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The INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS (IFLA/FLAB), 1961-65.

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The whole of the activities of IFLA/FLAB is devoted to promoting international co-operation in the field of libraries and bibliography. IFLA considerably supplements the activities of the Division of Libraries of UNESCO.

In 1961 IFLA had 87 "member-associations", including four international associations. Countries having no association were represented by governmental bodies. In 1965 IFLA had 95 "member-associations", including 5 international associations; in addition there were 12 new "associate members", consisting of libraries and schools of librarianship admitted in this new category under the revised statutes of September 1964. From 1961 to 1964 the Executive Board consisted of the President, Treasurer, and 10 vice-presidents, but in 1964 the number of vice-presidents was reduced to four. From 1958 to 1963 the President was Dr. G. Hofmann, Director of the Bavarian State Libraries; in September 1963 Sir Frank Francis was elected for three years, renewable for a second period of three years. The Secretariat was, during the presidency of Dr. Hofmann, at the Bavarian State Library, Munich, and the Secretary was Dr. J. Wieder, who spent half of his official time on IFLA work. In 1962, with extra financial support from Unesco, a paid permanent secretary was appointed; this post was at first filled temporarily by Miss M. Razumovsky, of the Austrian National Library, and at the end of 1963 permanently by Mr. Anthony Thompson. Following the election of the new president in September 1963, the Secretariat moved from Munich to England, attached to the British Museum, but with its office in Sevenoaks, Kent.

The Council¹ (later General Council) of IFLA/FLAB, consisting of representatives of each of its member-associations, met as follows: 1961 (September) at Edinburgh, 1962 (August) at Berne, 1963 (September) at Sofia, 1964 (September) at Rome, 1965 (August) at Helsinki. In the last 3 years the number of participants was 1963: 150, 1964: 350, and 1965: 244. These figures include observers and members of participants' families.

It is the Sections and Committees of IFLA which do its solid and specialized work. Their reports and resolutions are given annually in the Actes.¹ The following is a summary of their activities during the last 5 years:

SECTIONS (types of libraries).

Section of National and University Libraries. 1) Following the Unesco Symposium on National Libraries of 1958, the functions of the national library were studied⁷. 2) Legal deposit of publications was the subject of two reports⁸ and a final detailed study by J. Brock will be published in 1967 by the Bibliothèque Royal de Belgique. A report was given on the co-operative acquisition of books in Scandinavia⁹.

The Sub-section of University Libraries has studied 1) the relations of central libraries to faculty, institute and seminar libraries; and 2) reading rooms in university libraries, on which two studies were written by M. Rojnic¹⁰. Libraries with the double function of university and national or regional libraries¹¹.

Section of Technological University Libraries (IATUL). Its activities were reported in the IATUL Newsletter, and a list of the activities of its 85 member libraries was published with its annual report for 1964-5¹². The telecode of 1957 was revised and published, by IFLA, with an address book in 1966¹³.

Section of Public Libraries. The previous work of this section had already been reviewed¹⁴. In 1962 co-operation between public libraries and research libraries was studied, and five reports published on the situation in Sweden, Britain, France, Holland and Czechoslovakia¹⁵. In 1963/4 the encouragement of the use of public libraries and of reading was studied, and six reports prepared; two of these, on the USA and Poland, were published¹⁶. In 1965 four papers were prepared on library legislation¹⁷.

The Sub-section on Library Work with Children studied 1) the translation of children's books, on which a bibliographical pamphlet was published¹⁸; 2) library service to children, on which a booklet with this title was published¹⁹ containing studies from 16 countries. This contains a memorandum stating the principles of library work with children. A bibliography of works on library work with children has been made²⁰.

Sub-section on Hospital Libraries for Patients. Studying the organization of hospital libraries in the member countries of IFLA. An account of the Belgian libraries was published²¹. A list of experts from 20 countries was drawn up.

The Section of Special Libraries began its activities at the Rome session in September 1964, and published its own periodical in January 1966²². In 1965 a sub-section of observatory libraries was founded.

The Section of Libraries & Museums of the Theatre Arts held its 5th congress in Paris in 1961²³, its 6th congress at Munich in 1963²⁴, and its 7th congress at Amsterdam in 1965²⁵. Subjects discussed were: the cataloguing of posters, graphic works of art, recordings of sound, etc.; the storage and handling of films, tapes, records, etc.

