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This Newsletter issue includes the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting of the IFLA Section on Serial Publications held during the 68th IFLA General Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, in August 2002. In addition, a summary of the program organized by the Standing Committe is provided followed by information on the availability of papers. Standing Committee members participated in preparations of a professional seminar in Moscow – find more about the event written by the organizer and by one of our lecturers. And last but not least, membership-related information associated with the forthcoming nomination process is included together with the first draft of the programme and workshop planned for the next Conference in Berlin.

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Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting of the IFLA Section on Serial Publications

68th IFLA Council and General Conference Glasgow, August 18-24, 2002

Saturday, 17th August, 2002

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Attendants:

SC members: Karen Darling (University of Missouri-Columbia, USA), Elizabeth Gazdag (ISSN, Hungary), Helen Heinrich (Getty Research Library, USA), Agneta Holmenmark (Royal Library, Sweden), Nina Khakhaleva (Russian State Library), Hartmut Walravens (Berlin State Library, Germany);
Ex officio member: Françoise Pellé (ISSN IC, France);
Observers: Julia Blixrud (Association of Research libraries, USA), Edward Swanson (MINITEX Library Information Network, USA), Edmund King (The British Library, Newspaper Library, UK);
Regrets: Marjorie Bloss (Endeavor Information Systems Inc., USA), Jean Farrington (Lehigh University, USA), Cathérine Omont (Bibliothèque Nationale de France), Judith Szilvássy (honorary member, Hungary).

Welcome and intdroductions

As the chair Marjorie Bloss was absent, the meeting was chaired by the secretary, Hartmut Walravens. He immediately asked for a volunteer to take minutes since he was chairing the meeting. Karen Darling agreed to take them.

All were welcomed to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as follows:
1 Welcome and introductions
2 Administrative business
    2.1 approval of the agenda
    2.2 financial report
    2.3 report from the information coordinator
    2.4 report from the Round Table on Newspapers
    2.5 election of new secretary
    2.6 recruiting for new committee members
3 Report from the Coordinating Board
4 Current projects
    4.1 Basic Serials Management Handbook update
    4.2 French translation
    4.3 Russian translation
    4.4 Russian workshop
5 Quick review of the Strategic Plan
6 Future projects (discussion: first meeting; finalization: second meeting)
7 Program and workshop planning
    7.1 Glasgow Conference workshop
    7.2 Berlin and beyond (discussion: first meeting; finalization: second meeting)
    7.2.1 managing e-journals (acquisitions, cataloging, licensing)
    7.2.2 serials in the organizational structure (workshop)
8 Adjourn

Report from the information coordinator

Hartmut Walravens thanked Ms Gazdag for her continued excellent work as our information coordinator. She reported that she had created 2 issues of our newsletter and plans to issue 2 again this year; the second in November with our meeting minutes and a conference summary. She asks all of us to send materials for the newsletter.

We ran out of English language brochures and had them reprinted.

The Russian translation of the brochure is complete and Hartmut Walravens will discuss it with Marjorie Bloss. He thanks the Russian State Library for the help with the translation.

All of our materials will be at the IFLA stand during our time on Tuesday.

Our section name on IFLANET was changed to "Serial Publications Section" without our prior knowledge. We will point out to Headquarters that they should not make such changes without consulting with the section affected. Additionally we will ask them for money to reprint our brochures with our new name.

Our web-pages now include the newsletters, the medium term plan and our annual report.

Financial report

We had some discussion about various parts of the report as Marjorie Bloss had prepared it. We are not sure about the funding for the updating of the National Union Catalogs Directory. Agneta Holmenmark will check with Sarah Gould and Marjorie Bloss to clarify exactly what money has been spent and what still needs to be billed.

We approved Marjorie Bloss using administrative funds for a mailing to solicit new members to the section and to our committee.

Report from the Round Table on Newspapers by Ed King

In Boston the Round Table had an open session on Newspapers of the Americas and the papers are available on IFLANET.

They are updating their web-page to include their newsletters and previous conference papers.

