

## Preface

This book is based on a work which was published in German in 1975 under the following title: Goedan, Juergen Christoph. *Die internationalen allgemeinjuristischen Fachbibliographien*. Aktuelle Bücher, Zeitschriften- und Zeitschrifteninhaltsverzeichnisse. Ein kritischer Bericht. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann, 1975. VI, 131 p. (Zeitschrift für Bibliothekswesen und Bibliographie. Sonderheft 20.)<sup>1</sup> Some reviewers of the original have asked the author to publish an English translation.<sup>2</sup> This has not been possible, however, without shortening the text in some cases and expanding it in others.

The original German work included evaluations of fifteen bibliographies, five of which have been omitted here because they are of minor interest today.<sup>3</sup> However, seven new bibliographies which have appeared on the market since 1975 have been added: the *National Legal*

<sup>1</sup> Reviewed, among others, by:

Bueno-Guzmán, Carlos. 60 *Revista de derecho privado* 860-862 (1976). [In Spanish.]  
Hoffmann, B. 22 *Zeitschrift für Bibliothekswesen und Bibliographie* 476-479 (1975). [In German.]

Jesinghaus, Ursula. *Osteuropa-Recht*. 75-76 (1976). [In German.]

Kavass, Igor I. 4 *International Journal of Law Libraries* 162-164 (1976). [In English.]

Nagy, Lajos. 19 *Acta Juridica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* 467-468 (1977). [In English.]

\_\_\_\_\_. "Néhány gondolat a nemzetközi jellegű általános jogi bibliográfiáról." 20 *Allam-és jogtudomány* 275-277 (1977). [In Hungarian.]

Samtleben, Antje. 41 *Rebels Zeitschrift für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht* 220-221 (1977). [In German.]

Schwerin, Kurt. 72 *Northwestern University Law Review* 438-442 (1977). [In English.]

Steiner, W.A. 8 *The Law Librarian* 14 (1977). [In English.]

Süle-Prenzel, Gisela. 28 *Verband der Bibliotheken des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen. Mitteilungsblatt* 290-291 (1975). [In German.]

Weber, Heinz Peter. 6 *Mitteilungen der Arbeitsgemeinschaft für juristisches Bibliotheks- und Dokumentationswesen* 48-52 (1976). (In German.)

<sup>2</sup> Bueno-Guzmán, *supra* note 1, at 862; Kavass, *supra* note 1, at 164; Schwerin, *supra* note 1, at 442.

<sup>3</sup> The three legal bibliographies from the German Democratic Republic:

no. 3. *Bibliographie Staat und Recht*. 1972-;

no. 4. *Bibliographie Ausländisches Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht, Rechtsvergleichung*. 1972-;

no. 5. *Bibliographie Völkerrecht und internationale Beziehungen*. 1972-;

(these bibliographies are described at p. 32-40);

no. 6. Howell, Margaret A. *A Bibliography of Bibliographies of Legal Material*, 1969-72. (Described at p. 40-44), and

no. 14. Besterman, Theodore. *Law & International Law*. 1971. (Described at p. 110-115.)

Because of their poor content, these five bibliographies are not mentioned a second time.

*Bibliography* (No. 3), the *Bibliographic Guide to Law* (No. 4), the *Current Law Index* (No. 9), the *Verzeichnis rechtswissenschaftlicher Zeitschriften und Serien/Union List of Legal Serials* (No. 11), Meloncelli (No. 15), Itadera (No. 16), and Lansky (No. 17). In addition to these newcomers, the author has followed the request of some reviewers of the German version to include the *Karlsruher Juristische Bibliographie*.<sup>4</sup> It is discussed under No. 6. Because two-thirds of the content is new material, this is essentially a new book, rather than a revised and enlarged second edition of the German version of 1975.

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<sup>4</sup>Bueno-Guzmán, *supra* note 1, at 861-862; Hoffmann, *supra* note 1, at 477; Schwerin, *supra* note 1, at 440; *cf.* Kavass, *supra* note 1, at 162; Süle-Prenzel, *supra* note 1, at 290.