

EDUG
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Minutes

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1 Opening remarks

Patrice Landry welcomed the participants and introduced the board (chair: Patrice Landry, vice-chair: Yvonne Jahns, secretary: Karin Kleiber). Patrice chaired the meeting, the minutes were taken by Karin. Patrice explained that the meeting would be conducted in a formal manner. All 25 participants introduced themselves briefly. Voting institutional members were identified. Number of institutional members: 8

2 Change of agenda

Patrice announced agenda changes with two additional points: change of agenda as point 2, and decisions of the executive committee as point 4. The changes were accepted unanimously.

3 Minutes of the Frankfurt Meeting 2008

The minutes of the business meeting in Frankfurt 2008 were approved without comments or modifications.

4 Decisions of the executive committee

Patrice informed the meeting about the decisions, which were:

4.1 Cooperation agreement

At the 2008 meeting, a final version of the cooperation agreement was accepted. The agreement was sent out to institutional and affiliated members as well as to others for a final acceptance. Suggestions for changes were made by the Bibliotheque national de France, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek and the Agreement was approved in November 2008.

4.2 Membership

The executive committee accepted 8 institutional and 3 affiliated members. The committee accepted all forms of applications: with signature and/or stamp, as e-mail attachment, etc.

The committee proposed that there was no need to send out a membership renewal every year as members are free to withdraw from the EDUG at any time.

The decisions of the executive committee were approved unanimously.

Patrice invited observers at the meeting to become members.

4.3 Organisation of meeting and working groups

The executive committee also decided the meeting's programme and the working groups.

5 Developments since last meeting

Patrice reported on activities since the 2008 meeting, namely

- 5.1 The final version of the agreement was accomplished.
- 5.2 Formal membership was established.
- 5.3 Meeting and symposium were organized.
- 5.4 At the IFLA meeting in Quebec a translators' meeting as well as an informal meeting of working groups took place.
- 5.5 The working groups have all been active and have made progress in their proposals (see below, point 8)
- 5.6 The EDUG webpage (<http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug>) has been updated regularly, thanks to Gordon Dunsire.

6 National reports

Patrice asked all attendees for national reports.

6.1 Germany

Yvonne Jahns stated that the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek is now classifying nearly all new publications with the DDC German edition 22. On average, 80,000 titles are classified annually with an increase in 2008 of 120,000 documents. Dewey numbers are searchable in OPACs. DNB is involved in the CrissCross project (mapping subject headings and DDC). One of the most important current issues for DNB is the new license agreement with OCLC.

Ulrike Reiner added information about the automated classification project that is still in the beginning stage. It began last year with an experiment at DNB and continues this year with a new test set from DNB with 24,000 documents.

6.2 Great Britain

Caroline Kent reported about discussions in Great Britain. There is a proposal to add subject headings to newspaper library records and map Dewey to the local data. Caroline also stressed the increasing importance of DDC in Great Britain.

6.3 Sweden

Magdalena Svanberg referred to the National Library of Sweden's decision last year to adopt the DDC, and the fact that about 10 university libraries have followed this decision.

6.4 Switzerland

Patrice Landry talked about the problematic situation of classification in Switzerland. There is no central coordination of DDC work in the country so no information is available on the libraries using this classification. At the Swiss National Library, DDC is used for open stack organisation and for access in the national bibliography. One of the tasks next year is to look at expanding the scope of DDC notations for the library's main collection and identify resources needed for this extra work. Also, there is a project that is looking at using the DDC for the organisation of the Bibliography of Swiss history.

6.5 Austria

Karin Kleiber pointed at similarities to the Swiss situation in Austria. There is also no central coordination of DDC work. Within bigger scientific libraries only the Austrian National Library (for the national bibliography) and the Oberösterreichische Landesbibliothek (full classification and open stack organisation for new library building) are already using DDC. The Universitätsbibliothek Wien will use DDC in the future.

Horst Prillinger from the Universitätsbibliothek reported briefly about the library's decision process and the plan to go into production in 5 years.

6.6 Iceland

Thordis Thorarinsdottir reported that in Iceland large libraries are using the English full edition 22 while smaller libraries are using the Icelandic abridged edition 13. DDC is used for the national bibliography.

6.7 Norway

Ingebjorg Rype compared Norway's situation to that of Iceland: large libraries also use the full edition. One of the tasks identified is to make DDC more useful for end users.

6.8 France

Christian Lupovici reported on the history of classification in France: The DDC was used for shelving from the 1940s to the 1960s when it was progressively replaced by the UDC. In the 1980s, libraries were free to use the classification of their choice. Today, all university libraries use the DDC, most of those who had adopted LC have switched to DDC in the meantime.

The BnF switched to DDC 10 years ago for shelving and for the organisation of the national bibliography. One of its recent tasks was the translation of edition 22 last year.

6.9 Italy

Federica Paradisi reports that the Italian edition 22 is used for the national bibliography. The DDC is the classification system most widely used in Italy as 2,700 libraries have adopted the DDC. Academic libraries also use other systems. The main problem is that libraries that use DDC for shelving have problems with changing from one version to the other.

6.10 Egypt

Manal Amin reported that the DDC has been used for 15 years in Egypt. Due to a lack of funds for translation into Arabic, this work has not yet started. A project is planning a translation in 5 different Arabic dialects with 5 translators and 5 editors from various Arabic countries. Pansoft editorial software will be used for this project.