The Section of Parliamentary and Administrative Libraries is compiling a directory of these libraries; and has proposed the compilation of an international biographical dictionary of parliamentarians²⁶; but this cannot be done within IFLA.

COMMITTEES (problems of library work).

Committee on Uniform Cataloguing Rules. After long preparations during 1959 and 1960 by the Organizing Committee in London, and the provision in 1960 of a generous

grant of \$95,000 by the Council on Library Resources, Washington, the International Conference on Cataloguing Principles was held at Unesco, Paris, in October 1961. A great measure of agreement was achieved,²⁷ thanks largely to the detailed preparation by the Executive Secretary, Mr. J.H. Chaplin, and this led the IFLA Council at Berne in 1962 to demand further study of special problems: entries for the names of persons²⁸, for names of states²⁹, and for anonymous classics³⁰. An annotated edition of the Principles, with examples, edited by J.H. Chaplin and Dorothy Anderson, is to be published by IFLA in 1967.

The Committee on Union Catalogues and International Loans studied 1) the function of telex in the union catalogue³¹, 2) the general picture of international lending^{32 & 33}, and 3) the statistics of international lending³⁴. More recently the Committee has worked on the revision of the standard form for international loans³⁵. Two guides to union catalogues and their technique were published^{36&37}, and an article on reproductions lent in lieu of books³⁸.

The Committee on the Exchange of Publications studied 1) the acceptance by various countries of the two Conventions on International Exchanges³⁹. Many other questions were tackled, such as exchange of duplicates, the compilation of lists of government publications, and the attendance by exchange personnel at international meetings, such as that organized by Unesco at Budapest in 1961. The work of the Committee since 1947 was reviewed by its chairman⁴⁰. At Rome, 1964, a paper was read on exchanges with libraries in the USSR⁴¹. In 1964 a sub-committee on the exchange of official publications was founded, and in 1965 problems of exchanges of the official publications of African states were studied⁴².

The Committee on Periodicals and Serial Publications has been working principally on an international bibliography of national lists of current periodicals⁴³, which has been compiled under a contract with Unesco for 1965/66, and will be published by IFLA in 1967.

Committee on Statistics. In its task of clarifying the statistics of books and libraries, this committee played an active part in Unesco's committee of experts for standardizing the statistics of book production. More recently it has worked on revising Unesco's method and questionnaire for collecting library statistics. IFLA's recommendations were finalized at special meetings of the Committee at the Hague in May and September 1966, and were presented to Unesco.

Committee on Rare and Precious Books and Documents. The chairman, Monsieur P. Breillat, completed his study, made under contract with Unesco for 1963/64, on rare book departments in libraries⁴⁴, and more recently the Committee has studied the organization of both temporary and permanent exhibitions of rare books.

The Committee on Professional Education has studied the basis of professional training in various countries, beginning in 1961 with a report by Dr. E. Egger⁴⁵, which included a statistical table of exchanges of librarians. More recently, following a special seminar held by the chairman, M. Piquard, in Paris in May 1965, comparative information has been collected on the various levels of

professional training in many European countries. The preliminary report was presented at the IFLA session at the Hague in September 1966.

The Committee on Library Buildings maintains a list of experts from many countries, and a conference of such experts on the planning of large libraries was held at Warsaw in June 1964⁴⁶. In 1963 the Committee had studied the question of general reading rooms in university libraries, and a report was published⁴⁷, and a scheme for the systematic description of library buildings has been evolved. A special extract of the UDC for classifying documents on library buildings has also been compiled. A study on furniture for periodicals has recently been published⁴⁸.

Committee on Mechanization. This was founded in Rome in September 1964, and a paper was read on mechanization in the USA⁴⁹.

Committee on Reprography, founded in 1964. At the first meeting, at Rome in September 1964 the report of the chairman, M. Poindron, was presented, containing important proposals for international problems to be solved⁵⁰. Amongst these are: the photographic reproduction of works protected by copyright, bibliographical problems of microcopies, the reprographic needs of libraries, standardization, and the problem of obtaining information on the latest and best methods of reprography.

The Committee on Bibliography was founded in 1965.

