



Plan to attend the 69th IFLA General Conference, Berlin, Germany, 1-9 August 2003
« Access Point Library : Media-Information- Culture »

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more publicity to the profession and have greater impact in the city the conference was being held as the present acronym "IFLA" is not well-known to the general public. The title that has been adopted is: "World Library and Information Congress." The existing title would be retained as a sub-title to maintain continuity. It was agreed to adopt the new title with effect from the conference in 2004, although if the Berlin Organising Committee wanted to adopt it the Board would agree. It was also agreed that the title could be translated into languages other than the five working languages of IFLA in appropriate circumstances.

BERLIN 2003

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, (IFLA) will hold its next General Conference and Council in Berlin, Germany 1-9 August 2003.

Theme : "Access Point Library: Media - Information - Culture"

Subthemes : Transforming media management

- Knowledge of media in all dimensions
- New culture of digital media: the result of the change and ever-changing results
- Developing, training, expanding media competencies
- Media migration and conservation
- Knowledge Management

IFLA NEWS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: NEW TITLE

The Governing Board of IFLA has agreed to a new title that includes the words "library" and "information". It will attract

Strengthening information content

- Building strategic alliances with various user communities
- Serving special information needs
- Information world for future generations
- Free access to information at point of use
- Licensing issues and other legal aspects
- New structures for libraries in global information provision

Guaranteeing human culture and values

- Expanding libraries as cultural institutions
- Networking "Cultural partnerships"
- Social responsibilities of libraries in bridging cultural gaps
- Library buildings as community cultural centres
- The role of libraries in changing cultural environments

The conference website is now available and gives details of the conference themes, calls for contributions as well as travel and tourist information at:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/index.htm>

Calls for Papers:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/cinfo-e.htm>

Call for Poster Presentation:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/callps-e.htm>

Online Registration and Hotel Bookings:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/reg-e.htm>

Details of the Exhibition:

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/exhibit-e.htm>

Do not miss the early bird registration deadline of 1 May 2003.

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BUENOS-AIRES 2004

For the first time in South America !

Invitation

The Argentine National Organizing Committee and the Asociacon de Bibliotecarios Graduados de la Republica Argentina take great pleasure in inviting you to The World Library and Information Congress 70th IFLA General Conference and Council which will take place in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 20-27 august, 2004.

Theme :

« Libraries : Tools for Education and Development »

Information and knowledge are extremely important for education and development. They are especially important in striving to improve the quality of life. In Latin America this requires libraries to function as pillars of the education system by opening the ways to knowledge, culture and economic and social development.

Conference Venue

The Hilton Convention Centre is conveniently situated in the heart of the City of Buenos Aires, in a recently refurbished neighbourhood, one of the best place in Buenos Aires.

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DURBAN 2007

IFLA for the second time in Africa after Nairobi in 1984.

During the 68th IFLA General Conference and Council in Glasgow, August 2002, the

IFLA Governing Board (advised by the Conference Planning Committee) announced that the 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council, in 2007, will be held in Durban, South Africa.

Information regarding the 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council will be available on the IFLANET web site. Please check back at a later date.

GLASGOW DECLARATION

The Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom

Meeting in Glasgow on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of its formation, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) declares that :

- IFLA proclaims the fundamental right of human beings both to access and to express information without restriction.
- IFLA and its worldwide membership support, defend and promote intellectual freedom as expressed in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This intellectual freedom encompasses the wealth of human knowledge, opinion, creative thought and intellectual activity.
- IFLA asserts that a commitment to intellectual freedom is a core responsibility of the library and information profession worldwide, expressed through codes of ethics and demonstrated through practice.

IFLA affirms that :

- Libraries and information services provide access to information, ideas and works of imagination in any medium and regardless of frontiers. They serve a gateways to knowledge, thought and culture, offering essential support for independent decision-making, cultural development, research and lifelong learning by both individuals and groups.

- Libraries and information services contribute to the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom and help to safeguard democratic values and universal civil rights. Consequently, they are committed to offering their clients access to relevant resources and services without restriction and to opposing any form of censorship.

