



Classification and Indexing Section

Action Plan 2015-2016

Mission

The Classification and Indexing Section exists to:

- focus on methods of providing subject access in catalogues, bibliographies, and repositories to resources of all kinds via classification, indexing, and subject term systems and using new technology-based tools
- serve as a forum for producers of subject access tools
- facilitate international exchange of information about methods of providing subject access
- promote standardization, uniform application, and interoperability of subject access tools in both traditional and Semantic Web environments
- encourage, comment on, and give advice about research on the subject approach to information and disseminate the results through open meetings and publications.

Goals

Strategic Direction 1. Monitor and provide information about current issues and new developments in subject access to information resources that represent perspectives from a wide range of countries, languages, and emerging areas of interest.

Actions

- 1.1 Exchange within IFLA information and expertise relating to subject access through collaborative activities such as MulDiCat, the Statement on International Cataloguing Principles (ICP), and so on.
- 1.2 Actively monitor and liaise with international professional groups and researchers focused on subject access to information resources, such as ISKO.
- 1.3 Disseminate information about current activities in subject access in the Section's newsletter, blog, and the IFLA website. Continue to collaborate with the Bibliography and Cataloguing sections on the development of the *IFLA Metadata Newsletter*.
- 1.4 Develop and present a programme for Columbus, Ohio; the theme of that Congress is: ***Connections. Collaboration. Community.***

- 1.5 Organize a 2016 satellite meeting on the topic of subject access in a changing environment (title to be determined). Ensure timely publication of the proceedings as a whole (introduction, round table notes, and so forth) whether within the IFLA Library or elsewhere.

Goal 2. Develop new and review existing standards and guidelines related to subject access.

Actions

- 2.1 Continue the Genre/Form Working Group on issues relating to genre and form access. Enlist additional working group members from other relevant sections.
- 2.2 Continue the Working Group Subject Access in a Changing Environment. Focus on planning a satellite meeting on this topic.
- 2.6. Continue to contribute to FRBR harmonization through membership on the FRBR Review Group.

New proposals

- 2.7 Contribute to linked data initiatives through participation/liaison with the Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (LIDATEC); promote the availability of subject access data in the Semantic Web
- 2.8 Liaise with the Bibliography Section to augment the “Subject Standards” section of their online document, “[Best Practice for National Bibliographic Agencies in a Digital Age.](#)”

Goal 3. Provide information about the work of the Section and Standing Committee

Actions

- 3.1 Explore social media options for disseminating information about the Classification and Indexing Section’s activities.
- 3.2 Translate key Section documents into more IFLA official languages.
- 3.3 Liaise and coordinate with IFLA groups with overlapping interests.
- 3.4 Change the name of the Section

Goal 4. Build the capacity of Standing Committee members

Actions

- 4.1 Promote membership of the Section, attracting expertise from broader geographic and linguistic backgrounds.
- 4.2 Seek and recruit members and/or corresponding members from countries not currently represented on the Standing Committee, including from appropriate committees in other library associations.
- 4.3 Publish meeting times/places, DRAFT MINUTES of all SC working groups on the SC webpage in advance of the Congress
- 4.4 Encourage active participation of *all* members in Standing Committee activities.

- 4.5 Encourage new member participation on program review committees, and/or in assisting with translations, contributions to the blog, etc.
- 4.6 Liaise with library associations and national libraries.