



Section on Acquisition and Collection Development

Annual Report: 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2009

1. Scope of the Section

The Section on Acquisition and Collection Development focuses on methodological and topical themes pertaining to the acquisition (purchase, exchange, gift, or legal deposit), licensing, and de-selection of print, other traditional format library materials, and electronic resources. Specialized interests include collection development policies, collection development methods, techniques and practices for collection assessment, usage statistics, materials pricing issues, ownership vs. access issues, the open access movement, format duplication, scholarly communication, librarians' relations with publishers and vendors, and utilizing emerging technologies to enhance access to information resources. Also of concern to the Section are the impact and application of technological developments that underlie many of the changes observed in library procedures, patron-initiated practices, and partnering arrangements for acquiring materials (such as electronic data interchange (EDI), licensing agreements, and cooperative and collaborative collection development).

2. Membership and Officers

2.1 Membership

As of 4 August 2009 there were 130 members of the Section, subdivided as follows:

- Institutions: 109
- International Associations: 2
- National Associations: 14
- Personal Affiliates: 4
- Student Affiliates: 1

The Standing Committee in 2008/2009 consisted of 20 members and three corresponding members. In Milan the new Standing Committee was nominated. It consists of 18 members, and three corresponding members.

2.2 Officers

The Chair and Treasurer until the Milan Conference was Mr Lynn Sipe. In Milan the Standing Committee elected Ms Judith A. Mansfield (Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. U.S.A., Tel. (+1) 202-707-2244, Fax (+1) 202-707-2086, E-mail: juma@loc.gov) as the new Chair and Treasurer.

The Secretary, Information Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor was Mr Corrado Di Tillio. In Milan the Standing Committee re-elected him for a second two-year term (Comune di Roma, Istituzione Biblioteche, Biblioteca Raffaello, Via Tuscolana 1111, 00173 Roma, Italy; tel. (+39)(06)45460551, E-mail: c.ditillio@bibliotechediroma.it).

3. Meetings and Events

3.1 Beijing (Mid-Term), 2009

3.1.1 Standing Committee

The Standing Committee met at the Beijing Mid-Term Meeting in February 2009 to work on the Section's activities.

The main points discussed at Beijing were:

- Planning for Milan Conference 2009
- Translations of the Guidelines on Gifts
- Newsletter
- Guidelines on Electronic Resources (revised draft)
- Planning for Brisbane Conference 2010

7 members of the Standing Committee and one observer were present at the meeting; 16 were absent, 5 of whom had provided prior notice.

3.1.2 Workshop on Digital Collection Development and Sharing

A workshop on Digital Collection Development took place during the Mid-Term Meeting in Beijing on 26 February 2009. Local professionals and Standing Committee members delivered eight presentations:

- *The Changing Collections for eScience: What That Means for Libraries?* by Julia GELFAND (Library of University of California, Irvine, USA)
- *JULAP: Juba University Library Automation Project*, by Ole Gunnar EVENSEN (University of Bergen Library, Norway)
- *Digitizing Collections at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, by Nadia ZILPER (Library of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA)
- *Promoting the Chinese Scientific Innovation to the World---Chinese Science Citation Database on the platform of ISI Web of Knowledge*, by YUE Weiping (Thomson Reuters)

- *Development of Digital Resources in CAS*, by ZHAO Yan (National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences)
- *The Cooperative Collection Development of Academic Libraries in China*, by XIAO Long (CALIS National Information Center in Science, Social Science and Humanities) and YAO Xiaoxia (CALIS Management Center)
- *Chinese Resource Development in National Library of China*, by GU Ben, (Director, Chinese Acquisitions & Cataloging Department, National Library of China)
- *The Digital Resource and Service of Library of Academy of Social Sciences of China*, by JIANG Ying (Library of Academy of Social Sciences of China)

Nearly 160 delegates attended the workshop. Thanks to the National Repository Library of Finland some presentations are available at the page: <http://www.varastokirjasto.fi/Beijing/beijing.htm> . A report from the workshop is in Newsletter nr.39 (July 2009).

3.2 Milan, 2009

3.2.1 Standing Committee

The Standing Committee met twice at the Milan Conference in August 2009 to elect new officers, to undertake routine business and to prepare for the Section's activities.

The main points discussed at Milan were:

- Programme in Milan
- Translations of the Guidelines on Gifts
- New draft of the Guidelines on Electronic Resources
- Sponsorship of the Kuopio-3 conference
- Planning for Gothenburg Conference 2010
- Planning for Mid-Term Meeting in Moscow 2010
- Library of Congress Survey of Partners on International Exchange
- Planning for a satellite meeting of Puerto Rico 2011

12 members of the Standing Committee and 2 observers were present at the first meeting; 17 were absent, 6 of whom had provided prior notice. 14 members of the Standing Committee and 2 observers were present at the second meeting; 15 were absent, 5 of whom had provided prior notice.