- Libraries and information services shall acquire, preserve and make available the widest variety of materials, reflecting the plurality and diversity of society. The selection and availability of library materials and services shall be governed by professional considerations and not by political, moral and religious views.

- Libraries and information services shall make materials, facilities and services equally accessible to all users. There shall be no discrimination for any reason including race, national or ethnic origin, gender or sexual preference, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

- Libraries and information services shall protect each user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.

IFLA therefore calls upon libraries and information services and their staff to uphold and promote the principles of intellectual freedom and to provide uninhibited access to information.

*This Declaration was prepared by IFLA/FAIFE ;
Approved by the Governing Board of IFLA 27
March 2002, The Hague, Netherlands.
Adopted by the Council of IFLA, 18 August 2002,
Glasgow, UK.*

IFLA/FAIFE

IFLA is delighted to announce that the integration of IFLA Committee on Free

Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) site into the IFLA main site has been completed successfully.

Please change your bookmark:
<http://www.ifla.org/faife/>

IFLA 3M INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY MARKETING AWARD

The Section of Management and Marketing of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and 3M are accepting entries for the IFLA 3M International Library Marketing Award. This award honors organizations that have implemented creative, results-oriented marketing projects or campaigns. The winner receives airfare, lodging and registration for the 2003 IFLA General Conference and Council in Berlin, Germany, and a cash award of \$1,000 (USD) to further the marketing efforts of the recognized institutions or organization. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2003.

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GUUST VAN WESEMAEL LITERACY PRIZE

Background

The Prize was established by the IFLA Executive Board in November 1991, to commemorate the late Guust van Wesemael, who was Coordinator of IFLA's Professional Activities from 1979 to 1990 and Deputy Secretary General of IFLA from 1979 to 1991, and his contribution to IFLA's efforts to promote literacy in the developing countries. In 1966 the Prize was re-established under conditions.

Objective

The objective of the Prize is to recognise an achievement in the field of literacy promotion in a developing country. The

Prize should preferably be used for follow-up activities such as purchasing targeted collections of appropriate books, but may also be used for other activities such as literacy promotion, training, policy development. The Prize is issued biennially.

Eligibility

The focus of the Prize is public library or school library work. Both individuals and library institutions are eligible to apply.

Financial Aspects

The Prize will be awarded every two years, starting in April 1997. Each time a grant of NLG 6000 will be awarded. The Prize will be paid out in 2 instalments : two thirds immediately and one third on submission of a report on how the Prize has been used (see « reporting »).

Management

The Prize is administered by IFLA Headquarters which will review the applications with the jury. The Coordinator of Professional Activities is IFLA's liaison person with the winner for the management of the project. He also receives and evaluates reports and informs the Professional Committee.

Selection

The selection is made by a Jury of 3 library professionals ;

- a member of the Governing Board of IFLA ;
- a member of the Professional Committee of IFLA, specifically the Chair of the IFLA Division of Libraries Serving the General Public ;
- the Chair or Secretary of one of the following Sections : Public Libraries, School Libraries, or Reading.

Applications

The applications must be accompanied by :

- the reasons for application ;
- a detailed description of the completed project or activity (including a short description of the library, or of the organisation and its activities) ;
- an explanation of how the Prize money would be used ;
- and a realistic budget.

Candidates are also advised to attach a letter of support from their library association.

Reporting

Within six months after receipt of the Prize, the winner must submit to IFLA HQ an interim report of the use made of the funds, and the second instalment will be paid out. When the project period is finished a final report and a financial statement should be submitted.

(The report should be in a form suitable for publication in IFLA Journal).

Deadline for application :1 March of every odd year (E.g. 2001, 2003, 2005, etc.).

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REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

ALP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Advancement of Librarianship (ALP) Advisory Committee meeting, met in Uppsala University, 10-15 October 2002. Chairs, Secretaries, and Regional Managers of the three IFLA regions are members of this Advisory Committee, together with the ALP staff members. Mr Ross Shimmon, IFLA Secretary General participated to this meeting.

Members of the ALP Advisory Committee met in Uppsala to evaluate ALP supported regional activities of 2000-2002. The group had the opportunity of meeting the Nordic Support Group to discuss funding possibilities for future activities.

