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### New files on the HPB

#### Short Title Catalogue Netherlands – Royal Library, The Hague

The STCN is the Dutch national bibliography up to 1800. Eventually the STCN-database will hold all books published to that date within the present borders of the Netherlands as well as all books printed in Dutch abroad.

This year, the Royal Library in The Hague commissioned the Data Conversion Group in Göttingen to create a new Pica+ to UNIMARC conversion for the STCN in order to improve the quality of some 56,000 records that had been added to the Hand Press Book (HPB) database in 1998. Over the last three years the STCN file had grown substantially, and in November of this year over 101,000 newly converted STCN records were added to the HPB database.

The file contains bibliographical descriptions of all Dutch holdings in the Royal Library and the university libraries of Amsterdam and Leiden in the period between 1540 and 1700. Books produced in the Northern Netherlands before 1540 had already been described in the Dutch incunable and post-incunable bibliographies. Concise descriptions derived from these, supplemented with data from the ISTC, were added to the STCN.

Work on the collection 1540-1800 of the university library in Utrecht is in progress, as well as the description of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century holdings of the Royal Library in The Hague. Also, some 12,000 Dutch editions from the period 1622-1700 in the British Library are being processed. All these descriptions will eventually become available in the HPB. Further information about the STCN file may be found at <http://www.cerl.org/hpb/stcndesc.htm>.



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*Een nieu Geusen lieden boecxken, waerinne begrepen is, den gantschen handel der Nederlantscher gheschiedenissen, dees voorleden iaeren tot noch toe ghedragen, eensdeels onderwylen in druck wtgbegeaen, eensdeels nu nieu by-gbeuoecht. Nu nieulick vermeerdert ende verbeterd. 1581. 8<sup>o</sup>.*

Now, at the end of 2001, the HPB database has grown to a total of 1,068,933 records. In addition to these records, CERL members have access to the ESTC (464,185 records) and RLG's Union Catalogue (116,256,966 records).

### Files in progress

It is expected that at the end of 2002 more than 250,000 new records will have been added to the HPB, bringing the total to c. 1,320,000 records.

The following files have been sent to RLG for loading on the HPB in 2002:

- 1,866 records from Warsaw University Library. This file in MARC21 format has been analysed by RLG's Joe Altimus. It is expected that a test file can be offered to Warsaw University Library in early January 2002.
- 59,186 MARC21 records from The Wellcome Library, London, were sent to RLG on 16 November.
- 157,317 records of the Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek, Gottingen were sent to RLG on 30 November of this year. This file, which is smaller than previously announced, contains only one volume monographs.

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240	10	British herbal,  lWelsh f[183-?]  c[183-?]
245	10	British herbal, neu, Lysieulyfr Brytanaidd : by rhan gyntaf yn cynwys 90 o gynghorion teuluaidd, hawdd i'w cael / c[183-?] eu casglu o waith N. Culpepper [sic] ...
246	10	Lysieulyfr Brytanaidd
260		Llanrws i [Llanrws] : b[argraffwyd ac ar werth gan J. Jones,  c[183-?]
300		96 p. ; c16 cm. (12mo)
500		Subtitle on original printed paper wrappers differs from t.p. version: 'Yn dair rhan, yn cynwys amys o gynghorion teuluaidd, ynghyd a hyfforddiadau meddyginaethol ...'
		Imprint on wrappers reads: "Llanrws, argraffwyd gan John Jones, dros W. Jones, Llyfrwerthydd."
500		Publisher's advertisements on lower printed paper wrapper.
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After this first contribution, SUB Gottingen intends to send further updates, bringing in the records dealing with microforms and digital surrogates as well as records of multivolume items, which were catalogued in inter-linked records (for which a different solution has to be adopted in HPB's MARC21 context).

