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The Global References Index to Biodiversity (GRIB) prototype¹ by the Head office of the Common Library Network GBV (VZG) is the joint literature index of EDIT's Virtual Taxonomic Library (ViTaL) and the Biodiversity Heritage Library for Europe (BHL-Europe). The GRIB has now been greatly enhanced by adding the bibliographic records from the Biodiversity Heritage Library² (BHL), including hyperlinks to the digitised items.

BHL provided its bibliographic data via their API in Dublin Core (DC). The data has been harvested by *Angewandte Informationstechnik Forschungsgesellschaft mbH (AIT)* – the BHL-Europe partner responsible for building the portal³ – on 15th of May 2010. Metadata including hyperlinks from NNM⁴ had than been added and all data had been transformed to the Europeana-Schema *Europeana Semantic Elements* (ESE) and provided to Europeana⁵ in June.

For Example (See Fig. 1) "Robertson, J. Lynne & Eyles, Don E.: A guide and key to the aquatic plants of the southeastern United States. (PPN = 001693719)". The first set of this metadata in the GRIB was provided by NHM and it was deduplicated and merged with a set of metadata including hyperlinks to digital item and hyperlink to BHL metadata, both provided by the MBLWHOI⁶ Library.

The same data has been harvested from AIT by VZG at July 30th 2010. It has than been deduplicated with and merged to the existing data within the GRIB prototype at http://grib.gbv.de/ by August 10th. Altogether 85.115 title records have been imported, 4.832 of those have been identified as duplicates (3.196 are duplicates with titles from the NHM⁷; 1.316 from NNM; 320 from FUB BGBM⁸).

Altogether the GRIB now holds 325.805⁹ Titles and Articles, In comparison to the last update (156.370 objects) it shows an increase of 169.435 objects, which is more than a doubling of the data amount.

Some difficulties occurred while deduplicating and merging of the provided BHL data. This is due to the loss of original MARC¹⁰ data when transformed to DC for harvesting. The original MARC data shown in the BHL portal is much more accurate. This problem has also been identified by BHL-Europe and Europeana, and the import of the original BHL MARC data will be considered and discussed as a possible solution.

⁸ Freie Universitaet Berlin - Botanical Garden and Botanical Museum

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¹ GRIB prototype Homepage http://grib.gbv.de/

² BHL Homepage: http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/

³ Prototype accessible at: http://prototype.bhl-europe.eu/

⁴ Netherlands Centre for Biodiversity Naturalis (NCB Naturalis, Formerly: Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum Naturalis / Stichting Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum Naturalis)

⁵ BHL content in Europeane http://europeana.eu/portal/brief-doc.html?query=europeana collectionName:087*

⁶ Marine Biological Laboratory and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

⁷ Natural History Museum, London

⁹ Search for all bibliographic data sets after BHL content import (ppn = 0?) results in 325.805 hits.

¹⁰ Machine-Readable Cataloging

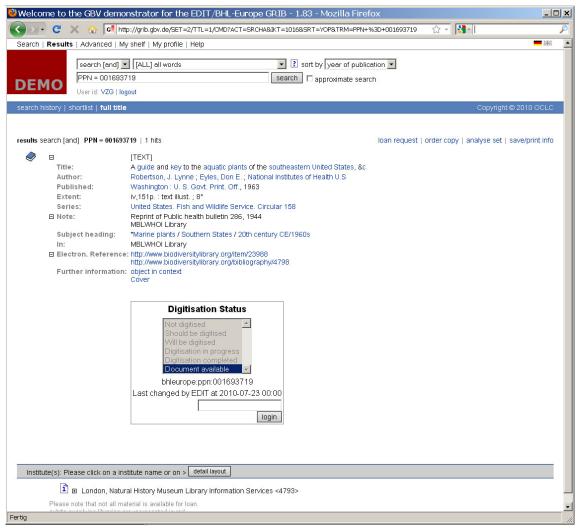


Fig. 1 Example set PPN = 001693719