The Advisory Committee also took advantage of the gathering to set goals for the next 2 years, 2003-2004. The meeting was blessed with the presence of Ross Shimmon, Secretary General of IFLA, who clarified some issues on IFLA structure and mode of governance.

Members of the Committee worked in their regional groups to evaluate activities for 2000-2002. Each region made a presentation to the Nordic Support Group on 14th October 2002. The focus was on ALP – Supported Projects. Africa Section presented 7 projects successfully completed. The reports revealed very successful projects with a major impact in the regions.

Recommendations

- Sections should publicise their activities within IFLA and among donors to attract funding.
- SC members should initiate projects to ensure relevance of the same to the priorities of the region.
- When approving a project ALP should attach evaluation forms to ensure that each project is evaluated adequately by those responsible.
- Regions should make a follow-up and monitor their projects to ensure effective implementation and evaluation.

Funding

Birgitta Sandell, Director of ALP explained that funding is progressively becoming a problem. DANIDA, one of the main funding agencies, has ended its support for ALP.

Efforts have to be made by all concerned to look for more funds.

The participants of the meeting were informed that IFLA/ALP Advisory Board was formed to look into fundraising issues.

IFLA 2003

The Regional Sections will organise during the General Conference in Berlin :

- 1) A joint Session with section on Management of Library Associations.
- 2) A workshop on strategic Planning
- 3) A poster session based on this theme : *Centres for Information – contribution of Regional Sections in local communities and in the global network*

THE HAGUE MEETING

A meeting of IFLA Staff in the broadest sense was held on 16 and 17 october 2002 at IFLA/HQ), Pensri Guaysuwan (IFLA/Asia), Corine Koch (IFLA/PAC) Kely Moore (IFLA/HQ), Josche Neven (IFLA/HQ), Stephen Parker (IFLA Journal –17 oct.), Karin Passchier (IFLA/HQ), Marie-France Plassard (IFLA.UBCIM), Birgitta Sandell (IFLA/ALP), Susanne Seidelin (IFLA/FAIFE), Henri Sène (IFLA/Africa), Ross Shimmon (IFLA.HQ), Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff (IFLA/PAC), Christine Zuidwijk (IFLA/HQ – 16 octo.), Sjoerd Koopman (IFLA/HQ).

Ross Shimmon welcomed all participants to the IFLA/HQ office. All participants introduced themselves.

Each of the 3 IFLA Regional Managers introduced their offices and the specifics of their own work and regions.

Henri Sène explained that his office is generously hosted by the Dakar (Senegal) University Library. He has tried to be a link with IFLA members in Africa, and to give them logistical support if needed. The IFLA Africa Newsletter (French/English edition) was currently sent to approx. 350 subscribers. He previously submitted report.

Introduction of 4 Core Activity Offices/Programmes by each co-activities Director brief presentations were given by :

- Birgitta Sandell (IFLA/ALP)

- Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff (IFLA/PAC)
- Marie-France Plassard (IFLA/UBCIM)
- Susanne Seidelin (IFLA/FAIFE)

Introductions on various aspects of IFLA's work were presented by different IFLA/HQ staff members.

Ross Shimmon sketched the current situation of the IFLA Finances in general and the financial situation of the Core Activities in particular. Membership fees continue to be the most important part of IFLA's income. Nowadays members receive invoices on which they can add optional amounts.

Ross summarised the (financial) history and present situation of the Core Activities. There has been a continuous struggle to allocate roughly the same amount from the Core Activities Fund to the current Core Activities.

Regional Offices

The Role and Position of Regional Offices/Managers.

The Governing Board has requested a report on the actual situation with the regional managers, following the review of all units within IFLA (boards, committees, sections, core activities).

It was agreed that the document that was drawn up in october 2002 would be taken as a starting point, to be elaborated to reflect the current situation. On this basis IFLA/HQ will draft a job description and a agreement between IFLA and the host institutions of the Regional Offices. The drafts will be sent to the Regional Managers for comment.

Budgets Regional Offices

At the request of IFLA/HQ, the 3 Regional Managers have each submitted a budget proposal for 2003. Because they were different in approach, template was discussed and agreed upon ; this would be used by each of the 3 Regional Managers to submit a revised proposal.

