



# Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section (SOCR)

## Action Plan

2011-2013

### Scope

The Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section concerns itself with issues that relate to Serials and eResources, particularly focusing on issues pertaining to:

- Good practice in Serials and eResources Management,
- Standards
- Management of continuing resources
- Accessibility and sustainability in the Serials and eResources Information Chain

The Section aims to highlight current topics, issues and developments in the Serials and eResources field. This is done in co-operation with other related IFLA sections to ensure that minimal overlap in programmes or strategic directions occur. Furthermore, the section aims to work with a variety of groups and sister organisations, both within and outside of IFLA to promote co-operation within the Serials and eResources Information Chain.

### Working definitions:

**Serials:** For the purpose of Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section of IFLA, the terms Serial and Serials are synonymous with Continuing Resource (See below)

**eResources:** Term used to describe all of the information products that a library provides through a computer network. This includes electronic books and journals, bibliographic databases, and library website pages

**Continuing resources:** A publication, in any medium, that is issued over time with no predetermined conclusion and made available to the public.

**Note 1:** Such a publication is usually issued in successive or integrating issues which generally have numerical and/or chronological designation

**Note 2:** Continuing resources include serials such as newspapers, periodicals, journals, magazines, etc., and ongoing integrating resources such as loose-leaf publications that are continually updated and Websites that are continually updated.

**Ongoing integrating resource:** A continuing resource that is added to or changed by means of updates that do not remain discrete and are integrated into the whole. Ongoing integrating resources have no predetermined conclusion.

Examples: Databases, Web sites and loose-leaves that are updated over time with no predetermined conclusion.

**Serials and eResources Information Chain:** Term used to describe all parties involved in the scholarly information community: librarians, publishers, agents, intermediaries and technology vendors.

Number	Description	Measure of Success	Action By	Due Date and Status
<p><b>Goal 1 Promote the importance of best practices in Serials and eResources:</b>            (Connects to IFLA Key Initiative: 3 Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession: Actions 1.3. and 1.5 connect to IFLA Key Initiative 5; Multilingualism Programme)</p>				
<p><b>1.1 Continue to plan and organise programmes and activities on topics relating to the defined scope of the section, working with other related IFLA sections as appropriate</b></p>				
<p><b>Action 1a</b></p>	<p>Standing committee members with responsibility for planning and organising conference or meeting programmes to select appropriate topics and papers</p>	<p>Appropriate conference open programmes are discussed, scheduled, arranged and delivered</p>	<p>Chair and Secretary of SOCR are responsible for guiding and overseeing the process of organising actions 1a and 1b</p>	<p><b>To dates set by IFLA. Deadlines all met for 2013</b></p>
<p><b>ACTION 1b</b></p>	<p>Use Standing Committee meetings to plan and report back on actions undertaken in support of the goals identified in the Serials and Other Continuing Resources Action Plan</p>	<p>Agenda and minutes of SOCR Standing Committees</p>	<p>Chair and Secretary of SOCR for agenda and reporting back; SOCR SC members for progress on actions</p>	<p><b>During SCs I &amp; II at WLIC IFLA conference in Singapore August 2013.</b>  <b>See Agenda for SCI &amp; II</b></p>

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<b>1.2 Facilitate and provide access to documentation and information on professional issues relating to Serials and eResources</b>				
ACTION 1c	Scope the feasibility of developing a sustainable list of multilingual standardized equivalences for terms relating to Serials and eResources	Feasibility study of multilingual glossary is completed and recommendations made to SOCR SC for consideration at Singapore conference.	Chair to make contact with the Cataloguing section of IFLA for advice and information on creating and maintaining such a glossary	<b>Ongoing tasks with no due date. Contact made with Cataloguing section who confirmed this project falls within scope of the the IFLA names project. No subsequent progress made</b>
ACTION 1d	Form a working group to assess feasibility, and possibly develop a project scope with defined objectives and actions.		Chair to co-ordinate formation of working group to include SC Members, Beata Katrincova, Maria del Tura Molas Alberich, Matylda Filas, Francoise Pelle and Zuzanna Wiorogorska.	<b>No Progress made</b>
<b>1.3 Publish the proceedings of the Stockholm 2010 Satellite meeting on Usage Statistics</b>				
ACTION: 1e	Edit and review papers submitted and upload onto IFLA SC Webpages	Papers from Stockholm 2010 Satellite meeting on Usage Statistics are available on SOCR pages of IFLA website	Chair to attempt to trace missing papers from 2010 Satellite conference and make them	<b>Completed: All papers for which section received final copies are</b>

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			available to SOCR Information Coordinator	<b>all on SOCR part of IFLA website</b>
<b>1.4 Broaden the audience for Serials and Other Continuing Resources publications and outputs by providing multilingual versions of core Section documents and information. Priority to be given to the Section's Action Plan</b>				
Action 1.f	SC members to provide translations as appropriate, into as many core IFLA languages as possible.	Translations of core Section documents and information available on SOCR pages of IFLA website	Chair to call on the linguistic talents of existing SC members	<b>Translations so far received for Spanish versions. Work on-going to identify other possible translators</b>
<b>2 Attract, involve and retain members from all parts of the Serials information chain thereby raising the profile of the Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section and IFLA</b> <b>Connects to IFLA Key Initiative: 3 Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession</b>				
Action 2a	All SC members to act as advocates in their regions, inviting greater involvement in IFLA and SOCR	More active participation in SOCR blog, and listserv.  Wider involvement and increased participation in SOCR from currently under represented parts of the Serials information chain e.g. Publishers, Agents, aggregators, licensing bodies	All SC members	<b>Some increase in activity on the listserv but not vibrant. SOCR BLOG also launched and it is hoped this may provoke further interest and activity</b>
Action 2b	General call inviting expressions of interest in becoming an SC member to be sent to major serials and IFLA email lists	Call issued: expressions of interest progressed to nominations for SC membership	Chair to action	<b>January February 2013</b>  <b>Completed: 7 new SOCR SC members elected.</b>

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Action 2c	Consider possibility of using active email discussion lists to initiate discussion and debate on "Hot topics" / "Issues of concern" with serials practitioners, where the IFLA SOCR Section may be able to raise awareness or facilitate a resolution.		Chair and Information Co-ordinator to agree appropriately worded email to encourage participation and wider debate, in the hope of stimulating interest and informing future conference programme topic planning by SOCR	<b>No progress made</b>
<p><b>3. Monitor, report, disseminate and raise awareness of national and international standards for Serials and eResources</b></p> <p><b>(Actions 3a connects to IFLA Key Initiative: 3 Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession)</b></p>				
Action 3.1	Inform and support the work of the IFLA Standards Committee by scoping the possibility of a comprehensive and annotated list of national and international standards relating to aspects of the Serials and eResources information chain; to include standards relating to identifiers,		Francoise Pelle to scope the work and feasibility of this action as a member of the IFLA standards committee	

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	protocols, bibliographic description, technological developments, licensing and usage statistics.			
Action 3.2	Under the aegis of the IFLA Standards Committee, SOCR members will identify the need and rationale for new or revised standards, conveying information to relevant agencies involved in developing standards	Discussion of Standards to be included as an agenda item on SOCR SC meetings.	<b>ACTION Chair and Secretary</b> to ensure inclusion on the agenda	

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