They are working on a project relating to German papers, Guidelines on the filming of newspapers and thinking about a project related to the guidelines on digitization of newspapers.

They prepared a standard survey form for newspaper collections, guidelines and draft guidelines on digitization of newspapers.

They invited us to attend their open session in Glasgow on Newspapers of the British Isles.

Election of new secretary

Because Hartmut Walravens was no longer eligible to serve as the Standing Committee's secretary (he is now the chairman of the Standing Committee on Newspapers), we elected Agneta Holmenmark as secretary with thanks from all committee members.

Recruiting for new members

Marjorie Bloss will send a letter reminding members to nominate committee members.

We had some discussion of the fact that some topics which previously would have been handled by Serials are now being handled by other sections and we need to keep track of them. We need to make sure we coordinate with other IFLA sections.

We discussed whether or not we should change our name to reflect a broader scope. All agree this would be a good idea. Hartmut Walravens will inquire about the procedure for a section name change and will discuss the issue with Ms Bloss.

Report from the Coordinating Board

As of the Berlin conference open sessions will be limited to 2 hours maximum.

Funding for newsletters is generally enough for one issue a year.

IFLA is no longer funding the Core activities. UAP will not be continued and UNIMARC is now hosted at the National Library in Portugal.

Current projects

Basic Serials Management Handbook update:
We still need to find out from Judith Szilvassy if she is interested in working on an English revision. She has been working on a revised Hungarian version.

French translation: It is not completed yet.

Russian translation: After discussion with IFLA HQ it was decided to mount the book on IFLANET and establish a link to the Russian State Library website.

Russian workshop: A special workshop focusing on serial publications and continuing resources scheduled for October 2, 2002 in Moscow will be held for Russian librarians. Funds have been found for accommodation for speakers and for an interpreter but not for transportation. It will be a one day workshop and will have sessions on definitions, access to full text data bases, directory of international data bases and electronic journals.

Directory of Union Catalogs: Agneta Holmenmark will contact Sarah Gould about getting the actual updating completed and about outstanding funding questions.

Survey of article data bases: A survey was sent to national libraries but response was meager. Hartmut Walravens will look into sending the

survey to special libraries, institutes, etc. [Note: Due to the low response to the questionnaire, it was decided not to continue with this project.]

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Discussions adjourned at the end of our meeting time before we could complete the agenda.

Friday, 23th August, 2002

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Regrets: Hartmut Walravens (Berlin State Library, Germany)

Introduction

Acting Chair, Karen Darling convened the 2nd SC meeting by welcoming all present.

Changes to the agenda were made as follows:
5   Program and workshop planning
6   Future projects
7   Quick review of Strategic Plan
8   Adjourn

Program and Workshop planning

Glasgow Conference workshop: The joint workshop with the Section on Cataloguing *"Seeing Serials in a New Light: from ISBD(S) to ISBD(CR)"* organized by Paul Bunn was very successful. The workshop gave both a theoretical and practical introduction to the new standard. It was decided to have another workshop concerning ISBD(CR) next year or perhaps the year after.

Berlin and beyond: Section program and workshop planning for Berlin resulted in a large number of interesting proposals.

Andreas Heise suggested a workshop including topics concerning electronic journal management. This idea was supported by those present and was in accordance with the suggestion forwarded by Marjorie Bloss.

Hartmut Walravens had declared his willingness to be responsible for organizing a workshop dealing with cataloguing in Eastern and Central Eueope.

Another suggested theme was changes in formats.

Françoise Pellé suggested an update regarding the bibliographic standards. Françoise Pellé will have more information in February 2003. Andreas Heise suggested a program on the German RAK and AACR. Karen Darling suggested to make it broader to include other cataloguing rules. It was decided to contact the SC on Cataloguing for further planning on harmonization issues.

Finally we decided we would try to present a workshop about cataloguing which we will ask Hartmut Walravens to organize and we will present an open meeting about electronic serials management. Karen Darling volunteered to work with Marjorie Bloss on organizing this open session. Darling will report all of this to Walravens and Bloss for their comments and approval.