The future of Division 8.

It was noted that the Chair of the Regional Division, Rashidah Begum, would make a proposal for an Open Session during the Berlin Conference (August 2003).

AFRICA SECTION NEWS

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the last IFLA General Conference held in Glasgow, Scotland in August 2002, the IFLA Africa Section met on 18th and 23 August. The items of the agenda was

- Minutes of the February meeting held in Dakar, Senegal and matters arising from the minutes.

- Financial and administrative report
The secretary reported that 610 Euros was received from IFLA HQ. The amount was deposited into the LIASA bank account. Expenditure to date = 178 Euros. Reports on Africa Section Activities/Projects

- Report from the Regional Manager

- Report on ALP activities in the region
The ALP Director, Birgitta Sandell reported that the Danida funding had stopped. The Danida funding was used for the travel grant to the IFLA conferences and a little bit of support for the ALP office. Current projects will continue and funding from SIDA is still available. There is however, uncertainty over the future of the travel grant. The ALP Director reported also on the on going projects in the region

- Africa Section Grant

Sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and INASP. It is a travel grant for attending the IFLA conference, open to 6 Commonwealth countries in Africa. 6 people were selected for the Glasgow Conference. All are first-time attendees. There will be another opportunity in 2003.

- Strategic Plan 2002-2003

- Berlin Conference 2003

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP BERLIN – AUGUST 2003

Theme : « Mapping Our Future : Strategic Planning for Developing Regions »
Berlin, August 2003

Division VIII is one of the eight divisions of IFLA ; it consists of three regional-based sections, one each for Africa, Asia and Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean. The purpose of this Division VIII – Regional Activities Workshop is :

- To facilitate application of the strategic planning process ;
- To show how strategic planning can be utilised in support of development activities in the regions ;
- To devise a Division VIII strategic planning framework that takes account of IFLA professional priorities and core activities.

The principal keynote speaker will be Robert Wedgeworth, former President of IFLA, who will present the opening address on strategic planning to overcome the digital divide between developed and developing countries.

The programme will be structured as follows :

- Session 1. Keynote Address, Robert Wedgeworth (30 minutes).
- Session 2. Facilitating Application of the Strategic Planning Process (1 hr)
Speaker from Latin America (15 mins)
Workshop activities by participants in cross-regional groups (20 mins)
Reporting by participants and summary by speaker (15mins).
- Session 3. Using Strategic Planning to Support Development Activities (1 hr)
Speaker from Africa (15 mins) Workshop activities by participants in cross-regional groups (20 mins)

Reporting by participants and summary by speaker (15 mins).

- Session 4. Development of a Strategic Planning Framework (1 hr)

Facilitator for Asia

Regional section working groups will discuss how strategic planning in their regions can incorporate/harmonise with IFLA's professional priorities and core activities, and produce a strategic planning framework for Division VIII Reports and discussion.

FLORENCE AGREEMENT

Has your government ratified the 1950 Unesco Florence agreement on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural materials, and the 1976 Nairobi Protocol ?

I would like to draw your attention to this important agreement that was drawn up to facilitate the free flow of ideas by fostering the free circulation of educational, scientific and educational materials. Signatories to the Florence Agreement agree to dismantle custom barriers by not imposing tariff, tax, currency and trade obstacles on imported books (including electronic publications), and audiovisual material of an educational, scientific and cultural nature. Librarians reading this news item are urged to check with the website <<http://www.unesco.org/culture/laws/florence/html.eng/page5.shtml>> to see whether or not their governments have adopted the Agreement and Protocol and implemented it in their countries. If not, librarians and library associations in these countries are encouraged to persuade their respective governments to do so. The International Publishers Association (IPA) is ready to assist members of IFLA in the development and implementation of a strategy to foster the ratification of both instruments. They can be contacted at :

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR PARIS 2003

Now in the planning stage is the XIII Seminar of the Library Buildings and Equipment Section to be held in Paris just prior to the IFLA Berlin Conference in 2003. The theme of the Seminar will be « public library buildings ». The program will be co-sponsored by the IFLA Public Libraries Section. The planning committee for the Seminar is chaired by Marie-François Bisbrouck for the Section and Florence Poncé from the Public Libraries Section.

