

ACT

• **9/5 ACT Branch. Council meeting.** 4th Floor Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm. All welcome. Contact Julie Ward, ph 02 6262 1526, jward@nla.gov.au.

• **10/5 ACT Special Libraries section. Librarians' libations:** relax and be joyful with the Specials! See you at the Piano Bar, from 5:30pm. RSVP to: Susan White, ph 02 6205 0391, Susan.White@act.gov.au

• **15/5 ACT Library Technicians. Breakfast on National Library Technicians Day!** Brindabella Restaurant, Parkroyal, 7:30am. Costs: Continental \$15.25, full \$21.50, celebration \$26.00 (includes champagne). RSVP by 12/5 to: Beth Clary, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au or Margaret Drury, margaret.drury@agso.gov.au

• **31/5 ACT UCRLS presents a late afternoon seminar, 'Information skills online!'**, demonstrating two web-based, interactive information skills programs currently being used in university libraries (InFlite and Web-ezy). Chifley Building, ANU, seminar room lower ground floor, 4:30-6pm. All welcome, refreshments provided. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **5/6 APSIG Travellers' Tales.** More reports from those who have been out and about in the region. 4th Floor Conference Room, NLA, 12-1pm, (please note early starting time). Light refreshments served before the meeting starts. All welcome. Contact Marie Sexton, ph 02 6262 1519, msexton@nla.gov.au

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The draft revised version of ISBD(S) for serial publications has now been posted for worldwide review on IFLANet. The text can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/sc.htm#1>.

The IFLA Working Group on the Revision of ISBD(S) has been working actively since 1998 to revise the 1988 edition of ISBD(S). Working group members consisted of representatives from the IFLA Section on Cataloguing and the Section on Serial Publications and serial experts around the world attended meetings of the working group and provided valuable input.

One of the key objectives was to harmonise with ISSN and AACR2 standards in order to minimise the bibliographic differences among the three standards. With the co-operation of ISSN and AACR2 representatives, a harmonised descriptive standard for serial publications is close to realisation.

Some of the major changes made to the 1988 edition of ISBD(S) include: ISBD(S) renamed ISBD(CR) to reflect the expanded scope of the ISBD to cover all types of 'continuing resources'; definitions added for 'bibliographic resource', 'continuing resource', 'integrating resource', 'updating loose-leaf'; definitions revised for 'serial', 'monograph', 'multipart item'; provisions added for the description of 'integrating

resources'; provisions included for changes that require the creation of a new bibliographic record; and clarification and expansion of criteria for determining major/minor changes in the title of serials, with the result that fewer new bibliographic records will be required.

Although the concept of the International Standard Serial Title (ISST) continues to be part of the long-term strategic vision for serials cataloguing, it is not developed enough at this time to be included in the current revision. Ongoing work is being undertaken to address issues, and experiment with and assess the impact of the ISST. Further revision to ISBD(CR) to incorporate the ISST may be forthcoming at a later date.

Please submit your comments on the draft ISBD(CR) by 30 June 2001 to the chair of the working group, Ingrid Parent (details below). You are also invited to submit examples to supplement the text in order to ensure a broad international perspective in the standard. The working group would also like to include more examples in the appendices. (Note that non-roman scripts are missing from Appendix B since they could not be reproduced in the draft.)

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