Concerning program planning for Buenos Aires Françoise Pellé was willing to ask ISSN Argentina if they would have some interesting topics.

Marjorie Bloss´ suggestions concerning negotiating serial licenses and the use of electronic journal versus paper were discussed. Further discussions are needed. The colleagues from South America will certainly have some ideas for the program.

Future projects

There were no suggestions for a future project. Helen Heinrich pointed out that we should evaluate the ongoing projects, e.g. complete the French translation of the Basic Serials Management Handbook.

Strategic Plan

A short review on the Strategic Plan 2002-2003 was made. It was proposed to add some recommendations concerning the Russian translation on the web (Action 1.4). Helen Heinrich reminded us of the Action 1.5: Create a serials resources list (a list of useful serial links) on the Section's website on IFLANET. Helen

Heinrich and Karen Darling are continuing working on the page.

Adjourn

Before the meeting was adjourned Nina Khakhaleva reported on program planning for the Russian Workshop on the 2nd October, 2002. The aim is to get the Russian librarians acquainted with the new standard. The topics are: New definitions in the ISBD(CR) (Karen Darling), Major & minor title changes (Françoise Pellé), Directory of National Union Catalogues & Directory of Article Databases (Hartmut Walravens) and Access to fulltext databases (Speaker from Open Society). The papers will be translated into Russian by Helen Heinrich.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Professional Program of the IFLA Section on Serial Publications in 2002, Glasgow

68th IFLA Council and General Conference Glasgow, August 18-24, 2002

Thursday 22 August

12.15-15.45 Cataloguing with Serial Publications Workshop
Meeting no.: 162
Seeing Serials in a New Light: from ISBD(S) to ISBD(CR)

Moderator: Paul Bunn
SC member of IFLA Cataloguing Section
- Introduction
  INGRID PARENT (Chair, ISBD(S) Working Group; National Library of Canada, Ottawa, Canada)
- Bibliographic standards for serials: recent developments
  PAUL V. BUNN (The British Library, Boston Spa, UK)
  http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/papers/151-162e.pdf
- Editing ISBD(CR): approach, scope, definitions
  EDWARD SWANSON (Saint Paul, USA)
  http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/papers/148-162e.pdf
- Key points from the new standard – 1
  UNNI KNUTSEN (National Library of Norway, Oslo, Norway)
  http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/papers/152-162e.pdf
- Key points from the new standard – 2
  KAREN DARLING (University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, USA)
- The national context, the UK situation
  DAVID BARON (The British Library, Boston Spa, UK)
- Revision of the ISSN Manual
  ALAIN ROUCOLLE (ISSN International Centre, Paris, France)

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SC on Serial Publications and SC on Cataloging cosponsored a half-day workshop on the revisions of ISBD(S), entitled *Seeing Serials in a New Light: from ISBD(S) to ISBD(CR)*.

Ingrid Parent (National Library of Canada) made a brief introduction by explaining the reasons for revising ISBD(S): scope of ISBD(S) needed to be expanded with emergence of e-serials and e-media; improved approach to integrated resources (e.g. loose-leaf publications) was necessary; rules for title changes needed to be improved.

Paul Bunn (The British Library, Boston Spa, UK), Chair of the workshop, outlined the topics that would be presented at the meeting:
– harmonizing bibliographic standards for serials,
– expanding the scope of AACR2, ISBD(S) and ISSN Manual to encompass new material of a continuing nature,
– reducing number of new records due to the title changes,
– renaming ISBD(S) as ISBD(CR),
– broadening the scope of the definitions of ISSN and serials accepted by the ISSN Network,
– considering the feasibility of an International Standard Serial Title (ISST).

Edward Swanson (Saint Paul, USA) focused his paper in detail on the development of the ISBD(CR). He covered the history of a four-year project beginning with 1997 IFLA Conference in Copenhagen, where a decision was made to form a working group to look at the existing ISBD(S), and concluding with the approval of the new standard, ISBD(CR), in June of 2001.