The Seminar will consist of presentations from international leaders in library planning and architecture, and tours of recent public library buildings, as well as providing an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas with colleagues from around the world.

Other activities : among other activities, the Standing Committee is working with Dr. Wu Jiangzhong, Director Shanghai Library on a new edition of New Library Buildings of the World, which is planned to be published to coincide with the Paris Seminar.

Work has also begun to develop a database of new library construction including : buildings, additions and renovations. U.S. entries for the last five years have been completed.

THE AFRICAN LIBRARIES LISTSERVE

The African Libraries Listserve (AFLIB-L) has now been reactivated by The National Library of South Africa. It was temporarily

discontinued while a new e-mail system was being implemented.

If you are not yet a subscriber, you are warmly invited to subscribe. Information about the list is given below.

WHAT IS AFLIB-L ? The African Libraries Listserv is a forum for African libraries and their colleagues who seek to overcome the professional isolation which presents one of the barriers to library development in Africa.

AFLIB-L is an open, lightly moderated discussion list. Its aim is to encourage contact between and communication among professionals on the continent. Let us break down the barriers of isolation through the exchange of ideas. It is administered by the National Library of South Africa, and supported by the Africa Section of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and the Standing Conference of African National and University Libraries - East Central and Southern Africa (SCANUL-ECS).

It is open not only to members of IFLA and SCANUL-ECS, but to all libraries and information workers (including documentalists, archivists and information managers), teachers of librarianship and information work, researchers in library and information science, and others with an interest in librarianship and information work who are working in Africa or have a strong interest in Africa.

How to subscribe or unsubscribe : send a message to AFLIB-L@nlsa.ac.za . In the message header, include AFLIB-L and subscribe/unsubscribe

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IASL CONFERENCE 2003

32nd International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Conference - Durban, South Africa, 7-11 July 2003

The theme of the 32nd IASL Conference is « School Libraries: Breaking Down Barriers »

IASL 2003's goal is to break down some of the barriers that hinder school library development within South Africa, the rest of Africa, and internationally.

School librarians, teachers, librarians, library advisers, consultants, educationists, educational administrators, literacy specialists, and researchers are invited to submit proposals on the following suggested themes :

- So-called North/South relations the creation of constructive creative relationships and connections between the advantaged and disadvantaged sector.
- Innovative programmes that demonstrate how school library programmes might be set up in disadvantaged sectors and in remote rural areas.
- Programmes that bridge the so-called digital divide.
- School library policymaking -- how to influence it, how to implement it.
- Breaking the barriers between educators and librarians, personnel working within schools and advisory staff working within school library support services; schools and public libraries.
- Information literacy education in the developing world.
- The role of school libraries in the struggle against the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Gender issues in school libraries.
- The gaps between researchers and practitioners.

- The role of literature and reading in multicultural and multilingual schools.

There are four types of concurrent sessions in this conference:

- Professional papers
- International Research Forum
- Workshops/Demonstrations
- Poster Session

8th IFLA INTERLENDING AND DOCUMENT SUPPLY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

"Breaking barriers: reaching users in a digital world" has been chosen as the theme of the 8th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference announced Dr Toby Burrows, Chair of the Program Committee. "In one simple statement we wanted to encompass new ways to deliver services to users as well as ways to make our operations more efficient", he said.

The conference will be held at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, Australia, 28 - 31 October 2003.

Call for papers: deadline 21 february 2003

Authors need to get thinking now if they are to meet the 21 February 2003 deadline to submit a proposal for a paper at the 8th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply Conference. The Program Committee is seeking papers which canvas innovative ideas, report on the results of research, include practical advice or provide details of case studies.

The Program Committee is most interested in the following topics:

- Equity of access
- Empowering the user
- International sharing
- Automating services: lessons learned
- Legal implications of sharing resources: copyright and licencing
- When to borrow, when to buy

- Effects of changes in publishing on sharing resources
- Consortia: new collaborative access mechanisms
- Education for practitioners
- Best practice processes.

Generally presentations will last for 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions.

