

NBInet Seminar

On April 18 this year, organizations of the NBInet held a seminar to familiarize new members with the operations of the NBInet Center and accelerate consortium work. Center staff provided a general overview and literature on the operations of the center, public index searching, data transfer, and GUICat cataloging software. The center plans to provide detailed training in these areas at follow-up workshops. A total of 104 representatives from 49 organizations attended the meeting, including staff from both new and current member organizations. NCL personnel from the Cataloging Department and ISBN Center were also present at the meeting.

The 32 member organizations of NBInet including the NCL, 24 university libraries, three academic organizations, and four public libraries had compiled 1.52 million bibliographies on books, periodicals, and audio-visual publications as of March this year. In order to enhance the content of the database and the efficiency of cooperative cataloging, the consortium hopes to attract new members from the 400-plus organizations of the Interlibrary Cooperation Association, ROC. In the selection process, priority will be given to libraries with distinctive collections or that have expressed an interest in cooperation. Libraries in the Hualien-Taitung area will also be given special consideration to promote balanced regional representation in the group.

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NBInet Director's Conference

Directors of member libraries in the National Bibliographic Information Network (NBInet) held their first meeting this year at the NCL on February 25. The meeting was chaired by NCL director Dr. Juang Fang-rung(莊芳榮) and brought together 32 library directors and 36 other representatives. Participants discussed and passed resolutions on the following issues:

1. New organizations were admitted to the NBInet, bringing membership to 58 libraries and information organizations. Many of the new members were libraries in eastern and central Taiwan, enhancing the regional balance of academic resources in the network.

2. Member libraries were encouraged to follow the NBInet Center's "Draft Guidelines for Cooperative Cataloging of Bibliographic Data" in their cataloging work to facilitate record merging and enhance the quality of bibliographic data.

3. A motion was passed to hold meetings of the Working Team for Bibliographic Sharing on a regional basis to accommodate the new member libraries and enhance communication between various working groups.

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