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## OCLC PICA acquires Sisis

OCLC PICA has acquired Sisis Informationssysteme GmbH in Oberhaching (Germany). With this step, OCLC PICA extends its system development resources, product technology and services with those from an excellent player in the same field. Thanks to the joint forces, the new organization will be able to offer the best products and services to its customers, doing so quicker and at controlled costs.

Sisis is a well known and respected provider of library management systems and portal software, active mainly in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Just like OCLC PICA, the Sisis management was looking for ways to enable further investments into product and market development, in order to maintain and further build on its current market share and product quality. The acquisition of Sisis offers a perfect framework for our joint expansion. Apart from making use of our respective

technology, capabilities and skills for offering our customers more and faster product extensions and updates, we both can now also offer better, local service to our customers in the Netherlands and Germany by making use of the local knowledge and service organizations. As yet, the brand names will remain and the existing contacts will stay the same for all the customers.



Wim Koops (former librarian RU Groningen), Sjoerd Koopman (IFLA) and Rein van Charldorp (OCLC PICA) at the OCLC PICA dinner during LIBER.

## Looking back at LIBER

Over two hundred representatives of academic libraries from Europe and elsewhere in the world spent the first week of July in Groningen, the Netherlands. The University of Groningen hosted the 34th edition of the annual conference of the Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER). This year's theme was "Strategic Choices: Current Thinking".

OCLC PICA has already supported LIBER's activities for a couple of years and as one of the main sponsors wanted to do something extra for this convention. Enabling further discussions on the programme's topics and creating an informal atmosphere to meet each other, all participants were invited to a special location on the outskirts of the city, the Coendersborg. The evening became quite a success thanks to the excellent cuisine, the musical entertainment by the students of the Noorder Muziekcentrum and the pleasant ambiance.

## WorldCat Discovery

As a joint programme of OCLC PICA and OCLC, WorldCat Discovery is designed to help libraries become more visible on the web and increase global resource sharing and discovery.

*What it is* - WorldCat Discovery provides a platform to enable existing union catalogues and national bibliographies to collaborate to promote access to library collections to more people – even those who do not typically visit a library and who initially search on the web.

Participating libraries and union catalogues:

- load bibliographic records and holdings into WorldCat Discovery;
- can “open” these records to popular internet search engines including Yahoo!, Google and others;
- can provide unlimited access to WorldCat and a new European union catalogue to their users (name still to be announced).

*How it works* – Records of varying MARC and non-MARC formats and character encodings are loaded to WorldCat via various loading mechanisms including OCLC Batch loading processes and interactive ZING Update. OCLC’s award winning Open WorldCat service surfaces these records on the popular search engine sites, the number of which continues to grow. Web searches that match the title of a library-owned item include a link to the Open WorldCat “Find it in a Library” interface where searchers can enter geographic information that helps them locate the item at a library in their city, region or country. Participation in WorldCat Discovery also opens the opportunity to use new Collection Analysis, FRBR and other developing services.

*What’s the status* - OCLC PICA is loading the LinkUK and Dutch NCC union catalogues as a pilot for WorldCat Discovery. Other union catalogues will follow. These and the existing 45 million European holdings in WorldCat will seed a new European union catalogue that will be available through OCLC FirstSearch and PiCarta. Ongoing update between LinkUK and NCC will be via [ZING update](#).

OCLC and OCLC PICA are jointly pioneering the implementation of this standard that promises a simple to implement, efficient and interactive means of coordinating the maintenance of records shared by independent databases. For more information on WorldCat Discovery contact Janet Lees ([j.lees@oclc-pica.org](mailto:j.lees@oclc-pica.org)) or Janifer Gatenby ([j.gatenby@oclc-pica.org](mailto:j.gatenby@oclc-pica.org)).

## ISBN-13 also in LBS4

It won’t be until January 2007 before the new standard for the ISBN Number becomes effective, but more and more 13-digit ISBNs show up these days. Publishers already have to calculate the 13-digit arrangement in order to print the barcode on a book.

The cataloguing formats supported by OCLC PICA have been adjusted and now also LBS will follow. In LBS3 and LBS4 the title presentations, windows and EDIFACT messages have been adjusted. For LBS3 this is the last update that will be developed. A year before the introduction all OCLC PICA systems will be ready for migration to 13 digits.

