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Message from the IGBIS Chair

The IGBIS Committee has been busy over the past few months!

The joint IGBIS/GAELIC Metadata Focus Group seminar: "Digital Library Standards and Metadata: the basics" was a huge success. There is a lot of excitement about the 73rd IFLA General Conference. The IGBIS Committee is currently planning the post-IFLA seminar to be presented in Durban on 24 August. The theme of the seminar, "Knowledge transfer for the future" is in line with the theme of the IFLA Conference.

The IGBIS Committee members would like to extend their gratitude towards IGBIS members who support the opportunities offered by the Interest Group. I would also like to thank every Committee member for the dedication and hard work.

Keep in mind our new logo: "Be wise, standardise!"

IGBIS greetings
Welna van Eeden

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Editorial comment

Welcome to the new look IGBIS-in-touch!



The winner of our slogan competition, as decided by the IGBIS Executive Committee, is Kathy Kunneke of Unisa Library.

Congratulations Kathy!

And thanks to all the other IGBIS members who sent in their slogans.

The winning slogan is "Be wise, standardise"

Again, I invite all members to contribute to the next issue of IGBIS-in-touch.

IGBIS greetings,
Susan Battison

News from the DDC Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

Dewey Decimal Classification - EPC meeting 127



Dewey editors prepare proposed schedule revisions and expansions and review every part of the DDC over a seven-year cycle.

Proposals are forwarded to the Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) for review and recommended action. This Committee is a ten-member international board whose main function is to advise the DDC editors and OCLC on matters relating to changes, innovation and the general development of the DDC.

EPC Meeting 127 took place at OCLC headquarters (Conference Center) in Dublin, Ohio, May 9-11, 2007. The Conference Center is situated near the many Dublin-area hotels, and business parks as well as historic downtown Dublin.

Initial discussions focused on proposed enhancements to the MARC 21 formats to facilitate their use with the DDC. This proposal was developed jointly by the Library of Congress and the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (DNB).

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OCLC – Headquarters



Dublin – Business Park



In addition to such technical topics as the MARBI proposal and functional specifications for a new DDC editorial system, considerable time was spent discussing how to improve the Classification from 004-006 Computer science, 010-090 Information and general works, and 150 Psychology to 930-990 History and 641.22 and 663.2 Wine.



Hard at work!



*Welna is second from the left
in the back row*

Most of this activity was undertaken without the guidance of Joan Mitchell, editor-in-chief of the Classification. Joan was unfortunately taken ill and unable to take her usual place at the EPC helm.

Submitted by: Welna van Eeden

Courses in basic cataloguing and classification skills

Since all the money received from the Carnegie Foundation has been used, Sabinet Online has decided to make money available to provide training for cataloguers.

We have already received requests for training and these will get attention as soon as possible. Should you be interested in attending training contact Santi Steyn at Sabinet Online (santi@sabinet.co.za)

Members are encouraged to use these opportunities for growth when offered in the future. Doing so will ensure that we grow as a specialist group within the LIS.

Submitted by: Santi Steyn

Report back on *Digital Library Standards and Metadata: the Basics*, held at Unisa on 20th June 2007

The Joint Interest Group for Bibliographic Standards (IGBIS) and the Gauteng and Environs Library Consortium (GAELIC) Focus Group for metadata and digitisation seminar was held in the Senate Hall of the Unisa Muckleneuk Campus on the 20th June 2007. It was a one-day seminar entitled *Standards for Digitisation and Metadata: the Basics*.

The purpose of the seminar was to provide an introduction to standards that apply to digital resources and their metadata, and to whet the appetites of the delegates for further training and seminars. During this seminar, the IGBIS Annual General Meeting was conducted and the GAELIC Focus Group for Digitisation and Metadata was promoted.

The seminar was attended by 92 delegates from all over South Africa, and librarians and information workers from the public, educational and private sectors were represented. The speakers were selected and invited according to their field of expertise and practical experience.

Our colleagues from the Academic Information Service of the University of Pretoria have applied international standards to their admirable, fully functioning institutional repository and it can serve as a role model for other institutions. Ina Smith, Amelia Breytenbach and Ria Groenewald shared their practical experience with regard to

digitisation, metadata and the overall planning and management of this service to their community.