Under a separate contract with Unesco IFLA also published in 1965 a bibliography of Western books about Oriental cultures⁵¹; this was specially compiled for the Unesco Orient-Occident Major Project by Michael Fodor.

A link, although somewhat slender, has been maintained with members of IFLA in Latin America through a group of members, called FIAB/GRAL (IFLA Grupo America Latina), with an office in São Paulo, Brazil.

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IFLA has continued its task, according to its statutes, of promoting international co-operation in the field of librarianship and bibliography. This article continues my account of the previous five years⁴⁶. IFLA has continued especially to promote the international standardization of library techniques. Unesco, in its 1967/68 biennium, took the initiative in requesting IFLA to undertake some studies on this (See "Co-operation with Unesco", below.) Further details of IFLA's activities will be found in the "Actes du conseil général"¹, which include my annual reports to the General Council.

Memberships

There are two kinds of members: full members, or member-associations, and associate, or institutional members. The following table shows full membership in 1966 and 1970:

1. Member-associations

	<u>1966</u>			<u>1970 September</u>
	<u>Paid up</u>	<u>In arrears</u>		
International	3	+	2 = 5	5
Europe	31	+	14 = 45	47
Asia	2	+	6 = 8	12
Africa	1	+	1 = 2	5
America, North	7	+	1 = 8	10
" , Latin	0	+	10 = 10	5
Australasia	2	+	0 = 2	2
Totals	46	+	34 = 80	86

2. Associate (institutional) members (Libraries and schools of librarianship)

The revised statutes of September 1964 introduced this new category of members, and in September 1965 there were 12 associate members. After this the number quickly increased:-

	<u>1966 September</u>	<u>1970 September</u>
International	1	6
Europe	25	79
Asia	1	11
Africa	1	6
America, North	11	64
" , Latin	1	1
Australasia	0	5
	40	172

The General Council

The annual conferences, known as the General Council, attended by representatives of the member-associations and by librarians sponsored by them, and by one representative of each associate (institutional) member, were held in August or September of each year as follows:-

		<u>No. of participants</u>
1966	The Hague, Holland	332
1967	Toronto and Montreal, Canada	312
1968	Frankfurt-am-Main, Federal Republic of Germany	406
1969	Copenhagen, Denmark	467
1970	Moscow, U.S.S.R.	747

The Executive Board

(Elected and permanent members)

President: Sir Frank Francis (London), 1963-69; Dr. H. Liebaers (Brussels), 1969-

Treasurer: Mr. P. Kirkegaard (Copenhagen)

Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. E. Bjerregård (Copenhagen)

Vice-Presidents (6):

- H. Liebaers (Brussels), 1964-69). F.E. Mohrhardt (Washington), 1965-71. M. Piquard (Paris), 1964-70.
- V.I. Šunkov (Moscow), 1964-67. Mrs. M.I. Rudominó (Moscow), 1967-
- E. Allerslev Jensen (Copenhagen), 1967-
- J. Wieder (Munich), 1967- . R. Málek (Prague), 1969-
- P. Havard-Williams (Belfast), 1970-

Editor, IFLA Communications; later Publications Officer:
G. Ottervik (Göteborg).

General Secretary:

Anthony Thompson (Sevenoaks), 1962-70.

F i n a n c e

The income of IFLA, in round figures, has been as follows:-

	<u>Own resources</u> (members' subscriptions & sale of publications)	<u>UNESCO subsidy</u>	<u>Total</u>
1965	\$5,700	\$10,000	\$15,700
1966	9,765	10,000	19,765
1967	11,225	10,000	21,225
1968	15,200	10,000	25,200
1969	15,050	10,000	25,050
1970 (budget)	16,200	10,000	26,200

With this total income of only about \$15,700 (£6,540) per annum; rising in 1970 to \$26,200 (£10,915), IFLA has been administered by a very small General Secretariat, consisting of the General Secretary and part-time secretarial help, and has depended for its professional work on the initiative of the Sections and Committees and their voluntary workers (See below: Sections and Committees).

The income has been spent annually in about these proportions: General Secretariat, 40%; Publications, 30%; Sections and Committees, 20%; Executive Board, 10%. Further details are in the Treasurer's reports in the "Actes"¹.

