



Social Science Libraries Section

Annual Report 2011

The following items include the accomplishments of the Social Science Libraries Section for the year spanning August 2010 through August 2011.

The Section sponsored a program, held on August 16, 2011, entitled ***Libraries beyond libraries; integration, innovation and information for all*** which continued upon the theme of interdisciplinarity in the social science library. The program is copied below:

Congress track 5: Ideas, innovations, anticipating the new.

- [Knowledge management for social science information: organizational and technical solutions to bridging disciplinary structures](#)
STEVEN W. WITT (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, USA)
- [Plugging the whole: librarians as interdisciplinary facilitators](#)
JEFFREY KNAPP (Penn State Altoona, Altoona, PA, USA)
- [Iniciativas regionales multidisciplinarias de acceso abierto a la producción científica de América Latina y el Caribe: contribución a la investigación interdisciplinaria en las ciencias sociales](#)
MARIA E. DORTA-DUQUE ORTIZ (Instituto Superior de Relaciones Internacionales, "Raúl Roa García", Havana, Cuba) and DOMINIQUE BABINI (Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO), Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- [Les bibliothèques de théologie: interdisciplinarité et outils](#)
ODILE DUPONT and CHRISTOPHE LANGLOIS (Catholic University of Paris, Paris, France)

In addition, the Section organized and sponsored a satellite conference that was held in Havana, Cuba from August 8-10, 2011. ***Social Science Libraries: A Bridge to***

Knowledge for Sustainable Development was held at the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí and attended by approximately 90 librarians. The complete text of the papers can be found at <http://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/25649> and additional information, including a final report will be available on the Social Science Libraries IFLA website.

The section membership was of central concern this year with a call for nominations to the Standing Committee being sent out in late 2010. This year, the membership of the Section's standing committee was increased to 15. Only five of these individuals are in their second term.

In reviewing the actions of the past year, the Section feels that the goals from the last year's action plan, which included the sponsorship of the satellite conference, were met. This included the Section's emphasis on the credibility of digital libraries and exposure to best practices and evidence-based research and standards in the area.

We are looking forward to the further development of the Special Interest Group – RELINDIAL/Religions in Dialogue – in the coming years. This new SIG received the sponsorship of the section in the first meeting of 2011 in Puerto Rico.

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