

Newsletter Reports

International Federation of Library Association and Institutions. The IFLA Newsletter 2(10), Vol. 12 1996 provided information on the following topics: Executive Committee meeting minutes from the 62nd IFLA General Conference in Beijing in August 1996; the draft RTELJ MTP 1998-2001 and its action plan 1998-99; the Open meeting programme from August 28; the IFLA Journal annual report for 1995-96 (September through August); and an article by **Ene Riet** (National Library of Estonia) entitled "Library journal Raamatukogu as a mediator of professional information."

The Draft RTELJ MTP 1998-2001 focuses on 2 parts: Scope, and Goals. Part 1: Scope, according to the "Round Table of Editors of Library Journal is to promote high standards for professional journals by encouraging the free flow of information and the exchange of ideas" [Newsletter] from the editors, publishers, librarians and the readers of library journals. Part 2: Goals, is divided into 4 categories: share information on new developments; monitor new journals and provide assistance; evaluate achievements of the most well known library journals; and monitor comparative studies of library journals for layout, organization, typography, etc.

The Open meeting programme from August 28, 1996 received 3 papers. Dr. **Emilio Setien** (National Library of Cuba) wrote "Information on the Availability of Library Journals in Latin America." The paper is originally published in Spanish in IFLA'96 Booklet 7. **Lester J. Pourciau** and **Rita J. Broadway** (University of Memphis, USA) wrote "The Journals of Librarianship in Developing Countries: Availability Difficulties As Seen By Periodical Jobbers." This paper appears in IFLA'96 Booklet 7. **Stanislav Samsonov** and **Oleg Borodin** (Editor and First Deputy-Editor of Biblioteka) wrote "Biblioteka: Leading Periodical for Russian Libraries."

In the article "Library Journal Raamatukogu as a Mediator of Professional Information" written by Ene Riet focuses on the history, contents, design and the future of Raamatukogu, the Estonian library journal. Riet begins by delving into the history of the journal including the layout, typography, etc. She explains how the journal went through content style changes, and finally promotes the future of the journal.

12th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC 37/SC 2.

This meeting was held August 22, 1996 at the Austrian Standards Institute in Vienna, Austria. Representatives from 17 countries attended the meeting. Highlights include the following reports from the

Advisory Group, ISO/TC37 Secretariat, ISO Central Secretariat, and the AHG.

Christian Galinski, of the Advisory Group, reported that Slovenia and Slovakia have requested membership, and Rint (international network for francophone countries) has applied for liaison status. Also, the ISO and CEN are collaborating on the following projects: electronic data interchange (EDI) for commercial trade; terminology for EDI; and the Semantic Repository project. The Advisory Group has also prepared a Guide for Terminology, which is used by TC176 for its training, and by CEN 251 as a reference tool. In other news, **Serguei Grineev** is the new Secretary of SC1.

The ISO/TC37 Secretariat reported that INFOTERM has been re-organized and will now be responsible for documentation (TERMNET), terminology standardization (TC37), and terminology projects and associations.

Sophie Clivio, ISO Central Secretariat, provided a synopsis of new ISO directives that have been in operation since October 1995. The most important directive is the reduced time available for the development of a standard.

Diane Michaud reported on AHG-Terminology project management. The work item is now registered with SC2 and has been assigned an ISO number.

The next meeting of working groups in TC37 will be held in Copenhagen in August 1997. For more information, contact: ISO Secretariat; phone: +431-74040-441; fax: +431-74040-740

Notable News

MesH 1997 is now available in German. Data are available in Rich Text format (RTF), ASCII, and Comma Delimited Values (CDV). For further information, view the DIMDI home page at <http://www.dimdi.de> or contact Dr. Elisabeth Berg-Schorn, +49 221-4724-313 or fax +49 221-41 41 29.

Bibliography of Editions of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and other Health Related Classification Systems. This updated bibliography is free of charge from DIMDI (German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information). For further information, view the DIMDI home page at <http://www.dimdi.de> or contact Dr. Elisabeth Berg-Schorn at +49-221-4724-313 or fax +49 221-41 14 29.