Co-operation with UNESCO⁴⁵

IFLA is an international non-governmental organization in consultative relations (category A) with Unesco, and therefore has an obligation to help in implementing decisions of Unesco's General Conference. Some examples from the last five years were:

i) Following the UNESCO Symposium on National Libraries, Vienna, 1958, IFLA took up the study of the functions of national libraries, which were published in summarized form by Humphreys in 1966²¹.

ii) In the same context the study of the legal deposit of publications was taken up by J. Brock, of the Royal Library of Belgium⁶, initiated under a contract between IFLA and UNESCO.

iii) Following the two Conventions of 1958 and the Unesco Seminar in Budapest, 1960, on the international exchange of publications, IFLA's Committee on Exchange of Publications¹² had taken up the subject, and urged Unesco by its resolutions at the IFLA General Councils of 1967 and 1968, to hold a new symposium to review the operation of the two Conventions. Unesco did not include this in its programme for 1971/72, but replaced it by \$3,000 for a research project, which would probably be offered to IFLA. IFLA might then hold the proposed seminar in Budapest or Vienna in 1972.

iv) The IFLA Committee on Library Statistics, after playing an active part in Unesco's Committee on Standardizing the Statistics of Book Production (1964), took up the question of library statistics, held special meetings in 1966 and 1967, and published its report²⁴, which was the basis of Unesco's international recommendation, approved at the Unesco General Conference in October, 1970.

v) IFLA made frequent contributions to the Unesco Bulletin for Libraries^{5, 7, 21, 29, 42, 49, 51}.

vi) Tasks done under contract with Unesco:-

Biennium 1963/64:

- Names of states²⁰.
- Anonymous classics⁴¹.
- Guide to legal deposit⁶.
- The rare books section in the library⁵.

- The technique of union catalogues⁵¹.
- Telecode and telex address book¹.
- Books on the East⁴.

Biennium 1965/66:

- Statement of cataloguing principles^{8, 10}.
- Bibliographie des répertoires nationaux de périodiques en cours³.
- Oriental mss in European and North American libraries⁴⁰.
- The international distribution of catalogue cards¹⁷.

Biennium 1967/68:

- Bibliographical details in catalogue entries¹⁸.
- A manual of library legislation⁵.
- The national planning of library services⁴⁴.
- Standards for library service⁵².
- International handbook of library statistics⁴³.
- Les normes minima relatives à la formation professionnelle ...³⁹.

The Sections and Committees of IFLA

These specialized bodies, each administered by a voluntary chairman and secretary from various countries, have as usual carried on the creative work of the Federation. They have held their meetings annually at the General Councils, produced conference papers, a selection of which have been published in IFLA Communications (in Libri), and some longer works (See Publications below). Information on their meetings, papers presented and resolutions, will be found in the Actes du conseil général¹.

The Sections (Different types of libraries)

National and University Libraries Subjects treated:

The use of computers in a national bibliography; The subject specialist (1966). Shared cataloguing (1966-67). Historical research in bibliology and librarianship (1968 & 1970). Automation and the MARC II project; The training of academic librarians (1969). The role of national libraries in scientific progress; The Pica project at the Royal Library at The Hague (1970).

University Libraries (Sub-section). Subjects treated:

The increasing number of students using university libraries (1967). Information work for industry and commerce; Libraries in new universities (1968). Standards for university libraries (1969). The place of university libraries in their universities and in the national system (1970).

Public libraries. Subjects treated: Book standards (1966).

Library legislation (1967-68). Education and training of public

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INTAMEL. The International Association of Metropolitan City Libraries was formed in 1967, with Dr. G. Chandler as its first president, and in 1968 became a sub-section of the Public Libraries Section of IFLA. It held independent meetings at Liverpool in March 1968, and at Gothenburg in April 1969 on the organization and planning of city library systems. A documentation centre on city libraries was set up at the City Library, Prague, in 1969, and exchanges of books and of exhibitions have been started.

