IFLA Cataloguing Section
ISBD Review Group

Summary of Meetings held in Milan, Italy

Monday 24 August - 11.45-13.15
Tuesday 25 August - 08.00-09.30
Thursday 27 August - 16.30-19.00 (Extra meeting in Catholic University, Largo Gemelli 1, Sala Brasca)
ISBD/XML Study Group, Tuesday, 25 August

Members present: Françoise Bourdon, Elena Escolano Rodríguez (chair), Renate Gömpel, Ben Gu, John Hostage, Lynne Howarth, Jaesun Lee, Dorothy McGarry, Eeva Murtomaa, Glenn Patton, Mirna Willer, Agnès Manneheut (corresponding member).

Apologies: Mauro Guerrini, Marg Stewart (JSC liaison), Renate Gömpel (for the first and last meeting), Françoise Bourdon for the second meeting (represented by Françoise Leresche)
All members except one

Observers: Marjatta Autio-Tuuli, Ana Barbarić, Anders Cato, Gordon Dunsire, Bodil Gustavsson, Tuula Haapamäki, Natalia Kasparova, Irena Kavčič, Françoise Leresche, Cristina Magliano, Patrizia Martini, Sandra Roe, Pat Riva, Alain Roucolle, Daniel van Spanje, Barbara Tillett, Maria Enrica Vadalà.

The Review Group met three times, one hour and a half the first two meetings and two hours and a half the last day's extra meeting. It was not possible to treat all the agenda topics. The conclusions of the issues addressed are as follows in the order they were dealt with:

1.   The Review Group discussed many reasons for maintaining the journal *International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control* and suggestions to be presented in the brainstorm meeting on the issue this same day. It was considered fundamental to get clarity of nature of problem – financial? content? It was considered to be helpful to know the actual problem in order to derive solutions. Some suggestions were:
    a. Financial:
        i.   Alternative mode of publishing (e.g., online)
        ii. Advertise beyond IFLA community to also engage other communities, e.g., archives and information technology communities

        iii. Look for sponsors, advertisers.

  b. Content - suggestions:
         i. Editorial board or review committee- to invite/solicit papers and to suggest reviewers (peer reviewers)
        ii. Some thematic issues
      iii. Links between publications
      iv. Put emphasis on standards
       v. Cooperate with other committees
      vi. Ask for articles from Review Group members
     vii. Papers not selected for the Sections' open programs because of the restricted time

It was considered the publication is very important to promote standards, and from the point of view of teaching its disappearance would represent a big loss.

2.   The terms of the RG members were approved

Term ends 2009/No renewal:
        Bill Garrison (did not finish his term)
        Eeva Murtomaa
        Mirna Willer
Term ends 2011/no renewal:
        Elena Escolano Rodríguez
        Mauro Guerrini
        Lynne C. Howarth
Term ends 2009/possibility of renewal:
        Françoise Bourdon (doesn't want to renew her term)
        Renate Goempel
        Dorothy McGarry
        Glenn Patton
Term ends 2011/possibility of renewal:
        Ben Gu
        John Hostage
        Jaesun Lee

As a result there were 3 vacancies of full term with the possibility of renewal of another full term, 2009-2017, and one vacancy of full term with no renewal possibility, 2009-2013.
There were 5 nominations:
Anders Cato
Tuula Haapamäki
Natalia Kasparova
Irena Kavčič
Françoise Leresche
In the second Cataloguing Section Standing Committee meeting, Anders Cato withdrew his name, and the rest of the nominees were approved as members of the Review Group with the same rights of full term with the possibility of renewal of another full term,

following the same procedure as FRBR Review Group by which each new member will be assigned this term.

In addition to the national codes that the ISBD Review Group official members represent, invitations were sent to representatives of rule making bodies that are not already represented in March 2009. Up until now there have been 6 affirmative responses and hopefully 7: Katalogiseringsregler för svenska bibliotek (Sweden), Nippon Cataloguing Rules, Regole italiane di catalogazione (REICAT), Russian Cataloguing Rules, Pravilnik i prirucnik za izradu abecednih kataloga (PPIAK- Slovenia), Kompiuterinu bibliografiniu ir autoritetiniu irasu sudarymo metodika (KBARSM- Lithuania), Katalogiseringsregler og bibliografisk standard for danske biblioteker (Denmark) up to this moment, and we expect answer from Regels voor de titelbeschrijving (Netherlands). As result only three codes in the world still remain without representation in the ISBD RG. More contacts will be made.

