

## News

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### **New umbrella association for libraries and information services in Germany**

The last German Library Conference in Leipzig (March 2004) saw the birth of a new umbrella association for Libraries and Information Services in Germany, called BID. BID stands for Bibliothek Information Deutschland (Library Information Germany). BID – [www.bideutschland.de](http://www.bideutschland.de) – is supposed to become the meeting platform for intermediaries (libraries, information services, brokers), providers, aggregators and (end) users of information. Further information can be given by the DGI (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Informationswissenschaft and Informationspraxis/German Association for Information Science and Information Management) – [www.dgi-info.de](http://www.dgi-info.de) – and the BDB (Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Bibliotheks- und Informationsverbaende/National Association of German Library and Information Associations), who both took the initiative to found BID. BID would also act as the major contact point for foreign interests in German library and information activities and networking.

### **UKSG**

The UKSG (United Kingdom Serials Group, [www.uksg.org](http://www.uksg.org)) membership currently stands at 540, of which 364 are UK members and 176 are overseas members. Foreign countries with 10 or more members are Denmark (14), Ireland (14), Netherlands (19), Sweden (17), Switzerland (10) and the USA (32). The breakdown of the membership by category and activities shows a large variety and emphasizes the importance of the UKSG as international serials and journals meeting platform:

agents and booksellers	14	medical	19
electronic aggegators and facilitators	15	national	24
individuals and consultants	22	public	2
libraries, o.w.		national data centres (!?)	6
academic	238	printers and binders	4
commercial/manufacturing	31	professional associations	19
commercial/services	18	publishers	72
government	48	system suppliers	8