Letter from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Time flies, we are already in the month of June and in two months it will be time for us to meet again for another World Library and Information Congress, this year in Gothenburg. The theme of this year's congress is " *Open access to Knowledge: Promoting Sustainable Progress.*"

The Cataloguing Section will connect to that theme and our programme on the 12th of August has been named: *Multilingual bibliographic access: promoting universal access*. We will have several topics that I hope will interest many of you during our open programme, all of which are listed below:

Paper I

Using relator codes in connection with access points instead of quoting statements of responsibility - the Danish implementation
HANNE HØRL HANSEN (DBC, Copenhagen, Denmark)

Paper II

Bibliographic plus universal access: historical sources and fictional works within FRBR
FRANK FÖRSTER (Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel, Kiel, Germany)

Paper III

Identifiers: bridging language barriers
JAN PISANSKI and MAJA ŽUMER (University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia) and TROND AALBERG (University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway)

Paper IV

Incorporating multilingual bibliographic records into library databases: the case of Lesotho
'MABAFOKENG MAKARA (National University of Lesotho, Maseru, Lesotho)

Apart from our own open programme the Cataloguing Section also participates in a joint session with the IT, Knowledge Management and Classification & Indexing Sections on the Semantic Web, a session that I am sure will be very interesting and that takes place on Sunday morning 15th of August.

The Standing Committee will meet twice, on 10th and 14th of August, and observers are always very welcome to attend our meetings. A list of these and other business and programme meetings related to cataloguing and to the interests of many us is included in this issue of *SCATNews*.

Also meeting in Gothenburg will be the Section's working groups, study groups, and review groups. Observers are always welcome to attend those sessions. The days, times, and locations are listed in this issue.

Groups and members of the Cataloguing Section have been busy with various activities in 2010:

Anonymous Classics
Ben Gu and Françoise Leresche have been working hard on making the revision of Anonymous Classics: Chinese Literature, ready for publication. Discussions have been held both through mail and at a meeting in Frankfurt.

Names of Persons
Judy Kuhagen has put a lot of effort into collecting material for a new edition of Names of Persons. Finding experts in different countries and regions has proven to be very hard work. However Judy hopes to have finished editing by September this year, so hopefully by the end of the year or early 2011 we will have a new edition available.

ISBD
The final version of the consolidated ISBD is in worldwide review and is expected to be published at the end of this year. In this final version the new area "0" is included, the area that covers "Content Form and Media Type Area", containing the three elements of (1) content form, (2) content qualification, and (3) media type.

An IFLA Namespace working group was set up last year in Milan, chaired by Gordon Dunsire. From our section I myself am a member as well as Pat Riva and Elena Escolano Rodriguez. From the ISBD/XML Task Group we also have Mirna Willer and Lynne Howarth from the ISBD Materials Designations Study Group. Following discussions with the IFLA Web Manager during WLIC 2009, the domain **iflastandards.info** was successfully registered for use as a base domain for URIs for elements of IFLA bibliographic standards. A thorough report on this work will be given during our Standing Committee meetings.

Members of the Standing Committee have been involved in a working group on division level to sort out IFLA's new role in bibliographic standards now that the structure of the organisation is different and our "old" Division on Bibliographic Control no longer exists. The results of this working group will be discussed during our Standing Committee meetings as well as the meetings of the other sections. Glenn Patton has been chairing this effort.

Finally other members of our section have been engaged in a working group trying to find a solution to the problem of the International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC) that has faced great financial difficulties lately. A solution to the problem is most likely to move in a direction towards a more digital way of publication. Pat Riva chaired this working group and will give a report in Gothenburg.

CATSMAIL is the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee Mailing List. When it was established, it was restricted to members of that committee and to members of section groups. The Standing Committee decided to remove the restriction on who could subscribe to CATSMAIL and since then the activity has increased to a great extent. At the present time we have 257 subscribers to the list. If you are interested in being a subscriber, please go to this Web site: http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/catsmail and sign up! I strongly encourage current and new members of CATSMAIL to use this mailing list as a way to communicate your questions, announce new projects and conferences, and get answers to other questions that you might have.
See you in Gothenburg in August!