Karen Darling (University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, USA) in her presentation covered key points from the new standard. She

explained the concept of continuing resources, scope of ISBD(CR), difference between a serial and an integrating resource and sources of information and entry conventions..

Unni Knutsen (University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, USA) spoke about ISBD(CR) and new approach to title changes. She introduced a new concept reflected in the standard that only changes indicating a new work should result in a new record. With regards to that, Unni Knutsen thoroughly examined the difference between newly defined *minor* and *major* changes in title.

David Baron (The British Library, Boston Spa, UK) showed cataloging examples related to the concept of successive vs. latest entry.

Alain Roucolle (ISSN Center, Paris) informed the group that new ISSN manual will soon be released. He presented the objectives of the ISSN revision: adaptation of the ISSN Manual for the identification of online resources; extension of the ISSN scope; updating ISSN format for the recording of online resources; harmonization with ISBD(CR) and AACR2; one ISSN for one record and one record for one ISSN.

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Serial Publication Patterns
Notes from the American Library
Association Conference, June 2002

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The American Library Association Conference held its annual meeting in mid-June. This is a huge conference, attracting more than 20,000 librarians, vendors (subscription, library software, equipment, furniture, etc.), and publishers. The number of meetings that one can attend is overwhelming. Even a very thick conference schedule describing the sessions doesn't always help. One has to pick and chose wisely.

Of course there were a number of meetings and programs dealing with serials. One serials topic that was discussed in a number of meetings was that of serial publication patterns. In that publications patterns are basic to serial check-in

and therefore claiming and holdings, determining this information is essential if any of this work is to be accomplished. Like cataloging information many years ago, capturing this information once in an online environment and storing it so others can use it is of great interest to those handling serials.

In the United States, this concern has been taken up by the Program on Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) and specifically by CONSER. One of the PCC's and CONSER's activities has been to work with OCLC in storing publication pattern information in the OCLC record as a time-saving devise so the information could be used by many libraries. To date, the CONSER database (housed at OCLC) has more than 44,000 patterns. It should be noted, however, that a number of other libraries and library automation vendors have worked on similar projects.

Additionally, a CONSER Task Force on Publication Patterns and Holdings has been created to deal with serial publication pattern issues. This is a topic that affects not only library staff creating check-in information but vendors as well. The long-term storage of pattern data is a topic that needs to be addressed by this entire community. There are a number of questions that need to be answered such as:

- Should the current pattern only be retained in the CONSER record with older patterns in an attached sub-record?
- What would be needed to import such data?
- Would library automation vendors have to develop a separate loader?
- Are there workflows that can be defined for creating publication pattern data?
- How does the need for publication patterns relate to electronic journals?
- Are there changes that are needed to the MARC formats to include publication pattern information?

CONSER has worked hard in getting the various groups together to deal with these issues in a uniform manner. There is much more to do but the ultimate goal is to capture publication pattern information for increased workflow efficiency.

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„Innovations in Serials Management" Seminar in Moscow, October 2002

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A special seminar devoted to the problems in serials was held in Russia in October. It was organized by the Russian State Library under the auspices of the IFLA Section on Serial Publications and was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of Russia. The theme of the seminar was „Innovations in Serials Management". It pursued two main objectives: to promote the new terms in the theory of seriality, taking into account ongoing publications, and to set forth the practice of acquisition and service in the electronic environment, pointing out e-journals.

The seminar was opened on behalf of the hosting organization by Mr. Victor Fedorov, Director General of the Russian State Library, and on behalf of the Ministry of Culture by Tatiana Manilova, deputy head of the Library Department.

The programme was split into two blocks according to the main topics. The first block was presented by members of the SC of the Section on Serial Publications, invited as lecturers.

