



**International Federation of Library Associations**

**Division 3, Section 09**

## **Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section**

### **Annual Report 2003 - 2004**

#### **1. Scope**

The Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons Section provides leadership to libraries, associations, and government bodies for the development of specialized services to those groups within the community who are unable to make use of conventional library services.

These groups include persons in hospitals and prisons, the elderly in nursing homes and others in specialized care facilities, the house-bound, the deaf, the physically and developmentally disabled, and persons with reading difficulties.

The Section provides an international forum for the discussion of ideas and sharing of expertise. It develops projects that promote and improve library and information services to all.

#### **2. Membership**

Membership figures as of September 2004: 72 members. Additionally, there are 15 members of the Standing Committee: 10 regular members and 5 corresponding members.

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## **4. Meetings**

### **4.1 Midyear meeting, March 11 & 12, 2004, The Hague**

The Standing Committee held a two-day midyear at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague. There were 6 members in attendance. A large portion of the meeting was devoted to planning for the joint LSDP/LSB program in Buenos Aires on copyright exception legislation for print handicapped people. Vibeke Lehmann is leading an effort to get speakers from Argentina. Discussion also focused on the planning for a joint LSDP/LSB satellite meeting in Gothenburg prior to the Oslo 2005 WLIC. Birgitta Irvall is spearheading this effort. Meeting Minutes at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s9/minutes/s9-2004-03-minutes.pdf>

### **4.2 Annual SC meetings, August 22 & 28, 2004, Buenos Aires**

Three Standing Committee members were in attendance together with six guests. The Committee reviewed and updated the Strategic Plan of the Section, the list of both new and ongoing projects, satellite meetings and sessions for upcoming conferences, and discussed membership matters.

## **5. Projects**

### **5.1 Translations of miscellaneous LSDP guidelines publications**

Translation into French (IFLA Professional Report #83) of the *Guidelines for Library Services to Hospital Patients and the Elderly and Disabled in Long-Term Care Facilities* (IFLA Professional Report \$61) was completed with the full text available at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s9/nd1/Profrep83.pdf>

### **5.2 Revision of Guidelines for Library Services to Prisoners, 2d ed.**

Vibeke Lehmann, project director, reports that the revision work continued during the year. The Working Group expects to have a final draft completed by early Spring 2005. The project has been delayed due to work reassignment of the project director.

### **5.3 Checklist: Access to Libraries for Disabled Persons**

Gyda Skat Nielsen and Birgitta Irvall, project participants, report that a working document of the final checklist will be presented at the Section's mid year meeting in March 2005 for comment and final review. Vibeke Lehmann has agreed to edit the document for language. The published Checklist is to be presented at the satellite conference in Göteborg, Sweden, August 2005.

### **5.4. Proposed Project: *LSDP History 2001-2005 with Relevant Agencies (Resource Book update)***

A proposal was submitted for adjudication by the Professional Board in December 2004. It was ranked by the Coordinating Board as second in terms of priority of the Division. The Professional Board has approved funding for this project.

## **6 Publications**

The Section published two issues of the *LSDP Newsletter*, December 2003 and June 2004, both in print and as a pdf document on the LSDP page at the IFLA website. [See also IFLA Professional Report #83 under 4.1].

## **7 Conference programs**

### **Buenos Aires 2004:**

Theme: *Balances of copyright and licensing: Access to information for print handicapped people*

Offered in co-operation with the Libraries for the Blind Section, the conference program featured six panel speakers from Argentina, Canada, South Africa, and the United Kingdom, with introductory remarks made by Winston Tabb, Chair of the IFLA Copyright and Legal Matters Committee. Panelists introduced participants to the need for a balance between copyright and licensing in an effort to ensure maximum services and materials to disadvantaged library patrons. The partnership of government bodies, publishers, consortia, and libraries was emphasized.

Panelists included:

Johan Roos, Director, South African Library for the Blind (South Africa)

Victoria Owen, Director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Library for the Blind (Canada)

Geidy Lung, Senior, WIPO Representative

Stephen King, Royal National Institute of the Blind, United Kingdom

Pablo Lecuona, Tiflolibros (Argentina)

Ana Maria Cabanellas de las Cuevas, President, International Publishers Association (Argentina)

## **8 Relationships with other bodies**

The LSDP Section continues to plan conference programs jointly with the Libraries for the Blind Section. The joint conference program in Buenos Aires, *Balance of Copyright and Licensing: Access to Information for Print Handicapped People*, is an

excellent example of how mutual and complementary work areas and section goals can be integrated into a broad umbrella program theme. The program also included representatives from the International Publishers Association, WIPO, and Tiflolibros (Argentina).

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