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INTRODUCTION TO THE THIRD EDITION

A handbook of comparative librarianship first appeared in 1970, with a second edition in 1975. It included two parts: 'Comparative librarianship and comparative method' by S Simsova, and 'Guide to sources' by M MacKee

Since then, comparative librarianship has become accepted as a teaching method and a research approach. The two parts of the handbook were geared to those complementary but different needs. For that reason and because of the considerable increase of the literature dealing with the subject, it was felt that it would now be more useful to publish the two parts as separate works. The first part has already appeared as A primer of comparative librarianship by S Simsova (Bingley, 1982), and this volume is the second part of the earlier editions, revised and updated.

It seems useful to emphasize once more that this handbook is not meant in any way to fulfil the functions of a comprehensive directory of librarianship around the world. It is intended primarily as a research guide. As such it aims at facilitating the initial identification of the sources available at the international, regional or national level; at introducing a country's librarianship in its historical, geographical and social perspectives; at presenting it in a light as objective as possible by balancing international sources against local ones and offering a variety of viewpoints. It is hoped that this guide will offer its users enough incentive for further research without suppressing the need for exploration and personal achievement.

The preparation of this edition, with the extensive revisions necessary in order not only to update it but at the same time to keep it within manageable limits, has involved considerable time spent in consulting and sifting sources, restructuring the literature on every country and preparing the manuscript. The compiler is therefore most grateful for the help received from Patricia MacKee in gathering sources and from Margaret Blackburn in preparing the typescript. It goes without saying that any deficiency or error remains the sole responsibility of the compiler.

Monique MacKee August 1982

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Scope and coverage

The aim behind the selection of sources has been to give an idea of the general structure and of the particular features of librarianship in a given country, to show the events and conditions which have contributed to its present condition, and to indicate the direction in which it might develop.

The revisions for this edition have been extensive in the cases of the better documented countries. Only a few main landmarks of the literature have been kept and the other references replaced by similar ones more recently published. It has been very difficult at times to select amongst equally interesting works, but the bibliographical sources should alleviate these necessary omissions. In the case of less well documented countries, new entries have been added to existing ones, in order to build up a body of documents on that particular country.

As far as possible, references in the English language have been complemented by sources in other languages in order to broaden the accessibility of the literature.

Some changes have been introduced in this edition. More entries have been briefly annotated, when the title does not reflect all the points useful to comparative studies. The main change has been the disappearance of the symbols and numbers used to identify the bibliographical references.

Form of entries

Entries include as much detail as needed to trace them. Titles are given in most cases in the original language for Latin scripts. Transliterated titles have been left as found; there will therefore be some discrepancies due to the various systems of transliteration used in the sources. A [] indicates that the given title is either a translation or an interpretation of the contents.

Periodical titles are abbreviated mainly in accordance with the lists published in Library literature or in LISA; titles of periodicals outside the field of librarianship are given in full.

The names of most organizations are now represented by international acronyms. These are given with the name of the organization when it is first mentioned and used exclusively in further references within the same area. A list of international acronyms with their explanation regularly appears in *Unesco journal* (see p 22).

Organization of sources

Here again a few changes have been introduced in order to rationalize further the categories of entries. (See Section 1 in particular.)

Listed below are the headings used and their contents. The user should expect a few variations on points of details caused by the nature of the material found.

For the convenience of the user, this key to entries is also printed on the front and rear end pages.

Libraries and information centres with national or similar status and scope of functions within the network of libraries. Other libraries able to supply information on bibliography, librarianship or documentation have been included as necessary.

- 2a Official or semi-official bodies with organizing functions in the fields of bibliography, librarianship or documentation. These may include regional or international bodies with a supportive role.
- 2b Professional organizations whose aim is to promote librarianship and related fields exclusively or as part of their overall purpose.
- 2c Professional activities: Professional education and research; Professional issues, seen through the literature.
- 3a Reference sources: dictionaries, encyclopaedias, directories and yearbooks, guides and surveys (but for these see also under 3d or 3f). Not included: the yearbooks of library associations or similar bodies, which can be easily traced.
- 3b Bibliographical services, bibliographies; abstracts and other recurrent sources; special bibliographies.
- 3c Librarianship periodicals and serials.
- 3d Statistical sources: publishing bodies, printed sources; surveys (see also under 3a or 3f).
- 3e Legislation, including copyright, censorship, lending rights; standards for libraries.
- 3f Further readings, in the following sequence:
 - General background of the region or country: history, culture, education.
 - Librarianship: History, philosophy, sociology, trends.
 - Organization, management, cooperation, assistance,
 - Public libraries: Structure and functions, services.
 - Provision to special groups: minority groups, hospitals, prisons, etc.
 - School and children's libraries.
 - Academic and research libraries, special libraries.
 - Documentation, information.
 - Automation, networks, etc.
 - Architecture and design (only if it has a specific interest).

Geographical organization

As in previous editions, it was thought that a hierarchical listing of regions and countries would provide a more logical and economical use of the material available. The broad regions correspond to recognized geographical entities. In addition, some subsections have been created on the basis of existing material (see for instance areas designated as 'English-speaking . . .' or 'French-speaking . . .') or of some affinity of interests.

This plan therefore gives the user the facility of complementing the literature dealing with a given country with that of the region it belongs to. The names of the countries are those in current use and found in general international sources (see General, 3a). The index to this volume provides points of entry for individual countries.

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Section three THE AMERICAS North America Canada USA Latin America Mexico Caribbean region

USSR

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SAHARA

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Eastern Africa Ethiopia Somalia East Africa

- Kenva - Tanzania

- Uganda Central Africa - Malawi

- Zambia - Zimbahwe Southern Africa South Africa, Republic of Botswana Lesotho Namibia Swaziland Mauritius Sevchelles St Helena and Tristan da Cunha French associated Eastern Africa Comoro Djibouti Madagascar Reunion Western Africa English-speaking West Africa - Gambia - Ghana - Liberia - Nigeria - Sierra Leone French-speaking West Africa - Benin - Guinea - Ivory Coast - Mali - Mauritania - Niger - Senegal - Togo - Upper Volta Burundi

French-speaking Central Africa Cameroon Central African Republic Chad Congo

Zaire Portuguese associated Africa

Angola Cape Verde Guinea-Bissau Mozambique

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Rwanda

Sao Tome e Principe Spanish associated Africa

Guinea Ecuatorial

Section five

THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTHERN AFRICA

Asian region Afghanistan Iran Iraq Israel Jordan

> Lebanon Syria Turkey

Arabian Peninsula and Gulf region

Saudi Arabia Yemen

Gulf States: Oman, UAE

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Libva Sudan North Africa

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- India - Nepal

- Pakistan - Sri Lanka

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- China, Republic of (Taiwan)

- Hong Kong - Japan

- Korea, Republic of

- Korea, People's Democratic

Republic of - Mongolia

South East Asia - Burma

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- Indochina Kampuchea Laos Vietnam
- Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei: historical and general
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- Singapore
- Indonesia
- Philippines

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SECTION 1 GENERAL AND INTERNATIONAL

GENERAL AND INTERNATIONAL

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