Hartmut Walravens briefed the participants on the IFLA activity in serials. He reported on the current projects: updating the Directory of the National Union Catalogues and developing the Directory of Articles Databases, Indexing and Abstracting Services. He also gave a summary of the ongoing project regarding the translation of the *Basic Serials Management Handbook* and paid special attention to the Russian translation prepared by Irina J. Bagrova and updated by the author Judith Szilvassy. It was the first presentation of the handbook in Russia – the seminar gave an opportunity to the specialists to see the original in English and the Russian version at the exhibition accompanying the meeting. Hartmut told about the plans to make the translation available on the Internet. And it has been fulfilled – just after the seminar was over we received the good news from Elizabeth Gazdag that the Russian translation had been posted on IFLANET.

Karen Darling reported on the results of the work in producing ISBD(CR) and presented a new system of terms fixed in the standard. She explained in detail all the definitions and their interconnections based on three new concepts „bibliographic resource", „continuing resource", and „integrating resource". It was especially important for the Russian audience to insure these concepts receive proper translation and understanding in the Russian language.

After that Karen read the presentation, „New Developments in Establishing ISSN's" prepared by Francoise Pelle, who could not come to the seminar. That presentation revealed the difference between major and minor changes in titles of serials and made clear when publications should receive a new ISSN and accordingly new bibliographic records. It was a very significant information for cataloguers.

All three reports together made a good basis for a training course in the innovations in serials.

The second block of the programme for the seminar was presented by Russian reporters. They gave a review of the contemporary market of serials, emphasizing changes in the structure of publishing industry. New developments in the information landscape were analyzed from the point of view of the coexistence of both formats of serials: printed and electronic. The participants spoke about considerable achievements in improving access to electronic resources including Russian serials. They stressed the continuing importance of the Internet as a tool for accessing serial items. There was a demonstration of the changing roles of the staff working with serials in the digital environment and who which must be active in providing Internet access to serial items.

The seminar concluded with an excursion to a special Reading Room for current serials and to the Internet-classroom, where a demonstration of access to e-journals was organized.

There were more than 160 participants from 30

regions of Russia at the seminar. They highly praised the organization of the meeting and noted that all the reports were of great interest to them.

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See also: http://www.rsl.ru/r_new1_sem.htm
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New Serial Definitions Presented in Moscow

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It was with great pleasure that I traveled to Moscow in October to speak at the Russian seminar, „Innovations in Serials Management." My assignment at the seminar was to explain the new definitions and terminology used in the new ISBD(CR). The new ISBD is a revision of the old ISBD(S) and the CR stands for continuing resources. My presentation was based on the one I gave at the IFLA Council and General Conference in Glasgow, in August. I also read the paper prepared by Francoise Pelle detailing the changes to the ISSN rules.

As has been reported previously in this Newsletter, a major objective in the revision of ISBD(S) was harmonization between and among ISBD, AACR, and ISSN principles. As a result, the new definitions are now the same for ISBD, AACR and ISSN. Seminar attendees heard some of the same in formation in both presentations. This reinforced the fact that the two standards discussed at this seminar now use the same definitions and have the same expectations for title changes and the creation of bibliographic records.

As all of us who work with serials know, we struggle with the same issues. For our Russian colleagues the new definitions present problems of translation. The standard translations of the words from the original English text are the same as Russian words previously used for different concepts. Therefore it is important that Russian serialists understand the concepts in the new standard so they can apply them to cataloging appropriately. The seminar was really their first opportunity to hear and think about the new definitions. With the help of a Russian language interpreter I was able to give the seminar attendees the definitions with some examples. I also gave them my understanding of the various terms and concepts. I included some of the background on how the working group reached the definitions. Hopefully the background information will help with understanding the new rules. I appreciated the opportunity to provide these colleagues with a start on understanding how to apply the new standard in their work.

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To IFLA Members Registered for Sections

Call for Nominations for Section Standing Committees

Ross Shimmon
Secretary General, IFLA

Like most professional membership associations, IFLA is heavily dependent on the voluntary effort of dedicated people, who serve on committees and boards, developing policies, organising the professional content of our conferences and generally ensuring the continued success of the Federation. The next elections for Section Standing Committees of IFLA will take place early next year. Nominations are therefore invited for these important committees.

