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EDUG 340 Law Working Group Report

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WG sent out several proposals to the EDUG community in August, containing preliminary results from the discussion at the April WG meeting in Vienna.

These proposals cover

- 2009_1 Better organization and expansions for the law of the European Union
- 2009_2 Treatment of theory of sources of law
- 2009_3 Expansions for juristic acts (civil law)
- 2009_4 Special developments for criminal courts
- 2009_5 Treatment of criminal procedure
- 2009_6 Treatment of law as a profession

Proposals will be reviewed by EDUG members until September 15.
After compiling all comments they will be sent out to the editors resp. to EPC.

Papers were discussed during IFLA resp. the pre-conference in Florence.
A WG meeting took place on August 20 in Florence, at the Biblioteca Innocenti Library.

Julianne Beall (Library of Congress, DDC Liaison), Yvonne Jahns (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek), Federica Paradisi (Biblioteca nazionale centrale di Firenze), Magdalena Svanberg and Ingrid Berg (both National Library of Sweden) were present.

A short review was done to all proposals. Swedish colleagues agreed on all major issues and are optimistic that the expansions will fit for Swedish law or law publications at Swedish libraries. Juli gave advice for some revision.

2009_1 European Union Law

There is a consensus in EDUG community to keep different legal aspects of the EU together in 341. The proposal is fine, but doesn't answer all editor's questions and fits not 100% to LC's discussion paper "Provisions in 340 Law for European Union", which Juli explained.

To do

- Proposal should make clear which references from 342 to 341 are necessary.
- Explanation is needed why court number 341.24220269 doesn't clash with 347.24. Which titles are there (347) regarding EU civil procedure harmonization (WorldCat examples)?
- Rethinking classing four freedoms under 341.2422 or better in 343.07.
- Rethinking an extra number for European Parliament.

- Mixing Juli's proposal for expanding 341.2422 (on the model of United Nations) and EDUG's proposal. Looking especially at the need for court subdivisions and organizational subdivisions.

2009_2 Theory of sources of law

To do:

Ensure that the proposed expansion is parallel to T1 (in meaning and name).

2009_3 Juristic acts

To do:

Add the whole 346.02... DDC text in the paper.

2009_4 Criminal courts

To do:

Rethinking the proposed subdivisions for general considerations of criminal courts, administrations and so on (following the pattern at 347) as general subdivisions for all kind of courts (in all branches of law).

2009_5 Criminal procedure

To do:

Detailed explanation of topics raised in the paper esp. "discretion to prosecute", giving examples of titles.

2009_6 Legal professionals

To do:

Thinking about 346.0023 for notaries (civil law).