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News from the Library of Congress
Susan R. Morris

The following is a summary of news from the Library of Congress since our most recent previous report in the December 2009 issue of *SCATNews* (no. 32).

Automated CIP Claiming

In February 2010, the US and Publisher Liaison Division of the Library of Congress Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate implemented automated Cataloging in Publication (CIP) claiming. This allowed the Division to claim more than 32,000 books published in previous years that should have been sent by the publishers to the Library of Congress in fulfillment of CIP program requirements. Claiming continues at a rate of 2,300 to 2,500 titles each month. Implementation of automated CIP claiming will ensure that the Library receives books for which it provided the publisher with cataloging data in advance of publication. The additional items will enrich

the Library's collections, and updating of the pre-publication bibliographic records to reflect the actual publication will be timelier.

Greek Romanization Table

The Library's Policy and Standards Division (PSD) has been working on a revision of the ALA-LC Romanization Table for ancient and modern Greek; the current table has been in use since 1972. The latest draft, dated May 10, 2010, is available on the PSD Website at URL http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/greekroman.html and reflects comments from the library community in reaction to the earlier draft revision of 2009. Comments on this draft may be emailed to PSD at policy@loc.gov by June 30, 2010.

Haitian Legal Treatises

The Law Library of Congress and the Law Section, U.S. and Publisher Liaison Division, are placing the Law Library's holdings of Haitian legal treatises under bibliographic control prior to their digitization. This is a particularly important project given the devastating earthquake in Haiti in January 2010.

OCLC ISSN-L Project

The Linking ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) or ISSN-L is a mechanism to enable collocation of the medium-specific ISSN assigned to different medium versions of a serial. In August 2009, OCLC implemented the subfields needed to record the Linking ISSN (022 $ l and 022 $ m) in the WorldCat database. Two staff members in the Library's US and Publisher Liaison Division, Ms. Regina Romano Reynolds, the U.S. ISSN Coordinator, and Mr. John Levy, automated operations coordinator, have coordinated the Library of Congress's efforts to work with OCLC to populate WorldCat with Linking ISSN from the tables on the Website of the ISSN International Centre in Paris. Between January and mid-April 2010, OCLC added ISSN-L to approximately one million WorldCat records. This project represented the first pass through the WorldCat database. A follow-up project is planned for summer 2010 to add ISSN-L to records added to WorldCat since the initial group of records was identified and updated. Problem records were set aside for further examination that will be performed in consultation with the U.S. ISSN Center. This project will increase the visibility and usefulness of the ISSN-L.

ONIX to MARC Conversion Program in Production

Four catalogers continue to test the ONIX/MARC 21 converter software that was developed by cataloging automation specialist David Williamson for converting ONIX data provided by publishers to MARC 21 for ECIP (Electronic Cataloging in Publication) catalog records *(see SCATNews, no. 32).* As of May 2010, the catalogers have added 1,719 records from nine suppliers, representing approximately 100 imprints, to the Library of Congress Online Catalog through the ONIX/MARC converter process. The ONIX database has a pool of about 17,000 pre-publication bibliographic records that we currently search as a source for cataloging data.

The ONIX-to-MARC conversion program is part of the Library's response to the recommendations of the LC Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control. The Associate Librarian of Congress for Library Services, Dr. Deanna Marcum, convened the Working Group in November 2006 to consider how the Library of Congress and the library community should address the popularity of the Internet, advances in search-engine technology, and the influx of electronic information resources. The Working Group's final report and recommendations, published in January 2008 as *On the Record,* are available at http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future. Also available on the Web site is Dr. Marcum's response, dated June 1, 2008, to the Working Group.

Program for Cooperative Cataloging Secretariat

The Library is the secretariat for the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), an international consortium of institutions that create cataloging to agreed standards. BIBCO is the component of the program that contributes bibliographic records for monographs. On May 3, 2010, the PCC issued "PCC Guidelines for Creating Bibliographic Records in Multiple Character Sets" (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/scs/PCCNonLatinGuidelines.pdf)

 On the recommendation of the PCC Operations Committee in 2008, a task force of language experts was charged in February 2009 with creating these guidelines (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/scs/PCCNonLatinTFDraftCharge.pdf) for providing non-Latin script fields that are parallel to their Latin (romanized) counterparts within MARC bibliographic records using MARC21 Model A (non-Latin (vernacular) script and romanization). A preliminary report and guidelines were submitted to the PCC Standing Committee on Standards (SCS) and to PCC discussion lists

for feedback in September 2009 (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/scs/Non-Latin-TF-Prelim-Report-Guidelines.pdf). Feedback from the PCC discussion and SCS has been incorporated into the latest draft.