Qualified voting Members of IFLA are entitled to submit nominations for vacancies on the Standing Committees for which they are registered. (A "qualified member" means a member who has paid the appropriate membership fees in full for the **year 2002** and who is not in arrears).

To check the IFLA Sections for which you are registered, please consult the IFLA Directory 2002-2003. The appropriate Section numbers are given at the end of your entry. The key to the numbers appears on page 87. Alternatively, check the membership pages on IFLANET http://www.ifla.org/database/directy.htm.

The Governing Board, at its meeting in December 2001, translated a number of former Round Tables into Sections. These Sections came into existence at the end of the 2002 Annual Conference. However, because these new Sections have not yet had a chance to recruit new members, the Board has decided not to hold elections for their Standing Committees in this round. The first call for nominations for these Sections will therefore take place in October 2004, followed by elections in March/April 2005. In the meantime the Executive Committees of the former Round Tables, added to where necessary, will act as interim Standing Committees. The one exception to this is the new Management of Library Associations Section. The Board decided that all National and International Association Members of IFLA would automatically be registered as members of this Section, in addition to their normal allocation. There is therefore no need to wait for the recruitment process. Nominations are

therefore invited for the Standing Committee of this new Section on the same basis as the previously established Sections. All National and International Association Members in good standing are eligible to nominate for this Section.

Sections requiring nominations for Standing Committee Members for the term 2003-2007

Those currently serving on the Standing Committee of each Section are listed on pages 97-133 of the Directory. Please note that they are limited to a maximum period of service of 8 years (two four-year terms). Those who are completing their second term in 2003 are indicated. They are not eligible for nomination.

Nominations should be made on forms being sent by IFLA HQ. They should be returned to arrive at IFLA HQ by close of business on **Monday 3rd February 2003**. They should be signed by the authorised signatory of the IFLA Member concerned, and by the candidate.

Please note the following points:

1. You may nominate **only one** candidate for the Standing Committee of each Section for which you are registered.

2. Under the current Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Board in August 2001, candidates need to be nominated by **only one** voting Member. That Member may be **either** an Association Member **or** an Institutional Member.

3. Candidates should have a working knowledge of a least **one** of the languages of IFLA (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish).

4. Candidates should have reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Standing Committee without cost to the Federation. The principal meetings of Standing Committees are held immediately prior to, and during, the general conferences of IFLA. Forthcoming conferences will be held in Berlin (August 2003) Buenos Aires (August 2004), Oslo (August 2005), Seoul (August 2006) and Durban (August 2007).

5. You should obtain the consent of your nominee, using the enclosed Consent Form, which should be attached to the Nomination Form, together with confirmation that the nominee meets the language and attendance requirements, and a brief statement of the nominee's career and present position.

6. No one may be a member of more than one Standing Committee, except that a person may be a member of the Standing Committee of a regional section in addition to one other Standing Committee.

Each Section may have up to **20 people** serving on its Standing Committee. If the number of candidates for any Section exceeds the number of vacancies, a postal ballot will be held after the close of nominations.

Please take some time to persuade suitable candidates to accept nomination. The work is rewarding; it presents possibilities for sharing knowledge and expertise with like-minded professionals in different parts of the world – and it helps IFLA achieve worthwhile developments on behalf of our profession. It can be great fun, too!

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Letter from the Chair of the Standing Committe on Serial Publications

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Dear Members of the Section on Serial Publications:

Recently, you received a letter from Ross Shimmon, Secretary General of IFLA, calling for nominations to IFLA Sections' Standing Committees. In it, he states that "IFLA is heavily dependent on the voluntary effort of dedicated people who serve on committees and boards, developing policies, organizing the professional content of our conferences and generally ensuring the continued success of the Federation. The next elections for our Section Standing Committees will take place early next year. I am, therefore, writing to you to invite nominations for these important committees." I would like to echo Mr. Shimmon's call for nominations, especially with regard to the Standing Committee on Serial Publications.

