**Cataloguing Section
ISBD Review Group**

Report of Activities, 2009/2010

The ISBD Review Group has currently three study groups: ISBD Examples Study Group, ISBD-XML Study Group and Material Designations Study Group.

The following report is arranged by issues:

1. Financial:

The ISBD updating project had allotted 2000€ for 2009, that has been invested to aid the attendance at an extra meeting of the ISBD RG for such a project. Three members benefited from it in buying airplane tickets resulting in 1691€ of total expenditures before the end of the year.

2. ISBD Review Group composition: In line with the goal 3.3 of the Strategic Plan of the Cataloguing Section 2009-2011 of providing leadership in encouraging harmonization of existing cataloguing rules with the ISBD through communication with rule-making bodies internationally by forming liaison relationships between each rule-making body and the ISBD Review Group, during this year:

> Liaisons/representatives from *Katalogiseringsregler för svenska bibliotek, Katalogiseringsregler og bibliografisk standard for danske biblioteker, Cataloging Committee of the Japan Library Association, Dutch FOBID Committee on Cataloguing; International Association of Music Libraries, Archives, and Documentation Centres (IAML), Pravilnik i priručnik za izradbu abecednih kataloga* have been apointed, increasing the number of consulting members of the ISBD Review Group (see http://www.ifla.org/en/node/793 for the compete list)

The chair of the ISBD Review Group attended the presentation of the REICAT cataloguing code in Rome, February 18, 2010 providing a presentation on the News of ISBD. The presentation also had been scheduled for V Encuentro Internacional de Catalogadores, 27-29 of October 2009 in Santo Domingo, but because of the impossibility of assistance of the ISBD Review Group chair due to illness, the presentation was read by Catalina Zavala from National Library of Peru.

3. ISBD updating project: The International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD), preliminary consolidated edition, was published by K.G. Saur in August 2007. Strategic Plan goal 3.2 is "Continue the work on the first revision to the consolidated ISBD for publication in 2010" During these past years, the ISBD Review Group has worked on preparing the first revision of the Consolidated ISBD. During the IFLA General conference it was considered necessary to have an extra meeting with the objective of getting agreement on the rest of issues that it was not possible to

address before and prepare the text for the first edition of the Consolidated ISBD. The meetings were organized and held from 4-6 February 2010, kindly supported and hosted by Die Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, which provided also accommodation for some members of the Group, and refreshments during the meetings. The Group is thankful to the library and to Renate Gömpel who made it possible. For a more detailed report on the results and agreements reached at the meeting see the attached document.

As a result, a draft text for the Consolidated ISBD went out for the worldwide review process on 10 May 2010, for a period of one month, extended to receive the last comment on July 20.

Twenty responses were received, and comments have been organized by subject and rules in the working space for the Group to start revision.

During this period of time a member of the Review Group, Dorothy McGarry, kindly has kept the group aware of comments related to the ISBD in different mailing lists.

It is necessary to highlight the work done by John Hostage for the ISBD revision. He has done a great deal of editorial work, as well as doing hard work in constant management of the wiki space.

4. The Cataloguing Section's strategic plan goal 3.1 is to publish a standard for describing content forms and media types as Area 0 of the ISBD in 2010. This was accomplished in December 2009. Translations into 3 languages (Chinese, Russian and Spanish) have been made and published on the IFLA Web Site after that date. At the 2009 General Conference meeting, it was decided not to disband the Material Designations Study Group chaired by Lynne Howarth, until the updating of the ISBD was completed including the Area 0. From August 2009 to the publication of the Preliminary Edition of Area 0 in December 2009, some minor revisions to the text were made, and, with the assistance of the Examples Study Group, chaired by Dorothy McGarry, as set of examples added to illustrate the application.

5. ISBD Examples publication: At the Milan meeting the Review Group agreed not to wait until the examples were updated with the Area 0 and to publish the examples text with the GMD as a preliminary edition, with an explanation that the examples support the full preliminary Consolidated ed. and will be changed in the 1st edition. The examples were published in October 2009. Following that, the Study Group has been involved in revising the English examples to include Area 0 as a substitute for the GMD and that will be published jointly as an appendix with the Area 0 shown. This version was published on the IFLA Web Site the first of December of 2009. Work on updating the rest of examples is on course. For more detail see the attached report of the chair of the study group, Dorothy McGarry.

6. The development of an ISBD-XML schema was redirected after the 2009 Review Group meeting agreement at the General Conference in Milan. The project currently is for an ISBD RDF/XML Schema, which main objectives are: (1) to build a consensus on the *raison d'être* of moving the ISBD into the web environment, and define possible uses of such a product, (2) to develop an ISBD/XML schema, (3) to ensure the interoperability of the product with similar ones such as MARC/DCXML schemas, at least at the conceptual level, within the current semantic web technologies and services, (4) to liaise with relevant constituencies in the field, and (5) to propose further development of software tools and services.

The study group has been working in this direction. The project has been assigned 3600€of budget for 2010. There has been contact with the W3C Library Linked Data Incubator Group. A face to face

meeting from 25-27 November of 2009 was held among the chair of the study group with consulting liaisons. A preliminary RDF registration of ISBD elements in the NSDL Registry (recently renamed the Open Metadata Registry) was finished. Work and a document analysing interoperability between ISBD Area 0 and the RDA/ONIX Framework has been elaborated and sent to the Review Group with recommendations for its consideration. For more detail of recommendations and documents see the attached report of the chair Mirna Willer.

7. Cataloguing Section Strategic Plan goal 3.5 is encourage translations of the consolidated ISBD. Italian and Serbian translations have been published on the IFLA web site, joining the already existing Chinese, French and Spanish translations. Translations into Albanian, Arabic, Finnish (nearly finished) and Portuguese are on course. Arrangements for translating into Polish have been made

There has been contact with ISSN looking for more consistency in translation of the ISSN Manual into Spanish. Maybe suggestions on terminology could arise from such contacts, which would benefit the uniformity of use.

As Chair, I would like to thank the members of the Review Group for their interest and constant work and for their many contributions to the discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

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