

INTEREST GROUP FOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC STANDARDS (IGBIS) BREAKFAST MEETING

Minutes of the second IGBIS member meeting held on 28 July 2003 at 09h00 at the Centre for the Book in Cape Town.

Attendance

Due to some wet weather that brought a smile to the face of all the Capetonians, a few attendees did not arrive on time. A slight change in the programme with Nohra Moerat presenting her talk prior to the breakfast, ensured that the attendees ensnared in traffic jams did not miss the breakfast. A well represented meeting of 26 people from various institutions – University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, University of Stellenbosch, Helderberg College, Edulis, Sabinet Online, Sanlam and Ninham Shand Consulting Engineers.

Most of the attendees were non-LIASA members and will provide good scope for growing future IGBIS membership.

Minutes

Registration took place between 08h30 and 09h00 in front of the breakfast venue and except for a couple of attendees who were detained in traffic, all were seated and ready for breakfast shortly after 09h00.

Tienie de Klerk, convener of IGBIS, opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all. This was followed by a short talk by the first guest of honour – Nohra Moerat (LIASA PRO). The talk was entitled ‘LIASA and you’ and presented a picture of the vision and goals of LIASA, the increasing advocacy value of the organisation and the milestones achieved by LIASA so far.

After a tasty breakfast in which attendees were able to network and share experiences with their colleagues, all departed to the lecture venue.

Tienie de Klerk, convener of IGBIS, gave a short talk about IGBIS activities, aims and objectives and explained the concept of Communities of Practice (COP). Thereafter she introduced another guest of honour – Dr Martie van Deventer - of the CSIR Information Services.

Martie van Deventer’s presentation “ Cataloguing: strategic future ...getting Cinderella to the right ball” focused on a cataloguing benchmark study (involving various academic institutions) done with the aim “to ensure that the cataloguing processes used by the CSIR and UP in the new IMPS is the most effective process”. The study was done through structured interviews.

An interesting correlation found that when the head of a cataloguing team features on the management team, the image of cataloguers improved. An “unwanted” spin-off of the

benchmark study was that management tried to use it as a productivity measure. An important conclusion was that the “information services sector as a whole is bound to be in serious trouble in a very short period of time due to the age distribution of cataloguers” as more than 90 % are 50 years of age and older with 20+ years experience. Some of the recommendations are that “the role and position of an original cataloguer should be elevated to that of an expert in the field while copy-cataloguing could be done by para-professionals” and that “the structure of cataloguing departments should be determined by the % original cataloguing” done.

The presentation was interspersed with lively debate and questioning from the floor.

To conclude the meeting the meeting, a competition was held in which two attendees won prizes – one of the prizes being free LIASA-IGBIS membership for a year (Nadia Jabaar, UCT) and a sponsored cash prize from Swets-Blackwell (Irma Liberty, Ninham Shand Consulting Engineers Library). The question was: How many institutions contributed to the original benchmark exercise? In between, pictures of the event were taken

Closure

The meeting was closed at 12h00