As you may know, each of the IFLA standing committees is allowed to have up to 20 members. For many of its years of existence, the Standing Committee on Serial Publications has been well below this number (around 10-12 members). Needless to say, this limits the number of projects, programs and workshops the Standing Committee can carry out. Members of the current Standing Committee would like nothing more than to see the Committee at full strength so we can expand our activities.

We look to you, members of the Section on Serial Publications, to participate in the nomination process. You can do this in one of two ways. The first is to nominate someone from your institution to the committee. The second is to be willing to support the nomination of someone from another library if there is no one appropriate from your library to serve on the committee. I would be delighted to serve as a liaison, matching individuals up with institutions and institutions up with individuals in this regard. I would also be happy to answer any questions you may have about the standing committee or about the IFLA nomination process. You can also find information about standing committee nominations on IFLANET at:
http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/callscm-e.htm
and
http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/serve.htm.

Nominations are due into IFLA Headquarters by the close of business on Monday 3rd February 2003. They must be signed by the authorized signatory of the IFLA Member and by the candidate.

Although the IFLA Standing Committee may not have its full complement of members, the work of the current members is impressive indeed. This includes participating in the latest revision of the ISBD(S), now called the ISBD(CR) and presenting a workshop in Moscow on the new ISBD(CR) and basic serial activities as well as sponsoring programs and workshops at IFLA conferences.

The basic nature of serials is change and this can be seen even more as electronic publications have more and more of an impact on our lives. We are looking for other enthusiastic, hard-working people who work with serial publications (acquisitions, cataloging, electronic materials, etc.) who would like to join us. We hope you will be able to help us in this search.

Cordially,

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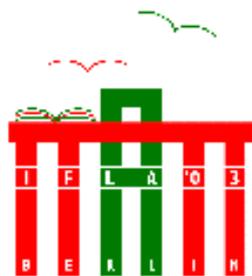
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Calls for papers, IFLA Berlin, 2003
General information

69th IFLA General Conference and Council

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August 1st-9th 2003
Berlin, Germany

Patron: German Federal President Johannes Rau

The content of the IFLA Conference Programme is organised by different professional groups (Sections and Core Programmes). All papers have to be submitted through one of these groups which should be approached directly if you would like to contribute a paper.

Calls for papers for the 69th IFLA General Conference and Council in Berlin 2003 will be made available on IFLANET (please check What's New on IFLANET regularly) and will be announced via IFLA's mailing list IFLA-L.

Authors of accepted papers will receive an official invitation to the conference upon request. However, travel costs to Berlin and other costs (including registration fees and accommodation) cannot be paid by IFLA. These remain the responsibility of the speaker.

See also the *General Guidelines for Papers* on IFLANET at http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/callinfo-e.htm. Please note that papers with abstracts must be submitted at IFLA HQ at an earlier date this year (because the conference is earlier): no later than **1st June 2003**.

Source: IFLANET, http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/calls-e.htm

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Programs planned by the IFLA Section on Serial Publications for the next Conference in Berlin, 2003

Each Professional Group (Section) will receive **one** time slot of **2** hours for an Open Session. Thursday 7 August 2003 is Workshop day. Workshops can take a Full Day or a Half Day and organized On Site or Off Site.

The Professional Committee, at its December meeting, decided on the approval of the following programmes proposed by the IFLA Section on Serial Publications:

The theme of the Open Session is "*Rules, Formats, Cooperation*". It will focus on the current and serious discussions on whether Central Europe should adopt AACR and MARC 21 in light of resource sharing (such as union catalogues of serials) and international cooperation. Thus far, speakers from Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States have been identified.

The SC on Serial Publications plans a workshop on "*Management of Electronic Journals*". Speakers will address many aspects of this complex situation to include:
- the decision-making process of what to subscribe to,
- how e-journals are packaged,
- acquisitions activities associated with e-journals to licensing and rights management,
- cataloguing and access,
- reference work with regrad to e-journals.

Commercial management systems for e-journals will be examined but in some cases, speakers will describe their home-grown systems for keeping track of e-journals and how they are used effectively.

More speakers are sought for the workshop.

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