

New IFLA publication on authority entries

During the IFLA Conference held in Copenhagen in 1997, the IFLA Section on Cataloguing stated its goal to 'develop approaches, standards, rules, lists for information that provide access to bibliographic data in all languages and in all scripts'. In its Action Plan for 1998–1999 the Section intended to finalise the review, and publish a second edition, of the *Guidelines for authority and reference entries* (GARE).

The revision was undertaken within the Section on Cataloguing by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision, formed by eleven members from seven countries. The Working Group continued the analysis already initiated by Tom Delsey and Inger Cathrine Spangen and completed the revision of the Guidelines in January 2001, now published as *Guidelines for authority records and references* (GARR).

Since the 1984 edition of the *Guidelines* there have been many advances in the technological capabilities of libraries. The working group focused its action on the key recommendations for long-term policy put forward in the program for Universal Bibliographic Control at the UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference in 1974 — namely, that each national biblio-

graphic agency be responsible 'For establishing the authoritative form of name for its country's authors, both personal and corporate, and authoritative lists of its country's authors, personal and corporate' — and on the need to broaden the range of materials the Guidelines cover. This has been done, incorporating in the new version recommendations and principles stated in the Mandatory Data Elements for Internationally Shared Resource Authority Records of the IFLA UBCIM Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records and ISADN; and in the IFLA Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

The second edition of these Guidelines is intended to provide the specifications for authority and reference entries for names and uniform titles to be shared in print, microprint and machine-readable form. They have been updated to govern the display of authority information and references for all types of materials to be included in catalogues.

Guidelines for authority records and references, 2nd ed., revised by the IFLA Working Group on GARE Revision. Muenchen: K G Saur, 2001. DM 68 UBCIM Publications, New Series vol 23. ISBN 3 598 11504 0.



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• **7/6 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Librarians' libations*: all are most welcome at the Casino Canberra, from 5:30pm, for something totally different! *RSVP to*: Susan White, ph 02 6205 0391, Susan.White@act.gov.au

• **13/6 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting*. 4th Floor Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm. All welcome. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6125 3681, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

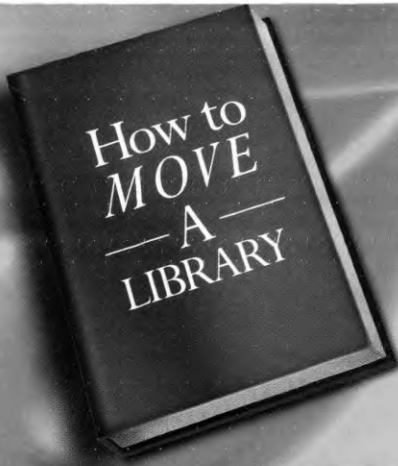
• **18/6–8/10 PEARLS.** *Coffee, cake and conversation*, all retired librarians welcome, and any intending to retire soon. Backbenches, Old Parliament House, 2:30pm. 18/6, 13/8, 8/10. Contact: Jon Prance, ph 02 6255 1857, prance@c031.aone.net.au

NSW

• **4/5 Riverina Regional Group.** *ALIA: the Ys and Where4s* — dinner for library workers with guest speaker Angela Bridgland, member of ALIA Board of Directors. The Wattle Room, Commercial Club, Albury, NSW, 7pm. \$22 per head. *RSVP by 26/4 to*: Tim Eggleston, ph 02 6022 9103, fx 02 6024 1716, timeg@umrl.nsw.gov.au

• **15/5 NSW Branch.** *Council meeting*, first item of business Library & Information Week, all welcome. Sumitomo Room, Level 11, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 6pm. *RSVP for catering purposes to*: Jo-anne Fuller, local presence co-ordinator, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

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