Information on how to submit a proposal is on the conference web site at

<http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/papers.htm>

or contact

<mailto:ildsconference@nla.gov.au>

Conference Web Site

In conjunction with the announcement of the theme and the call for papers, the Organising Committee is pleased to launch the conference web site.

Anyone interested in interlending and document supply should bookmark this site now and visit it regularly in the lead up. It contains information about the conference and information about the venue, Canberra - the host city, and Australia.

LIASA Sixth Annual Conference

Call For Papers

Date: 22- 26 September 2003 Venue: Rustenburg Civic Centre, Rustenburg, North West Province Theme: Tsoga o itirele: Libraries as agents of change.

You are invited to submit proposals for papers and posters that will focus on areas that relate to the theme of the conference.

Change is synonymous with complexity, uncertainty, organic growth, creativity and fluidity. Librarians have to anticipate change, adapt, innovate, re-invent and advocate in the constantly changing information landscape. For libraries to be able to facilitate, implement and act as agents of change, librarians need to re-invent themselves and change their own attitudes.

Tsoga o itirele in its literal translation means, "wake up and do it for yourself". Librarians have to become self-reliant, tapping into resources in their communities, taking charge of their own future. Papers, based on practical solutions and ways in which libraries can achieve this, can be used to stimulate discussion.

Papers and posters on topics such as the following will be considered for inclusion in the conference programme:

- Libraries as agents of change
- Librarians as innovators
- Inventing and re-inventing products and services for changing clientele needs
- Technology as a tool to manage change and changing needs
- Training and education of librarians and information workers in the digital age
- Anticipating change and identifying opportunities for libraries and librarians
- The Information Society and libraries
- Libraries and Africa's information needs
- Creating financial solutions for libraries
- Human resources for changing library and information services.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 21 February 2003. Proposals, in hard copy or preferably in electronic format must be submitted to:

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PUBLICATIONS

ISBD (M) 2002 Version

The IFLA Section on Cataloguing's ISBD Review Group is pleased to announce publication of the 2002 Version of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Monographic Publications (ISBD(M)). The document is available in PDF format on IFLANET at: http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/isbd_m0602.pdf

ISBD(CR)

ISBD(CR): International Standard Bibliographic Description for Serials and Other Continuing Resources), published by K.G.Saur, is now available.

A new revision of the ISBD(S) standard has just been published to replace the 1988 publication. The scope of ISBD(CR) has been enlarged to cover both serials and integrating resources, and takes into account electronic continuing resources. Definitions and terminology have been clarified. The rules for title changes have been simplified and are compatible with both the AACR rules and the ISSN manual. Many new examples from various countries have been added. The ISBD(CR) also incorporates the "optionality" features described in IFLA's Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records and is consistent with ISBD(M).

Statistics Measures and Quality Standards

The Information Institutes at Syracuse University and Florida State University are pleased to announce the availability of « Statistics, Measures and Quality Standards for Assessing Digital Reference Library Services: Guidelines and Procedures » (Syracuse NY: Information Institute of Syracuse, September 2002). The publication can be ordered for \$25 at <http://quartz.syr.edu/quality>.

This manual is the beginning of an ongoing process to develop statistics, measures, and quality standards to assess and improve digital reference services. The 35 measures included in the manual are based on literature reviews, input from advisory committee members, and were field-tested by a number of libraries participating in the project. Its overall purpose is to improve the quality of digital reference services and assist librarians to design and implement better digital reference services, which meet user information needs.

The book is authored by Charles R. McClure, R. David Lankes, Melissa Gross, and Beverly Choltco-Devlin.

To learn more about the project or order a copy of the book, visit the web site at <http://quartz.syr.edu/quality>.

CONICE UNIMARC Bibliographic Format

The IFLA Core Activity for Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC(UBCIM) and the Permanent UNIMARC Committee are pleased to announce that the UNIMARC Concise Bibliographic Format posted on the IFLANET at www.ifla.org/VI/3/p1996-1/concise2.pdf has been updated to reflect the changes and additions of Update 4 to the UNIMARC Manual-Bibliographic Format.

The UNIMARC Concise Bibliographic Format represents the state of the format as of 1 March 2002.

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