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The LIBER Division for Collection Development

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Aims and scope

The division will encourage the development of the general and special collections of European research libraries in order to ensure that those collections meet most effectively the needs of present and future users.

The division aims to:

- A) improve knowledge of the holdings of European research libraries by promoting the development of collecting and retention policies, collection descriptions and profiles
- B) facilitate cooperative approaches to collection building
- C) monitor publishing patterns and assess their impact on European research libraries
- D) advise on practical aspects of library acquisitions processes in order to help libraries achieve the best value for money
- E) support the Expert Committee of the division in their work on those activities which follow the general programme of the division and on other activities which enhance the professional work of those Expert Committees

Programme of work (1995-2000)

It is intended that the work programme of the division should be established by the division at its meeting in Leuven. The Executive Committee proposes the following areas of work, and will also welcome any suggestions from members

for additional topics. Suggestions may be submitted to the Chair of the division in writing in advance of the meeting, or may be proposed at the meeting.

General

The division will act as a forum for collaboration in collection development between libraries throughout Europe, and particularly between West and East, North and South. It will work with individual libraries, groups of libraries, library organizations and intergovernmental bodies in pursuit of its aims. As much work as possible will be carried out through correspondence, and at the annual meeting of the division (to be held at the LIBER Annual Conference). When necessary, additional seminars and workshops will be arranged.

In order to achieve its aims the division will carry out the following activities:

- a) review existing collecting policy statements, collection descriptions and profiles; facilitate the creation of these where none exist; establish evaluation techniques which will provide an overview of collection strengths; plan for making collection descriptions etc. more widely available
- b) review existing efforts in cooperation in collection building at local, regional, national and supra-national level; support individual libraries and groups of libraries wishing to cooperate in specific areas
- c) monitor publishing output and prices in order to help libraries to estimate and to defend collection development budgets; present an overview of current arrangements for legal deposit and cataloguing in publication in Europe and any changes proposed; monitor the growth in electronic publishing and assess its impact on the collecting policies of libraries
- d) assess the need for an electronic directory of European vendors; monitor developments in EDILIBE (Electronic Data Interchange for Libraries and Booksellers in Europe); provide tools to facilitate the exchange of publications between libraries when this is the most effective acquisitions method; provide training for acquisitions staff; advise on performance measures for selection and acquisitions
- e) recommend the creation of Expert Committees where necessary (e.g. for maps, manuscripts).

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