



Serial Publications Section

Annual Report 2001

Membership of the Section and of the Standing Committee

In 2001 the IFLA Section on Serial Publications had 12 Standing Committee members from 8 countries, 1 ex-officio member from the ISSN International Centre and 4 special advisors from 3 countries. 80 national associations and institutional or personal members were registered for the Section.

Officers and Information Coordinator

Ms Marjorie Bloss (USA) was elected as Chair/Treasurer of the Section on Serial Publications [she succeeded Mr Hartmut Walravens (Germany), Chair from August 2001]. At the same time Mr Hartmut Walravens (Germany) was elected as Secretary succeeding the former Secretary and Treasurer, Ms Agneta Holmenmark (Sweden). In addition, Ms Elizabeth Gazdag (Hungary) was confirmed in charge of the Information Coordinator (she was appointed by the SC in 1999).

Projects in which the Section was involved

- The Russian translation of the Section's *Basic serials management handbook* is ready for printing - negotiations with possible publishers are under way. Preparations of the French translation were continued: consultations between Catherine Omont and the author, Judith Szilvássy were organized.
- An analysis of the *Directory of Union Catalogues* (see at <http://archive.ifla.org/VI/2/duc/index.htm>) was performed. New questionnaires were prepared for dissemination to known addresses of union catalogues. Seeking contacts with union catalogues not yet included in the Directory is continued.
- A project was outlined aiming to create a *Directory of Articles Databases, Indexing and Abstracting Services* (and a survey was prepared afterwards under a slightly changed title: *IFLA-Directory of Serials Content Databases and Current-Awareness Services for Serials Content*).
- The Section was involved in the revision process of the ISBD(S) through a Working Group member (Karen Darling) and by the means of sending comments and suggestions regarding the revised drafts.

Publications

- The following issues of the *Newsletter of the IFLA Section on Serial Publications* were published and mounted on IFLANET in 2001 (see at <http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s16/pubs/>): no. 39, June 2001 and no. 40, November 2001 (both edited by the information coordinator, Elizabeth Gazdag). A whole issue was devoted to

the International Workshop "E-Serials in Libraries", a regional meeting held at the National and University Library, Zagreb, Croatia, in April 2001; and another one was dealing with the SC meeting held and with the events during the annual IFLA conference in Boston.

- The Section's Brochure was produced in Spanish and French translations and they were sent to the HQ for adding them to the English versions left from the previous conference.

IFLA Conference programme organized by the Section in 2001, Boston

"From Bibliographic Access to Content with a Click of a Mouse"

Papers contributed:

- CrossRef: a Publisher's Perspective / KAREN HUNTER (Elsevier US, USA)
- Aggregation vs. Facilitation: an agency response to e-journal aggregation / KNUT DORN (Otto Harrassowitz Publishers and Booksellers, Wiesbaden, Germany)
- From Bibliographic Database to Content - New Aspects for Library Work, New Aspects for Research, Education and Information Provision / DIANN RUSCH-FEJA (Director, Library, Max-Planck-Institut für Bildungsforschung, Berlin, Germany)

RT on Newspapers

IFLA's Professional Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2001 approved recommendations regarding the status of Round Tables in the new IFLA structure. The new structure does not support Round Tables. Existing RTs were instructed either to become new Standing Committees, merge with another Standing Committee, or cease to exist. The recommendations are of specific concern to us owing to the Round Table on Newspapers run by the Section on Serial Publications. The Professional Committee after considerable discussion agreed on the decision that the RT on Newspapers should become a Standing Committee in its own right.