US National Libraries RDA Test

The Library of Congress is preparing intensively for the test of *Resource Description and Access (RDA)* that it plans to conduct in collaboration with the U.S. National Agricultural Library and U.S. National Library of Medicine this year, after the RDA Toolkit is released *(see SCATNews, no. 31).* Test partners will include 23 other institutions or cataloging vendors selected from the U.S. information community.

The test will begin with a three-month learning period from July 1 through September 1, 2010 (assuming online release of the RDA Toolkit in June). The formal test record creation period will cover the next three months, from October through December, 2010. During this period, testing institutions will submit records (cataloged according to both *RDA* and the institution's regular content code) for 25 titles in a preselected "common original set" and five titles in a preselected "common copy set." Testing institutions will also submit at least 25 additional titles selected from their regular workflows and cataloged using only *RDA* to the Library of Congress for analysis by the US National Libraries RDA Test Coordinating Committee, co-chaired by Beacher Wiggins (Library of Congress) and Christopher Cole (National Agricultural Library). Records will be coded to indicate that they are created using *RDA.* The US RDA Test Coordinating Committee is working with OCLC on a mechanism to address issues related to duplicate data created, particularly related to cataloging of the common set.

An online survey tool will made available to the test partners to record both quantitative and qualitative information about the record creation process and the resulting records. Each institution must submit a survey response for each record created for both common set and regular material titles. The survey responses and the actual records will be analyzed in the third segment of the Test, from January through March 2011, with a view to informing a joint decision by the managements of the three U.S. national libraries concerning implementation of *RDA.*

Dr. Barbara Tillett, chief of the Library of Congress Policy and Standards Division (PSD), and Ms. Judith Kuhagen, senior cataloging policy specialist in PSD and a current

member of the Section on Cataloguing's Standing Committee, presented a day-long "Train the Trainer" session at Northeastern University's Snell Library on January 15, 2010, in conjunction with the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Webcasts from the training session, which was presented for key staff from the institutions that will participate in the US RDA Test, are now available on the US National Libraries RDA Test Website at http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/

The Library of Congress has identified more than thirty catalogers and technicians from its cataloging divisions and has begun orientation sessions for them to produce records in the US National Libraries RDA Test. The Library is committed to sharing its RDA Test training materials with the broader community. Documentation for the US National Libraries RDA Test, including handout materials and PowerPoint slides from the January 15 session, are posted at http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/RDAtest/rdatest.html .

Dr. Tillett appears in several other Webcasts about *RDA* that are available on the Library of Congress Websites. These include *"Resource Description and Access:* Background/Overview," (May 14, 2008), at http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4320 and "Cataloging Principles and *RDA: Resource Description and Access"* (June 10, 2008), at http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4327 as well as "*RDA* Changes from AACR2 for Texts" (January 12, 2010), at http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4863. In addition, a Spanish-language Webcast with Dr. Tillett, *RDA: Recursos Descripción y Acceso: Antecedentes y aspectos de su implementación,* is available at http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4736.

In connection with the US National Libraries RDA Test, PSD is developing Library of Congress Policy Statements (LCPSs) to offer guidance to test participants on Library of Congress policy in the use of *RDA* during the Test. The official launch of this new publication will coincide with the release of the RDA Toolkit, expected in June 2001. The intention is to place links within the RDA Toolkit from the *RDA* instruction to the specific LCPS that applies to the instruction and to other LCPSs as appropriate. The Library of Congress will also integrate the LCPSs into its Web-based subscription service, *Cataloger's Desktop,* and will make them available as PDF files for downloading, free of charge, from the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service Website. For use of those institutions that continue to catalog according to the *Anglo-American*

Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition (AACR2), the *Library of Congress Rule Interpretations* will remain available.