7 Report from OCLC/EPC

Joan Mitchell

- **New Editorial Support System (ESS)**

The fourth-generation Dewey editorial support system (ESS) is currently under development by OCLC staff in Dublin, Ohio, and San Mateo, California. The system will support the development and maintenance of the DDC, “anytime” export of the DDC in a variety of formats to support a variety of services, publication of print editions, ingestion of mapped data, and eventual ingestion of translation data.

- **WebDewey 2.0**

Initial planning is under way for the successor to the current WebDewey.

- **Translations**

The Dewey Translators Meeting will be held in conjunction with World Library and Information Congress (75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly) on Tuesday, 25 August, 16:00-18:00, Orange 3, Milano Convention Centre. Tentative agenda: presentations on the UDC/DDC crosswalk developed by the Czech National Library; the classification of photographs in the World Digital Library Project; Dewey research activities; reports on 3 translation projects (Hebrew, Indonesian, Spanish).

- **Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)**

EPC held Meeting 130 at the Library of Congress 18-19 November 2008. The meeting was chaired by EDUG member Caroline Kent (British Library); Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing) was re-elected vice-chair for another two-year term. EPC will hold Meeting 131 at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, 10-12 June 2009.

All EPC meeting documents are distributed over a private electronic mailing list; representatives of translation teams and national libraries are welcomed to join the electronic mailing list as observers. The Dewey editorial team and EPC consider all comments received from observers.

DDC 23 is expected in early 2011.

- **Dewey organization and staff news**

In October 2008, the Decimal Classification Division was renamed the “Dewey Section” and became part of the U.S. General Division, one of the new divisions formed as part of the reorganization of the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Services Directorate at the Library of Congress. Eve Dickey continues as team leader of the Dewey Section.

On 9 March 2009, Michael Panzer (who headed the team that translated Dewey into German from 2002 to 2005) was appointed Assistant Editor of the DDC.

8 Reports from the working groups

8.1 340 Law Working Group

Chair Yvonne Jahns reported on the useful discussions between the 340 WG and Julianne Beall. At the Vienna WG meeting the WG members Jahns, Paradisi and Schaefer (observer) discussed the 340 main problems, namely EU law, criminal courts, and juristic acts. They are planning to finish a proposal to EPC before the EPC meeting 132.

8.2 370 Education Working Group

Chair Anne-Céline Lambotte reported that the WG continued its review of provisions for specific subjects in the primary school curriculum and made several recommendations concerning “Social skills, social studies, Citizenship”, “Language arts” and “Interdisciplinary subjects”. The Vienna WG meeting was joined by Lambotte, Gustavsson, Kent, Kleiber, Landry, Mitchell and Rype.

8.3 930 Archaeology Working Group

Chair Magdalena Svanberg gave an account of the WG’s proposals for “Geographic expansions” in 931-939 and table 2-3. Another topic discussed by the WG was Historical periods in 930 Archaeology (some periods in certain areas end too soon or too late). Participants of the Vienna WG meeting were Svanberg, Uhlmann and Domaas.

8.4 IT Working Group

Chair Gordon Dunsire reported on the group’s discussions about DDC representations and the Semantic Web, translations of the DDC, the potential of WorldCat and the significance of distinguishing the application of the DDC as a classification system from its use in subject information retrieval. He requested that EDUG developed a tasks agenda for the WG. Present at the Vienna WG meeting: Dunsire, Junger, Svensson, Van Spanje, Prillinger and Reiner.

During the plenary session it was suggested that EDUG should coordinate information about the uses of the DDC in European libraries. A simple web form could be added to the EDUG website with a check-box list of common functions, and European institutions using the DDC would be invited to submit their details.

9 Issues and plans

Patrice Landry asked all members to report initiatives to Gordon Dunsire to be published on the EDUG website.

One plan is a database of European libraries using DDC.

Magdalena Svanberg was interested in discussing the use of DDC for non-book materials/visual materials. Norway (Rype) and Great Britain (Kent) are also interested. They will discuss the topic in Milan.

Gordon Dunsire proposed that EPC (not only OCLC) should join EDUG as an observer.

Yvonne Jahns wanted closer contact with UDC users. Patrice agreed with this idea and proposed to invite somebody from the UDC consortium to the next meeting. This was agreed. Also the International UDC Symposium 2009 (<http://www.udcc.org/seminar2009/index.htm>) was mentioned as a good opportunity to keep in touch with the UDC community.

10 Annual meeting

Patrice Landry had an offer from Egypt to organise the 2010 annual meeting and workshop at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The National Library of Sweden would volunteer for 2011 and the British Library for 2012. If necessary, the National Library of Sweden would be able to host it in 2010. The Executive Committee will proceed with discussions with the Alexandrina Library on the final date and organisation of the programs.

11 Other EDUG business

11.1 At the board elections in 2008, Karin Kleiber had accepted the post of secretary for one year only. She now agreed to do it for the rest of the mandate and this proposal was accepted unanimously.

11.2 All members were asked to promote the IFLA Florence pre-conference organised by the IFLA Classification and Indexing Section in August 2009 (<http://www.ifla2009satelliteflorence.it/meeting2/meeting2.html>).