sions to auxiliary tables 1d, 1e and 1k and the most important authorized revision is a completely new table for the aforementioned Class 2 (Theology and Religion). It is revolutionary in terms of existing UDC tables and is an extremely important forecast of the UDC of the future. The new Class 2 dispenses with multilevel auxiliaries and simplifies a proposal made in 1993. This schedule consists of only two elements – a main table of religions and faiths and a single auxiliary table that can be applied to any faith. As the preamble indicates "the auxiliary table is a fully faceted and inverted schedule, based on principles of facet analysis and citation order and reflects the structural and theoretical make-up of the Bliss Bibliographic Classification, but is not directly derived from that system". This auxiliary table can be used with any class in the main table. Cancellations from Class 2 are listed. Other revisions include parts of Class 364 (Social Welfare), cancellations from 369, changes in 53 through 59, amendments to Class 66 (Materials), 7.033/.038 (Mediaeval and Modern Styles of Art) and 93 (Historiography). Also there is an extension of the area notations for the USA to make them hierarchical and searchable by truncation. All in all, there are numerous changes that involve new classes and new numbers and many cancellations of old numbers. It is essential that UDC revisers and practitioners become aware of these important revisions.

Other UDC publications

Two recent publications that are of importance to UDC users have been prepared and published by the British Standards Institution. For the first time *UDC* has been produced in a compact edition for use in training and personal use: (*UDC – The pocket edition.* London: BSI, 2000. ISBN 0-580-33045-1 Price £15). As described by the publisher, it "contains about 4000 entries and preserves the essential characteristics of UDC while eliminating material that is not essential for small scale use." It is based on the Master Reference File (MRF) of 61,000 entries and includes the most recent updates, but excludes highly technical details. It also contains a new introduction explaining the structure of UDC and providing practical advice on its use. It is invaluable for use by learners, as well as for staff training, for organizing electronic files and for classifying small collections. Also published as a separate publication is the *Universal Decimal Classification: place tables for the UK and Germany.* London, BSI, 1999. (BS 1000:Aux 1e(41/435): 1999. ISBN 0 580 33068 0. Price: £80.00 (members £40.00). This publication incorporate the administrative changes in the UK and the reunified Federal Republic of Germany. It is an "extended edition" of the UK and Germany parts of Table 1e as it appears in the UDC Master Reference File. It covers the administrative units of both countries down to the tertiary level – districts and equivalent in the UK and Kreise and equivalent in Germany. Thus it permits highly detailed indexing and retrieval of metadata related to these particular jurisdictions.
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IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing

The year 1999/2000 has been a very busy year for the Section. The Standing Committee has a number of projects underway. The Working Group on Principles Underlying Subject Heading Languages (SHILs) published its report in June 1999. "Requirements for a format for classification" was expected to be approved at the Jerusalem Conference. Work on the "Guidelines for the construction of multi-lingual thesauri" and the activities of the Working Group on Subject Access of Web Sites and Digital Libraries are works in progress. The Standing Committee also participates in some cooperative projects, specifically in cooperation with the Division of Bibliographic Control on OPAC displays and in the work of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee.

Looking to the future, the Section is planning a satellite conference on "Subject Retrieval in a Networked World" to be held at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio, August 14-16, 2001, immediately prior to the Boston Conference of IFLA. "The conference will explore different approaches to the subject retrieval of information and will provide an opportunity to exchange views and hear researchers in the forefront of retrieval in the Internet Age." It will focus on the following themes: Language and communication in knowledge organization and retrieval; New retrieval technologies for a networked world; Retrieval systems design and implementation; Search engines, classification schemes and thesauri in a networked environment; and Metadata and subject retrieval. The conference fee is $250.00 US (prior to June 15th); $300.00 US (June 15th – July 15th). Numbers are limited and late registrations will not be accepted.
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