2010 Update on the Virtual International Authority File (VIAF)
Ana Cristán

Expansion and improvements to the VIAF <viaf.org> in 2010 have continued apace.   The goal to expand access via a single service to the major name authority files of national and regional libraries and institutions worldwide without regard to cataloging rules, formats, languages, or scripts has exceed all expectations and the VIAF membership has expanded to include Library and Archives of Canada (LAC), the NUKAT Center of Poland (a union catalog of Polish academic and research libraries), and testing continues of applications from the National Institute of Informatics (NII) of Japan and the National Library of Hungary.

In May of 2010 Dr. Thomas Hickey of OCLC Research, reported to members of the VIAF that a major upgrade to the software infrastructure that supports VIAF had successfully been installed. During this upgrade some outages had been noticed, but this, as well as the planned hardware upgrade will result in a more stable system.

Some of the improvements noted by Dr. Hickey include that the VIAF XML carries a new list of cross references that eliminates many small variations in names and should be more valuable for use in linked data and that RDF handling has been enhanced. Interfaces in French and Spanish are now or will soon be available based on your browser language preferences, and other languages are expected by year's end. VIAF matching will begin to include corporate names this summer, which by extension will include conferences and geographic names.

A meeting of the VIAF membership, chaired by Dr. Barbara B. Tillett (Library of Congress), is scheduled for August in conjunction with the IFLA Conference to discuss governance issues and well as planning for future developments.   Dr. Hickey maintains a blog called: "Outgoing: Library metadata techniques and trends" http://outgoing.typepad.com/ where he provides news about technical enhancements and innovations in general but especially those used with the VIAF.

We invite you to visit viaf.org and leave your comments and suggestions for improvements, etc.

Metadata Decisions for Digital Libraries
Maria Zeng

Metadata Decisions for Digital Libraries is a survey undertaken in 2007 by Marcia Zeng (Kent State University), Jaesun Lee (National Library of Korea), and Allene Hayes (Library of Congress) to identify major issues and concerns in the metadata community that should be addressed by the Working Group of IFLA Guidelines for Digital Libraries. The questionnaire was tested with the help of the IFLA Cataloging Section members, distributed through the IFLA listserv, and later further forwarded by IFLA members to other professional listservs. During a one-month period, from October to November 2007, the authors received over 400 survey answers from 49 different countries. The results are selectively presented in the Website at: http://www.metadataetc.org/survey-results/.

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Meetings related to Cataloguing Section or Division of Library Services interests are listed below.
(See the IFLA Web site for more information)

- **Cataloguing Section Standing Committee meetings**:
  Tuesday, 10 August, 8:30-11:20 (Room F5)
  Friday, 13 August, 16:45-18:15 (Room G4)

- **Cataloguing Section programme**:
  Thursday, 12 August, 13:45-15:45

- **Information Technology, Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing** with **Knowledge Management Section**
  "Libraries and the semantic web"
  Sunday, 15 August 8.30-12.45

Cataloguing Section Review & Working group meetings:

- FRBR Review Group
  Thursday, 12 August 11.00-13.00 (Room G2)
  Sunday, 15 August 12:45-14:45 (Room G4)

- FRBR Working Group on Aggregates
  Thursday, 12 August 16:00-18:00 (Room G2)
  Saturday, 14 August 15:00-16:15 (Room G2)

- ISBD Review Group
  Thursday, 12 August 9:00-11:00 (Room G1)
  Saturday, 14 August 13:45-15:45 (Room F3)

- ISBD-XML Study Group
  Thursday, 12 August 16:00-18:00 (Room G1)

- ISBD Examples Study Group
  Thursday, 12 August 11:00-13:00 (Room G4)

Other related programmes:

- Bibliography Section
  Thursday 12 August, 11:45-13:45

- Knowledge Management Section
  Thursday 12 August, 13:45-15:45

- IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Digital Strategies (ICADS)
  Programme with Information Technology
  Sunday, 15 August, 13:45-15:45

- UNIMARC programme:
  Sunday, 15 August, 8.30-10.30

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Contributions are welcome at any time. The deadline for the next issue is October 15, 2010.

All of the Cataloguing Section's ongoing projects, activities, and publications can be found at http://www.ifla.org or go directly to http://www.ifla.org/en/cataloguing

See you soon in Gothenburg!