

The following description was provided in the fourth annual report of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., for the period ending June 30, 1960.

1960: Funding for "An International Conference on the Principles of Cataloging, 1961" was among the grants CLR awarded during fiscal year 1960. The \$95,420 grant to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) supported the convening of an international conference on the principles of cataloging. Held in Paris in October 1961, the meeting was attended by 105 participants from 53 countries and 13 international organizations. It was significant in that attendees approved the Paris Principles, which became the basis for subsequent work on the revision of cataloging codes in many countries.

The 1960 grant built on earlier awards. In 1957, CLR made one of its first four grants to the American Library Association (ALA) to support participation in a meeting of the German Library Association in Lubeck. The meeting was seen as a first step toward bringing the differing cataloging systems of Central Europe and of other countries closer together.

In CLR's second year, it awarded \$19,995 to IFLA for a preliminary meeting on the international coordination of cataloging rules. At the meeting, held in London in July 1959, representatives from some 15 countries agreed on a basis in organization and formed an agenda for the Paris conference in 1961.

Improvement of the Means of Bibliographic Access

(These means include the devices, arrangements and forms of organization through which the existence of a source of recorded information is known, together with the location from which it may be procured or at which it may be consulted. Examples are national bibliographies, publishers' and booksellers' lists, bibliographies, indexes, abstracting services, library catalogs, union catalogs and union lists; the techniques and mechanisms by which these are effected; bibliographic and reference service.)

International Coordination of Cataloging. To enable the International Federation of Library Associations to organize and hold an international conference on the principles of cataloging in Paris in 1961 in fulfillment of the plans laid at the Preliminary Conference in London, 1959 (see page 23). It is expected that representatives of some fifty national groups, a number of national libraries and bibliographic agencies, and individual experts will attend this conference which will seek a basis for agreement on principles from which it is hoped that a useful measure of uniformity of practice may result. A series of working papers is being commissioned. The project is under the direction of the Organizing Committee of IFLA's Working Group on the Coordination of Cataloging Principles, of which the members are Mr. A. H. Chaplin (United Kingdom), M. Paul Poindron (France), Dr. L. Sickmann (Germany), and Mme. N. Lavrova (USSR).

In the interest of the success of the 1961 conference, the Council made it possible for the American Library Association to invite the members of the Organizing Committee to attend the Institute for Catalog Code Revision held by the Association at McGill University in June 1960. A useful exchange of views was achieved.