Library Work with Children (Sub-section)^{4a}. Subjects discussed and work done: "Library service to children"³² and a bibliography of "Professional literature on library work with children"³³ compiled; Standards for bookstock (1966). Co-operation between school and public libraries; Foreign language children's books; International Festival of Stories (1967). Working party on the training of children's librarians; Children's literature in the Federal Republic of Germany (1968). The activities of librarians in children's and youth libraries; Danish children's libraries; Ten-year report on the Sub-section (1969). Work with children in Soviet libraries; The International Youth Library, Munich (1970). Libraries in Hospitals (Sub-section)³¹. Subjects treated: Lists of representative books for patients (1966). Standards for hospital libraries (1966-67). Role of the public library in hospital library provision; Integrated libraries in the hospital (1967). "IFLA standards for libraries in hospitals" to be published²⁹; "Representative books from 22 countries" to be published¹⁶; Hospital library work in the Federal Republic of Germany; Training for hospital librarianship (1968). International bibliography on hospital librarianship³⁰ (1969). Hospital libraries in the DDR, Hungary and the USSR (1970).

Special Libraries. Subjects treated: International newsletter of special libraries³⁶ (1967). Statutes of the Section; The organization of special libraries in various countries (1968). Education and training for special librarianship; Bibliography of special libraries of the USA - a survey (1969). The contribution of special and industrial libraries to education; The role

of technical libraries in the education of workers in the USSR; Patent libraries in international co-operation and as bibliographies of invention (1970).

Libraries of Observatories and Astronomical Societies (Sub-section). Subjects treated: Preliminary directory of astronomical libraries (1966). List of non-commercial publications of observatories³⁴; Proposed union catalogue of MSS, incunabula and rare books³⁵; Automation of the "Astronomischer Jahresbericht" (1968, 1969).

Geography and Map Libraries (Sub-section). Subjects treated: The Library of Congress computerized map cataloguing project (1969). Map collection of Lenin Library, Moscow; Regional atlas production in Canada; A special library on space cartography (1970).

Social Science Libraries (Sub-section). Subjects treated: Information services for economics; Economics libraries in the USSR; Central statistical libraries in Europe (1970).

Libraries/Museums of the Theatre Arts. This international section has met independently at its own conferences every two years, in 1965, 1967 and 1969. Its address is c/o Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, Paris. (See the reports in the annual IFLA Proceedings of the General Council¹).

Parliamentary and Administrative Libraries. Subjects treated: Proposals for Biographical dictionary of parliamentarians (1966). Guide for legislative research; A "Guide to parliamentary and administrative libraries" (1967). List of existing national biographical lists of parliamentarians made (1967-69). International bibliography of parliamentary documents to be made, based on German model; Problems of bringing ministerial and administrative libraries into contact with each other (1970).

The Committees (Problems of Librarianship)

Uniform Cataloguing Rules. Work continued, as a follow-up of the International Conference of 1961^{7, 8}, on anonymous classics⁴¹, names of states²⁰, names of persons⁹, headings for corporate bodies⁴⁸. A special "International Meeting of Cataloguing Experts" was held at Copenhagen in August 1969, just before the General Council, which discussed matters arising from the Statement of Principles^{8, 10}, an international standard for the descriptive content of catalogue entries, and shared cataloguing

and automation. In 1970 two new working groups were set up for: Headings under voluminous authors, and Headings for liturgies. And the Committee's name was changed to "Committee on Cataloguing" Union Catalogues and International Loans. Subjects treated: The international loan form²⁵; Abolition of reimbursement of postage (1966). Microcopies and photocopies in place of loans (1967). "Union catalogues and international loan services; a manual" proposed (1968-1970). The IFLA International loans rules of 1954 (1969 & 1970). Computer compilation of union catalogues (1970).

Exchange of Publications. Subjects treated: The economic aspects of exchanges (1966-69). A standard dispatch note for book exchanges (1966-68). Proposal for another Unesco seminar on exchanges, to review progress since the Unesco seminar of 1960 (1967, repeated 1968 & 1969). The bibliography of international exchanges by Mlle. J. Dargent to be up-dated; Request to Unesco for a supplement to the Handbook on the International Exchange of Publications of 1964 (1970).

Exchange of Official Publications (Sub-Committee). Subjects treated: Questionnaire on official publications (1966).

Exchange possibilities with South American states (1967).

Exchange of official publications with African states, and proposal for a union catalogue of African official publications in European exchange centres (1966-1970). Name changed to "IFLA Committee on Official Publications" (1969). Official publications in the Lenin State Library, Moscow; Exchanges between the Library of Congress, Washington, and states of Eastern Europe (1970).

Periodicals and Serial Publications. Subjects treated: Proposed "Guide to the cataloguing of periodicals" (1966-69).

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