3.2.2 A&CD Section Programme

The Section hosted a successful programme on the theme *An e-book kaleidoscope: multiples perspectives on libraries' experiences with e-books*, on Thursday 27 August 2009, 13:45-15:45. Standing Committee outgoing chair Lynn Sipe acted as moderator. There were six excellent presentations:

- *Electronic book collections development in Italy: a case study* by AGNESE PERRONE (Parma University and Northumbria University, Italy) [this paper won the IFLA LIS student paper award 2009]
- *When customers select customer-initiated acquisition of e-books in an academic library* by ELLEN SAFLEY (University of Texas at Dallas Libraries, Dallas, USA)
- *It takes more than changing the letter from P to E: a Hong Kong Library's perspective in adopting e-books* by FREDERICK NESTA, OWEN TAM and BILL TANG (Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China)
- *E-books on the tipping point*, by Kay Ann Cassell (Rutgers University, USA) [this speaker replaced Pauline NICHOLAS, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica]
- *E-books in China*, by LI ZHENG and SUN TAN (National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China)
- *It's been Geometric! Documenting the Growth and Acceptance of eBooks in America's Urban Public Libraries*, by BARBARA A. GENCO (Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, USA)

Attendance during the programme was 182 at the start, 246 during the 4th paper and 227 at the beginning of the Q/A session. Five papers are on-line at the conference website, three of them also in French.

3.3 Plans for Gothenburg Conference, 2010

The Committee agreed to convene a programme with the following title at Gothenburg: *Opening Doors to Spectacular Collections: Access to Multi-sensory, Multimedia, and Mobile Materials*.

Being an exciting time for libraries with collections that are multi-sensory, multimedia and mobile, the Committee decided to issue a call for six presentations (in two hours) on collection development and acquisitions issues for materials in one or more of these formats: audio, video, maps, artifacts, music, multiple formats, media (both real and virtual collections). Proposals should support visual literacy, information literacy, graphic literacy, spatial literacy, statistical and data literacy. The Committee also intended to highlight these collection development issues: materials that are accessible on mobile devices; open access and/or cooperative collections that are multi-sensory, multimedia and/or mobile; creative ways to access these collections effectively; creating programs that are popular and meet the needs of clients.

The Committee agreed that proposals would be reviewed by a sub-committee led by Joseph Hafner. Members of the subcommittee included Corrado di Tillio, Ghizlane el Baamrani, Julia Gelfand, Pascal Sanz, and Sha Li Zhang.

3.4 Plans for San Juan Conference, 2011

No definite plans were made for San Juan 2011, but the Committee decided to investigate possible topics and locations in Puerto Rico or in a surrounding island.

4. Strategic Plan, 2010-2011

The new Chair and Secretary agreed to draft a revised Strategic Plan for comment by members, in time to meet the deadline settled by IFLA Headquarters. The Plan was submitted to IFLA Headquarters on November 19, 2009.

5. Projects and Publications

5.1 Projects

5.1.1 Guidelines on Electronic Resources

Julia Gelfand revised twice the guidelines during 2008/2009 and presented the drafts to the Committee respectively at the Mid-Term Meeting in Beijing and at the Milan Conference. The latest revised draft (26 July 2009) contained these sections:

- Introduction
- 1. Selection of electronic resources
- 2. Acquisition of electronic resources
- 3. Licensing
- 4. Delivery of electronic resources
- 5. Management of electronic resources
- 6. Usage statistics
- 7. User instruction
- Appendix I: Terminology/Glossary/Index
- Appendix II: Selected resources

5.1.2 Kuopio-3 Conference

The Committee agreed to sponsor a conference, *The Universal Repository Library and guarantees for the sustainability of the digital copy*, which would take place in Kuopio (Finland) on 29-30 October, 2009. The conference was organized by the National Repository Library of Finland, with The National Library of Finland and Kuopio University Library.

5.2 Publications

5.2.1 Guidelines on Gifts

In 2008 IFLA Headquarters published the guidelines on gifts (*Gifts for the Collections: Guidelines for Libraries*, by Kay Ann Cassell, Sharon Johnson, Judith Mansfield, and Sha Li Zhang), as nr.112 of IFLA Professional Reports (24p. 30 cm. ISBN 978-90-77897-32-4 ISSN 0168-1931). It is available in PDF format on IFLANET. A Russian translation was provided by Natalia Litvinova and is also available on-line. A Spanish version was completed by Helen Ladron de Guevara and sent to the Committee in July 2009. A Chinese version was in progress.

5.2.2 Newsletter

During the year two issues of the Section's Newsletter (nr. 38, February 2008, and 39, July 2009) were produced and uploaded in PDF format on IFLANET. A book reviews section was made possible by Comune di Roma / Istituzione Biblioteche (Italy).

6. Financial Report

As of August 2009, no money from the Section's administrative fund (610.00 €) was spent. 140.00 € was moved to Rare Books and Manuscripts Section on 26 June 2009.

7. Relationship with other bodies

As access to materials becomes an increasingly viable alternative to ownership, the Section finds itself working more closely with the Sections on Serials and Other Continuing Resources, Document Delivery and Resource Sharing, and any advisory committees within IFLA that facilitate discussions between libraries and publishers and/or producers of electronic resources.

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