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CATALOGUING SECTION

Activities Report, August 2014 - August 2015

Names of Persons (NoP)

The team was conformed during IFLA Lyon 2014 including Milena Milanova, Ricardo Santos, and María Violeta Bertolini. The goal was to make available the Names of Persons information gathered in 2009 and 2010 for some countries, and to facilitate the update of all other countries.

The team received from Miriam Säfström three zip files including: 122 NoP documents from countries (some duplicated, drafts, etc.), 11 administrative files, and the 1996 edition in PDF.

To allow easier update and review in the future, the team prepared the files to upload to the Names of Persons webpage[1] in Word instead of PDF. The edition step consisted in ensuring a standard format, make sure the files included all the required information, and adding an introduction with links to the webpage for more information. Since these files would be standing alone in the website instead of in a publication, the introduction would give some context once they have been downloaded.

We divided the countries based on languages and/or origin of each of the team members. The team prepared a text to update the NoP webpage in the Cataloguing Section website, and three batches were sent to Agnese Galeffi including: Batch 1: 11 files, Batch 2: 11 files, and Batch 3: 8 files. 30 files are now available online. After updating the website, we received one request of update, and we sent the file to Agnese to update the webpage.

Milena Milanova created a list of 105 countries, to do the follow up. The spreadsheet details the countries that are ready (30), the countries that are pending, the different batches and the team member assigned. Many countries didn't have files in the folders, and many files say "not ready" in the name of file. The team has to review these files and compare them also to the 1996 edition to see if this was only a format step pending, or the content needs to be reviewed.

The next step will be to start contacting the countries to request validation (if we have a file), to ask countries to provide the information (if we don't have any information) or to ask countries if an update is needed.

Respectfully submitted by María Violeta Bertolini, August 2015

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[1] http://www.ifla.org/node/4953