



IFLA Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section (SOCR)

Annual Report 2013

In 2013, the Serials and Other Continuing Resources (SOCR) Section of IFLA made some significant progress towards achieving a number of objectives in the Section's Action Plan.

In the elections for Standing Committee members, the section recruited an additional seven members, bringing the Committee to very nearly full strength with nineteen members. For many years, the section's standing committee has been operating with a large number of vacancies and the work of the section has fallen to a small number of very hardworking members. We hope that with increased numbers and new recruits, the section will be able to make more of a contribution to the strategic aims of IFLA and the International Serials and eResources Community.

We were thrilled that our goal of planning and organising conference programmes and activities on topics relating to the scope of the section was so successful. The SOCR open programme for the Singapore Conference on *Gold mining! Text and data mining of journals: librarians, publishers and researchers excavating the treasure trove* was one of the best attended and received such positive feedback. We hope to build on this success with our plans for the 2014 IFLA conference in Lyon which will see SOCR joining together with the Academic and Research Libraries and Copyright and Legal Matters Sections of IFLA to host a joint session

on *"Research in the big data era: legal, social, and technical approaches to large text and data sets"*.

The Section continues to support IFLA's Multilingualism agenda with Standing Committee members working to produce translations of SOCR conference papers in other IFLA official Languages. We are grateful for all the hard work of SC members and Luisa Maria Landáburu Areta in particular for the Spanish translations of key SOCR papers which are now available for loading onto the IFLA webpages.

The section supports the work of the IFLA Committee on Standards through the involvement of SC member Françoise Pelle, whom we will sorely miss when she retires in 2014.

A major priority for 2014 will be to relaunch and revitalise the SOCR webpages and Blog to make the content more up to date and of greater relevance and interest to our members and readers. We also hope that the revitalised webpages and Blog will help with SOCR's advocacy work to raise the awareness of the section and IFLA and encourage more involvement in the work of the Serials community and attendance at the IFLA conference.

SOCR speakers from the Singapore Conference