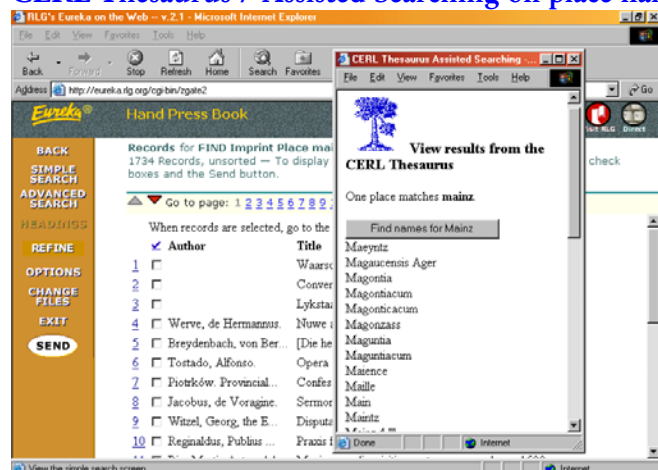
This year CERL has agreed with RLG to submit five files for inclusion in the HPB: 1 March 2002 and 1 June 2002 are the deadlines for the next two file loads. There are a number of files currently under preparation by Tony Curwen, the Data Conversion Group and the file providers:

- records from the Royal Library in Brussels
- 16<sup>th</sup>-century Spanish and Portuguese material in the Biblioteca Nacional in Lisbon
- Fennica catalogue from Helsinki University Library, the National Library of Finland
- the Scandinavian Short-Title Catalogue of the British Library
- an extract from the *Zeitschriften Datenbank* containing records of periodicals from CERL members and other libraries in Germany

The first two files for which the file preparations are completed will be sent to RLG as part of this year's file loading programme.

This year a substantial increase in the number of records on the HPB will be ensured through file updates to files that are already part of the HPB. The National Library of Russia aims to increase its number of records in the HPB by c. 2,000 records; the National and University Library in Zagreb expects to send c. 6,500 records; and the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid has offered c. 14,000 records. The Early Printed Book project in Oxford will contribute all records created after they first contributed records to the HPB (in 2000).

## CERL Thesaurus / Assisted Searching on place names



RLG has now integrated the CERL Thesaurus with the HPB via Eureka on the Web, thus enabling Assisted Searching on place names. Once a search on an Imprint Place via Advanced Search has been executed, the button Variant Place Names appears. When this button is clicked, a search is executed on the CERL Thesaurus (developed by the Data Conversion Group and held in Göttingen), and the resulting

variant forms will then be used as search terms on the HPB, thus significantly increasing the number of hits. A detailed description of this functionality, *Assisted Searching on Place Names in the Hand Press Book database via Eureka on the Web*, was sent to all CERL members.

## RLG implements MARC21 Bibliographic Update

To synchronise with other users and creators of MARC records, RLG will shortly implement the Library of Congress's Update 1 to MARC 21 Bibliographic Format in the RLG Union Catalog. Some of these changes affect cataloguers, reference users and systems personnel, especially those importing and exporting MARC bibliographic records. For a complete list of the changes, see: <http://www.rlg.org/r-focus/i53.html#rlg>

RLG provides bibliographic memory aids for MARC21 fixed fields and variable fields. These have now been updated, and are available as searchable PDF files on the RLG Web site at: <http://www.rlg.org/fixfldmemaid.pdf> and <http://www.rlg.org/varfldmemaid.pdf>

## Organisational news

### Seminar and AGM – Lyon, November 2001

CERL can look back on a very successful Seminar, *Manuscript and Print*, held on 8 November 2001, in the Bibliothèque Municipale in Lyon. The speakers approached various academic and technical issues of relevance to the work of the Manuscripts Working Party. CERL is very grateful to Dr Patrick Bazin, Director of the Bibliothèque municipale, and his colleagues for generously hosting the Seminar

The Annual General Meeting took place on 9 November 2001 in Lyon, hosted by ENSSIB, and warm thanks are due to Mr François Dupuigrenet-Desroussilles and his colleagues. The Treasurer's report on 2000-2001 highlighted the stability of CERL's financial position; and the budget proposals for 2001-2002 underlined CERL's current agreed priorities of development, increased promotion, expansion of membership and close monitoring of administrative costs. Hungarian libraries were warmly welcomed into CERL membership; and the Secretary noted current expressions of interest from the Library of Congress, Central and Latin-American libraries in ABINIA, and the Patrimonio Nacional, Madrid. The 'cluster' arrangement is proving popular; proposals have been received from the Centro di Ateneo per le Biblioteche Universita degli studi di Padova, and the Niedersächsische Staats-und Universitätsbibliothek, Göttingen.