## LBS4 implementation update

A growing number of libraries are using LBS4. Because LBS4 functionality exceeds that of LBS3, more and more libraries decide to switch. In the Netherlands and Germany a number of libraries have fully converted to LBS4. In the Netherlands 10 libraries are migrating and 4 have completed the migration. Prerequisite for migration is the conversion to SUN hardware, a step most Dutch libraries have already taken.

On completion of the migration to LBS4, libraries enjoy advantages of LBS4:

- redesigned, easier to use user interface and improved layout
- comprehensive support for self service stations and RFID
- less manual tasks for interlibrary loan
- new customisable and searchable fields in acquisitions and circulation
- find orders using both title and order criteria
- exchange function
- full screen user interface for systems management.

## LBS4 version 2.5.5

LBS4 version 2.5.5 became available on July 8. This version focuses on the experiences of libraries that migrate from LBS3 to LBS4. In version 2.5.5 more than 50 technical improvements were made. In ACQ this means, among others:

- in the general window for deliveries and orders the information shown has been extended and now uses the full screen width;
- there is a filter possibility on the general window for deliveries;
- the programme to import Swets invoices has

been expanded, thanks to which also service charges can now be registered;

- after entry of a multi-line invoice, now the total amount and total cost are shown, which enables easy checking of the entry;
- the robustness of the programme has been improved at a number of points; the prediction function for subscriptions and the reminders deal more easily with input errors.

Also in the OUS module a number of updates have been made, of which the main ones are:

- less often special permission is needed to enter a reservation;
- printing diacritics and the listing of multiple publications on slips has been improved;
- the strict checks based on the loan rules have been loosened a bit;
- the link with self service equipment has been further improved.

In the meantime, OCLC PICA is working hard on the development of version 2.6. This version will include a bind administration and support for ordering via EDI. On top of that 2.6 will be the first version that includes the new reporting module. Development of Dutch lists has already been completed, other languages follow. The libraries of University of Amsterdam and University of Twente are now testing if the results meet the needs.

## OCLC PICA and RFID

More and more libraries are contemplating the introduction of RFID. This new technology in self service stations can recognize a book using a radio signal.

Advantages of using RFID over barcodes are:

- tags can be read much more easily, because the position of the book is irrelevant;
- the tag can be put inside the book, where it won't get damaged;
- the tag can also be used for security, because detection gates can read the tag;
- with the aid of a portable reader an inventory can be taken without removing the books from the shelves.

Consequences to be taken into account are the higher investment costs and the need to put new tags in all books. For use of RFID, the library can keep using its LBS circulation system. In LBS3 there is already support for self service stations, which has been enhanced in LBS4. OCLC PICA has contacts with the major suppliers of RFID equipment in the Netherlands and Germany: 3M, Bibliotheca en NEDAP.

Working with all major suppliers OCLC PICA can guarantee the availability of fitting solutions for all libraries using LBS.



## Visit us at IFLA 2005

For those attending the World Library and Information Congress IFLA 2005 in Oslo, from 14-18 August, we ask your attention for the Industry Update session by

OCLC President and CEO Jay Jordan, on Wednesday 17 August, at 10.45-11.45.

You can [register for this session](#) until August 8. Other interesting sessions from OCLC/OCLC PICA are discussion on international collaboration for virtual reference services (Tuesday 16 August, 8.30 - 11.00 hrs), Glenn Patton on "Division of Bibliographic Control Bibliographic Control: current issues and initiatives. FRANAR and FR SAR update." (Wednesday 17 August 2005, 08.30-10.30) and Glenn Patton on "Classification and Indexing with Cataloguing and subject tools for global access: international partnerships. FRAR: Extending FRBR Concepts to Authority Data." (Wednesday 17 August 2005, 13.45-15.45).

The OCLC PICA and OCLC stand no. at the exhibition is 301 where you can learn more on eContent and eAudiobooks, Open WorldCat, WorldCat Collection Analysis, CONTENTdm, CBS, Strata Preservation and Virtual Reference.

