

Workshop on NBINet Cooperative Cataloging

Continuing an annual tradition, the NCL held a series of workshops from June 26 to July 6 to promote use of and participation in the National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet). Participants came from the 32 original member libraries of the network as well as 26 freshmen organizations. The workshops were divided into four sessions and participation was restricted to two members from each library. The first daylong session focused exclusively on the INNOPAC cataloging system, while the remaining sessions introduced non-INNOPAC systems. The four sessions were attended by 95 representatives from 56 libraries.

Led by staff from the NBINet Center, the classes opened with an introduction to the operation and database structure of the NBINet. Participants then learned how to query for and catalog various types of publication, and how to maintain the database using the graphical user interface, GUICat.

Ms. Hsiu-chen Chen (陳秀珍) of the acquisitions department at National Taiwan University Library gave a hands-on demonstration of GUICat data entry using two same-system servers at the first session. Non-INNOPAC users were shown the ropes by representatives from National Tsinghua University, Taipei Physical Education College, and Soochow University.

As the NBINet membership grows, it becomes harder for NBINet Center to fully understand the cataloging situation of each member. The workshop series provides a rare opportunity for consortium members to provide feedback and ask questions. Ten types of automation system are currently used by NBINet libraries, greatly complicating cooperative cataloging work. Several useful suggestions were raised during the workshop on how to reduce these obstacles and enhance the functions and cooperation model of the network.

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