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ICABS Activity Report February – July 2006

ICABS secretary

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Coordination

- WLIC Seoul 2006 programme coordination
- Translations and organisational work
- Advisory Board meeting in Ottawa
- Preparation of the evaluation, Questionnaire and interpretation
- Preparation of Advisory Board meeting in Seoul

Publications

- Evaluation of IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards (ICABS)
In SCATNews 25 (2006). – p. 8
- Oehlschläger, Susanne: ICABS at WLIC in Oslo
In: ICBC 35 (2006) 2, p. 26

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International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC) was published on a quarterly basis. During the report period two issues (Nrs 1 and 2) of this periodical laid the basis for Volume 35 (2006).

During the conference UNIMARC and Friends in March in Lisbon, a special effort was made to publicise relevant IFLA (print) publications, including ICBC and recent titles from the IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control.

An overview of current IFLA Standards was published as a brochure Sharing of Bibliographic Information and Resources; IFLA Bibliographic Standards and Interoperability that was handed out to participants; the text is also available at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/d4/pub/InteroperabilityStandards.pdf>.

One relevant title appeared in the IFLA Publications Series (Vol. 119): Networking for Digital Preservation. Current Practice in 15 National Libraries by Ingeborg Verheul. Munich: K.G. Saur, 2006. ISBN 3-598-21847-8.

In addition a substantial number of translations of existing IFLA Publications in the field of bibliographic control was published, including translations of ISBD¹, and FRBR² publications in several other than the IFLA working languages (English, French, German, Russian, Spanish).

For more information about the work of IFLA please visit IFLANET (<http://www.ifla.org>)

IFLA/UNIMARC Core Activity can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/8/up.htm>

Division IV: Bibliographic Control can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/d4/dbc.htm>

Division VI: Division of Management and Technology at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/d6/dmt.htm>

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¹ International Standard Bibliographic Description

² Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records

British Library

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FRBR maintenance and development

The ICABS/British Library liaison with FRBR Review Group is Alan Danskin.

The survey of ILS Vendor attitudes to FRBR implementation within their systems was completed during the last period and submitted to the FRBR Review Group for comments and discussion. To date we have not received any feedback on the report. Wider circulation of the report will be discussed at the Seoul Conference.

There has been no requests for support from the various Task Groups during this period.

FRANAR

The ICABS/ British Library liaison with the FRANAR Working Group is Andrew MacEwan.

Since the meeting in The Hague on 9th December 2005 to review comments submitted to the worldwide review, discussions have been ongoing through a series of conference calls.

No other calls for support have been received during this period.

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Deutsche Nationalbibliothek

This report covers the period from **February to July 2006**.

On 29 June 2006 the "Law regarding the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek" came into force. It replaces the "Law regarding the Deutsche Bibliothek" of 1969. 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. Besides the expansion of the legal deposit, the amendments comprise changes in the composition of the library Board and the change of the name to Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library).

During the period under report the focus of the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek as the chair of the ICABS Advisory Board has been on work of the secretary to coordinate the planning of the ICABS programme "The changing role of the catalogue in supporting resource discovery and delivery" during the World Library and Information Congress in Seoul, and to collect and translate the papers. Another main working field was the preparation of the ICABS evaluation that is currently underway, and the Advisory Board meeting in Ottawa in late April. A lot of work has been done also to support the ISBD Review Group, and there is a progress for the VIAF project to be reported, too.

VIAF cooperative

The goal of the VIAF project is to proof the feasibility of a "Virtual International Authority File". Two big national authority files for personal names - the "Library of Congress Name Authority Files (LCNAF)" and the "Personennamendatei (PND)" - are linked through a crosslink file, the VIAF. The VIAF provides crosswalks between the national authority files and enables users to search in the same way as in a physically unified international file.

Within ICABS the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and the Library of Congress are responsible for the VIAF cooperative. The executing partner in this project is OCLC, a non-member of ICABS.

Since February the parties involved have been working to smooth out last difficulties with the matching and merging algorithms. On 31 July 2006 the VIAF project partners will meet at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio, to review and interpret the project results achieved so far, and to agree on how to further proceed.

During the WLIC 2006 in Seoul the project partners will present a paper "VIAF (Virtual International Authority File): Linking Die Deutsche Bibliothek and Library of Congress Name Authority Files" within the Open programme of the Cataloguing Section on Tuesday, 22 August 2006, 16.00-18.00.

ISBD maintenance and development

The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek is the lead ICABS partner in supporting the work of the IFLA Cataloguing Section's ISBD Review Group in developing and maintaining the International Standards for Bibliographic Description. We also work to encourage the harmonisation of national practices to follow these standards and to promote the results of the ISBD revisions.

ISBD Review Group

ICABS is represented on the ISBD Review Group by Renate Gömpel.

The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek actively supports the Review Group's Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs. Among other terms of reference this group is considering the use and values of an ISBD that combines into a single document provisions for the entire Family of ISBDs, in order to facilitate revision work and to abolish and further avoid inconsistencies in the ISBD stipulations. The draft of the consolidated edition of the ISBD has been published for world-wide review on IFLAnet in early July.