## LinkUK service now runs in Leiden

The LinkUK Inter Library Loan service, with 78 members across the UK, has migrated platforms and is now run exclusively by OCLC PICA in its IT Centre in Leiden. This transfer allows the integration of LinkUK with other OCLC PICA resource sharing services and the continued development of complimentary systems, from which all members will greatly benefit. In addition to that, LinkUK now runs on an up-to-date and stable platform which OCLC PICA maintains at the highest quality level, ensuring future reliability of the service. OCLC PICA has over 20 years of experience running co-operative services on its servers.

## WorldCat Reporting

Cataloguing File Statistics is now available through Product Services Web. The report will be updated quarterly (January, April, July, September) early in the quarter. Each quarterly report will be retained for 360 days after it was last accessed. To see the report, select "Records and Reports", and

then select "OCLC Cataloguing File Statistics". OCLC will discontinue distribution of the paper copy effective immediately. We will continue to summarize [WorldCat statistics](#) quarterly.

### Strata Preservation

Last May, OCLC PICA announced it has acquired a 60 % majority share in Strata Preservation in The Hague. This step marks OCLC PICA's determination to become a key player in the micro filming and digitization field. Strata Preservation specializes in high-end preservation services, for fragile and unique materials that cultural heritage institutions want to preserve and make more easily accessible to the public. Some of the projects it has been involved in are:

- Metamorfoze project: the preservation of manuscripts, books, newspapers and periodicals of Dutch origin, from the 1840-1950 period; an example is the preservation of precious documents of the Anne Frank collection.
- Digitization of the Gaudier-Brzeska Collection for the Albert Sloman Library at the University of Essex, United Kingdom.
- The Memory of the Netherlands – joint initiative of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, with cultural heritage institutions such as museums, archives and libraries, with the objective to prepare a large amount of digital content within a short period of time and to make it suitable for classroom use. Many top pieces of the National Archives collection have been scanned.

### 5,000 eBooks for NHS Scotland

OCLC PICA has won the tender to provide electronic content to the NHS Scotland e-Library. NHS Scotland is now licensed to use 5,000 health related titles from OCLC's NetLibrary eBook service, making this collection one of the largest medical eBook collections in Europe. NHS Scotland Knowledge Services aim to deliver health information at point of need to the extended healthcare family in Scotland. After an earlier evaluation of the service through a pilot programme, NHS Scotland chose NetLibrary to start building a broader range of health and medical eBooks to meet the needs of the NHS Scotland user community.

"During the pilot we became quite pleased with the user model that NetLibrary offers us", said Dr Ann Wales, NHS Scotland Knowledge Services Coordinator. "This, plus the comprehensive range of high quality titles available and the user friendly

administrative system made it clear to us that a favourable decision for OCLC's NetLibrary would enable us to quickly set up an extensive collection of eBooks to include in our national e-Library."



### QuestionPoint in the UK

The UK government-funded People's Network has launched Enquire, a new virtual reference service that delivers live assistance to information seekers via the Web. The Enquire service is built on the QuestionPoint platform, the online reference desk developed by OCLC and the Library of Congress, linking up with QuestionPoint's 24/7 co-operative to create a Web-based network of librarians in England, Canada and the United States to answer questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### 61 millionth WorldCat record

The 61 millionth WorldCat record was added Saturday 23 July, 2005, by DED – the National Library of Education in Copenhagen, Denmark. Title: *Education as a social factor*; author: M. L. Jacks. The 60 millionth record was entered during a batch upload from LinkUK, on May 12th.

### Connexion client 1.40 now available

Connexion client 1.40 includes a spell check, offline validation, additional non-English interfaces, Hebrew, Greek, and Cyrillic script cataloguing, access to the Chinese Name Authority File, and more!

OCLC will discontinue client 1.30 on December 1, 2005. As of this date, you cannot log on with client 1.30. OCLC expects to release client 1.50 in November 2005, so client 1.30 users can wait for 1.50 instead of upgrading to 1.40; however, OCLC recommends that you upgrade to 1.40 to have the latest software changes.

All details of client 1.40 are available [online](#).

### Agenda

- [IFLA](#) in Oslo (N), August 14-18
- [ODOK '05](#) in Bolzano (I), September 13-16
- [9th GBV Union Conference](#) in Hamburg (D), September 14-15
- [VVBAD Informatie 2005](#) in Brussels (B), September 22-23