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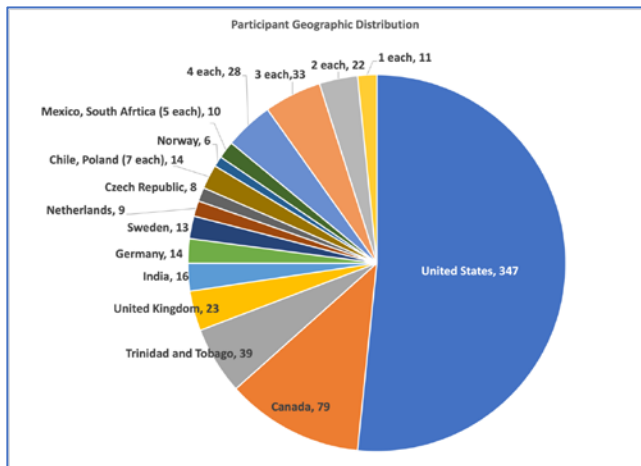
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Attendees came from at least 54 countries in 6 of the continents:



Countries with less than 5 attendees per country:

Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Lebanon, Philippines, United Arab Emirates (4 each)	28
Brazil, China, Denmark, Macau SAR, Nigeria, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Venezuela (3 each)	33
Albania, Bangladesh, Colombia, Egypt, Estonia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Romania, Singapore (2 each)	22
Argentina, Australia, Finland, Hungary, Israel, Maldives, Qatar, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tunisia (1 each)	11

Note: these charts are based on Zoom statistics (where the country could be identified from the email address) and does not capture the statistics about YouTube attendees.

The webinar was a different way for us to do the metadata reports. Combining the reports with a panel discussion was a successful format. The level of interest and attendance was far beyond what we have ever seen within the regular in-person conference format. This webinar allowed us to engage with an extensive audience from around the world. In addition to raising awareness of IFLA work and IFLA standards, perhaps it may also prompt more concrete involvement with IFLA, whether in conference attendance or volunteering to serve on IFLA committees and groups. An open webinar between the conferences is definitely an idea worth exploring again.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL IN THE DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM, 8-12 FEBRUARY 2021

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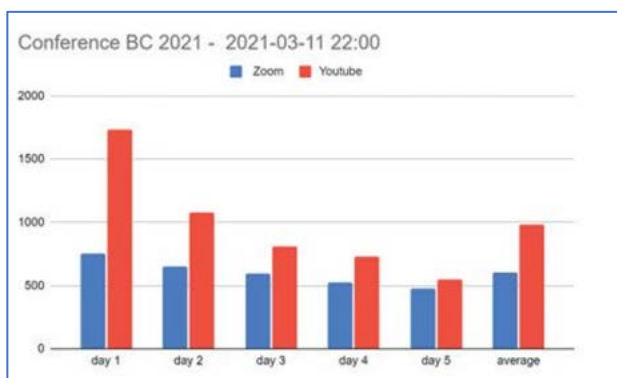
Organised by the Università degli Studi di Firenze, with the Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (AIB) and the European University Institute, the conference chair was Mauro Guerrini, member of the Bibliography Section Standing Committee. The organising team assembled an extensive list of promoters and partners from Italy and beyond, including the IFLA Bibliography Section (see [BC2021.unifi.it](https://bc2021.unifi.it)).

Given the premise that bibliographic control is radically changing because the bibliographic universe is radically changing – in its resources, actors, technologies, standards, and practices – the Conference's aim was to explore the new boundaries of Universal Bibliographic Control. In doing this the organisers assembled speakers representing every aspect of the publication chain, including publisher viewpoints as well as libraries. Standards were well represented, and national bibliographies, authority files, linked data and semantic web. Presentations also covered areas not usually considered when discussing bibliographic control but very important to university libraries, such as institutional repositories, preprint archive servers, and research data management.

There were 35 presentations by 42 authors from 9 countries over the 5 days of the conference. Most of the presentations were in English, with some in Italian. The recordings are linked from the [conference program](#)

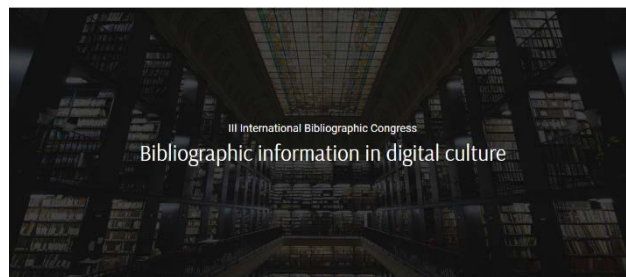
The proceedings will be published in English in JLIS.it in January 2022.

The online format allowed a wide audience to attend. To facilitate international participation even more, the sessions were held in half-days, afternoons in Europe, mornings in North/South America. In addition to Zoom, the sessions were also livestreamed on YouTube, where they were recorded. On average there were 600 participants through Zoom and 980 on YouTube for each day of the conference.



In bringing together a wide range of perspectives, the conference provided a fruitful comparison between the most advanced international experiences and the best Italian experiences. The hope is that young librarians will be able to participate more and more in the international debate and contribute to making Italian libraries protagonists of the global scene, using the same methodologies and the same standards used internationally.

THE III INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONGRESS



By **Natalia Lelikova**, National Library of Russia, St.-Petersburg

The [III International Bibliographic Congress](#) was held on 2021 April 27-30 online. The main organizer of the Congress was the State Public Scientific and Technical Library of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, which provided remote hosting of all Congress events and simultaneous translation of reports from Russian into English and from English into Russian in most of the Congress events.

The co-organizers of the Congress were the National Library of Russia, which had previously held the I International Bibliographic Congress in 2010, and the Russian State Library, which had held the II International Bibliographic Congress in 2015.

The program of the III International Bibliographic Congress included: plenary session, sessions of nine sections, four panel discussions, and the final session, at which the results of the Congress were summed up.

All materials of the Congress are available on YouTube.

The pre-congress meeting was held on 2021 April 26. The foresight session "Bibliographer's Competences: Continuity of Development and Breakpoints" was organized and conducted by the staff of the State Public Library for Science and Technology. This meeting aroused great interest in the participants.

The plenary session was attended by authoritative experts in the field of creating bibliographic