The pre-circulated report of the Manuscripts Working Party, chaired by Dr Lotte Hellinga, which had been set up at the meeting in Padua in November 2000, was discussed extensively. While rejecting the creation of a manuscripts database, the report proposes that CERL should investigate the creation of a facility for cross-file searching of online resources of manuscript material, especially those of interest to scholars and researchers using the HPB database. The AGM unanimously endorsed the report, and a small group, comprising manuscript and technical expertise, led by Dr Hellinga, will investigate further, with a proposed European conference, in association with other relevant organizations, on this important topic.

Other matters discussed at the AGM included future database development; the production of a Strategic Plan to govern CERL's development and position it in the international landscape; and CERL's future working arrangements following the Executive Manager's return to the Netherlands and the possibility of working from there. The AGM noted Dr Hellinga's wish to step down as Company Secretary in the course of 2002, after fulfilling this role since CERL's conception, but warmly welcomed her continuing involvement with CERL's scholarly activities.

## Promotion of CERL

### Workshops

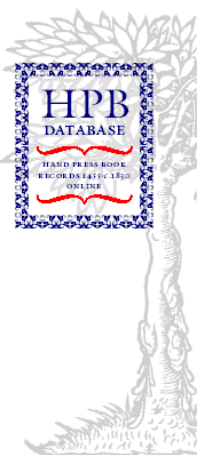
Workshops are a very important element in the promotion of CERL and the HPB. CERL would like to thank all of those who invited CERL to give presentations at the workshops they so successfully organised.

- In September 2001 Dr Werner Schwartz took part in a cataloguing workshop organised by the National Library of Russia. This was followed by a visit to Moscow where he discussed possible CERL membership with representatives from the Russian State Library, (former Lenin Library).

- In October 2001 the Executive Manager took part in a workshop organised by the Biblioteca Nacional in Lisbon, *Jornadas do Livro Antigo em Portugal e Espanha*, which resulted in ABINIA (<http://abinia.ucol.mx/>) expressing an interest in CERL membership.

### Future programme

- On 18 January the Executive Manager will take part in a workshop organised by the Bibliopolis team at the British Library. Bibliopolis, an initiative of the Royal Library in The Hague, is a web based research tool aimed at researchers in the field of book history.
- On 28 January Dr Jan Bos (Royal Library, The Hague) and CERL's Executive Manager will give a presentation at *Petrus Scriverius*, a society of book historians in the Netherlands.
  - On 15 February Dr Claudia Fabian (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München) and the Executive Manager will present a workshop hosted by the Soprintendenza per i beni librari e documentari in Bologna.



Discussions are in progress regarding a workshop to be held in the National Library of Wales, as well as a workshop organised by the Centro di Ateneo in Padua.

### Leaflets

CERL commissioned Mr Justin Howes to design a promotion leaflet for CERL and the HPB. [CERL members can now request this leaflet for distribution through their reading rooms from the Company Secretary.](#) The leaflets can be sent out in printed or electronic format. The text of the leaflet may be translated, if so desired.

### New CERL members

A full and up-to-date list of Members can be found at <http://www.cerl.org/cerl~org.htm>.

#### *Full Members and Clusters*

CERL welcomed a new Full Member, the Dipartimento delle politiche formative e dei beni culturali, Regione Toscana, which has its offices in Florence. The Regione Toscana has proposed a cluster of libraries, as have the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek and the Centro di Ateneo in Padua. These have been approved by the Directors and the libraries now have access to the HPB and ESTC databases.

#### *Special Members*

Two antiquarian booksellers have joined CERL as Special Members: H.P. Kraus in New York and Bernard Quaritch Ltd., London.

#### *Group Members*

The National Szechenyi Library, Budapest, has formed a group with the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest), the Library of Loránd Eötvös University (Budapest), the University and National Library (Debrecen), the Library of the University of Szeged and the Library of Pécs University. CERL warmly welcomes Hungarian research libraries into membership.

### CERL Committee Members

#### *Directors and the Executive Committee (EC)*

At the AGM in November of this year, Dr Livia Borghetti (Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Rome) and Mme Alix Chevallier (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris) were re-elected for a second three-year term. To reflect the extended work of the EC and the increasing membership of CERL the EC was expanded from nine to 11 members. The newly created posts will be filled by Dr Ivan Boserup (Kongelige Bibliotek, Copenhagen) and Ms Monique Hulvey (Bibliothèque municipale, Lyon).