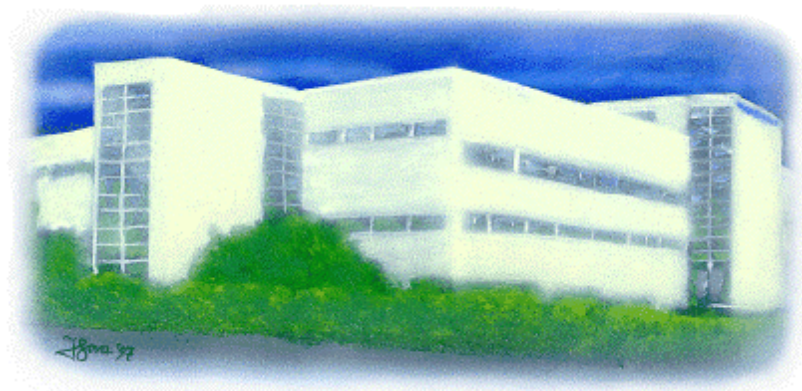
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