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**CATALOGUING SECTION**

**Activities Report, September 2015 - August 2016**

**Names of Persons (NoP)**

The Names of Persons Working Group, consisting of Milena Milanova, Ricardo Santos and Maria Violeta Bertolini, continued to work after the WLIC in Cape Town contacting countries to request validation (if we have a file in process), to ask countries to provide the information (if we don't have any file) or to ask countries if an update is needed (if the file is already online with a previous date).

The NoP Working Group contacted members of the Cataloguing and Classification & Indexing Sections, as well as members of the Review Groups and Study Groups within these sections to request their collaboration to update the Names of Persons files for 21 countries.

Also, the NoP Working Group continued to work in gathering contact information for countries that are either missing a file or missing updates. The group has contact information for 44 countries and has contacted many of them during the first semester of 2016.

The team continues to work with a Google Drive Excel Spreadsheet including status, updates and contact information for 118 countries.

Since September 2015, the following countries were updated/confirmed in the Names of Persons Webpage<sup>1</sup> with the valuable support of Agnese Galeffi, Cataloguing Section Information Coordinator:

1. Albania (2016)
2. Australia (2015)
3. Bulgaria (2016)
4. Chile (2016)
5. Czech Republic (2016)
6. Denmark (2016)

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/4953>

7. Egypt (2016)
8. Estonia (2016)
9. Finland (2016)
10. Germany (2016)
11. Hungary (2016)
12. Japan (2016)
13. Latvia (2016)
14. Netherlands (2016)
15. Romania (2016)
16. Russian Federation (2016)
17. Scotland (2016)
18. Spain (2015)
19. South Africa (2016)
20. Sweden (2016)

Currently, the NoP Web Page offers files for 56 countries.

Lastly, the team is pleased to report that after contacting RDA Steering Committee (RSC) Chair, Gordon Dunsire, the RDA Toolkit<sup>2</sup> includes now the link to the Names of Persons Web Page from the Cataloguing Section instead of just the reference to the out of print publication.

The fact that it is seen as a service makes it more valuable as an updated and live resource, and also requires a compromise from the section to keep updating it and adding new countries.

The NoP Working Group will continue gathering contact information to request new files or updates, and contacting countries for which there are no files during the next period 2016-2017.

**Respectfully submitted by María Violeta Bertolini on behalf of the Names of Persons Working Group, August 2016**

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>