Pierre Malan, of Sabinet Online, is very much aware of the importance of standardisation to ensure the sustainability, and exchangeability, of data. He expressed his views and gave an overview of various topical aspects of this subject, with the emphasis on XML.



Madely du Preez, Pierre Malan & Tienie de Klerk

Ansie van der Westhuizen provided a brief overview of the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) standard for the encoding of electronic text in XML.



Jenny Taylor & Nonnie van Wyk

Nonnie van Wyk introduced the audience to the principles of RDA (Resource Description and Access), which is a new concept that promises to become very prominent in future.

Pamela Mavume came all the way from Umtata to share her experience on the application of controlled vocabulary in the Walter Sisulu Sasol Library (previously the University of the Transkei).



Pamela Mavume & Ansie van der Westhuizen

Karen Esterhuysen from Unisa Library has been responsible for the maintenance of the Electronic Reserves since its implementation. Her presentation focused on how the Unisa E-Reserves collection is maintained on the Millennium system.

Feedback indicated that delegates found the seminar interesting and informative, and expressed the need for further training, especially in RDA and metadata.

Although GAELIC Libraries were not very well represented, the members that were present indicated that they would like to become involved in a focus group. Representatives from the National Research Foundation also expressed their interest in joining discussions, although the NRF is not a GAELIC member. During the lunchtime discussions it was decided that a small group will meet on an informal basis to exchange ideas. It is hoped that this will ripple out to other institutions.

IGBIS and GAELIC are grateful to our generous sponsors, namely, Sabinet Online, the National Library of South Africa, the University of South Africa, GAELIC and NISC. Our thanks also go to the members of the IGBIS National Committee and GAELIC for their contribution to the success of the seminar.

The presentations will be published on the web sites of LIASA IGBIS and GAELIC.

Submitted by: Ansie van der Westhuizen

Minutes of the LIASA Interest Group for Bibliographic Standards Annual General meeting, held 20 June 2007

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Attendance
3. Minutes of 2006 AGM
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. IGBIS activities and financial report

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all the members present at the AGM.

2. Attendance

W. van Eeden, S. Battison, S. Steyn, N. Mazibuko, P. Gierke, J. Molekoa, B. Dlangamandla, N. Mniki, M. Macanda, M. Joel, E. Malan, L. Visser, R. Bezuidenhout, M. Coetzee, G. de Jager, N. Nhlabati, N. van Wyk, T. Ndhlovu, T. de Klerk, E. Broodryk, N. Potgieter, L. van Heerden, S. Engelbrecht, M. de Waal, H. Snyman, H. Theron, M. Sibanda, K. Kunneke, E. Marais, R. Zaaiman, A-M. Arnold, K. Prinsloo, R. van der Walt, P. Mavume, W. Ramadiro, E. Roberts
Apologies: O. Schutte

3. Minutes of the 2006 AGM

These minutes were adopted without any changes.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. IGBIS activities and financial report

The chairperson introduced the IGBIS Executive Committee to the members.

The IGBIS branches with their regional co-ordinators throughout the country are:

- Limpopo (Khomotso Maphoha – University of the North)
- Free State (Huldah Raubenheimer – University of the Free State)
- KwaZulu-Natal (Susheila Naidoo – University of KaZulu-Natal)
- Eastern Cape (Pamela Mavume – Walter Sisulu University of Science and Technology)

The total number of members as of May 2007 is 156.

Communication within IGBIS takes place via the IGBIS webpage on the LIASA website, the IGBIS list, IGBIS-in-touch and the IGBIS blog.

Seminars organised this year by the Committee:

- Digital library standards and metadata, the basics, 20 June 2007
- Knowledge transfer for the future : post WLIC / IFLA 2007 seminar, to be held 24 August 2007.

Training undertaken under the auspices of IGBIS, sponsored by Carnegie and organised by Sabinet Online include:

- Bibliographic description (AACR2) and subject analysis (LCSH & DDC) of Conferences, Serials and Non-book material
- Dealing with discs
- Introduction to authority control / NACO refresher course
- Authority control training

The IGBIS branches hosted and/or organised the following:

- KwaZulu-Natal: 3-day workshop for local cataloguers – February 2007
- Limpopo: Shelving workshop – June 2007

The financial statements were accepted by the meeting.

Submitted by: Susan Battison

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