3.　　Finances: 2,000 euros; It will be used to finance the extraordinary meeting for the first edition of the ISBD.

4.　　Dorothy McGarry kindly directed the rest of the first meeting in the absence of the chair. IFLA Standards role was presented by Gordon Dunsire (see attached paper) and he also explained the VMF (Vocabulary Mapping Framework Project) that will create an overall ontology based on multiple standards.
There was general agreement on the restatement of purpose of universal bibliographic control and a mechanism for ensuring the standards role of IFLA.
The entire group supported Gordon Dunsire's proposal of being involved in the VMF and his recommendation on a site where standards can be together in the IFLA web site for library community and to create a task force bringing together representatives of the Cataloguing Section, Classification and Indexing Section, Bibliography Section, Knowledge Management Section, Information Technology Section, FRBR Review Group, ISBD Review Group and UNIMARC Committee with the idea that some structure can be created to support the standards and interrelationships.

5.　　ISBD-XML Study Group:
　a)　The change of membership: Françoise Bourdon asked to be replaced by Françoise Leresche (BnF): Accepted
　b)　Gordon Dunsire to act as consultant to the group: Accepted
　c)　Re-direction of the project goal: the SG had been charged with defining XML Schema for ISBD; however, it proposed the bypassing of the general XML mark-up, and going directly to RDF/XML environment based on G. Dunsire's recommendation that such a re-direction would situate ISBD within Semantic Web framework. That issue is closely linked to G. Dunsire's discussion paper on IFLA namespaces. The result of the project would be an ISBD RDF/XML Schema: Accepted
　d)　Liaison with VMF: Vocabulary Mapping Framework Project <http://cdlr.strath.ac.uk/VMF/> in order to add ISBD to standards and tools of VMF: Accepted

6. After report from Jaesun Lee, chair of the Examples Publication Study Group
   a. J. Lee's recommendation was accepted: Publish in September with GMD as preliminary edition with explanation that examples support the full preliminary consolidated ed., and will be changed in the 1st edition.
   b. J. Lee wishes not to continue as chair with the second step work of updating the examples to area 0. Decision was made that Dorothy McGarry would chair Study Group in collaboration with Material Designation Study Group to prepare next edition of examples (for publication as 1st edition) that will update them to include Area 0;
   c. As a first step, the Study Group will work on 10-15 examples to work out the methodology of Area 0, and to publish those 10-15 examples with Area 0 in 2009.
   d. New members were incorporated to the Study Group:
      Dorothy McGarry, chair
      John Hostage
      Jaesun Lee
      Elena Escolano
      Mirna Willer
   e. It was decided the procedure of work on full examples to show the area 0 instead of the GMD:
      ➢ Inform all the contributors to the Full Examples Publication on the decision of align the examples to area 0.
      ➢ Send to the contributors the examples already selected;
      ➢ Ask the members in languages and script not known by SG to describe in English the content and the area 5 of the examples for group's members' understanding;
      ➢ The SG will propose in English an area 0 for the examples.
      ➢ Review Group agreement.
      ➢ Send the results to the contributors for its translation into its languages and scripts
      ➢ Reception of the translations in other languages and scripts and include in the Publication

7. Report from MDSG and Area 0. Decisions:
   MDSG will not be disbanded and will continue. It was mandated:
   (1) to work with Examples Group to update examples to include Area 0;
   (2) continue work on Area 5;
   (3) to liaise with JSC/RDA, RDA/Onix, Vocabulary Mapping Framework project (Dunsire), ISBD-XML Study Group, and
   (4) Area 0 to be published as Preliminary edition (on the Web) in 2009. Lynne Howarth will write the Introduction.

8. Guidelines for editing the ISBD, elaborated by John Hostage was approved.

9. It was accepted to give access to the wiki to the consulting liaisons, although voting right will only be for official members of the Review Group

10. List of issues needing long time discussion:
    a. Major changes in serial titles in CJK languages: It was discussed and approved for the ISBD RG that a sentence will be incorporated in 0.2.4.1.1. John Hostage will provide a wording, avoiding mention of counting "words". After approval by Jaesun Lee and Ben Gu it will be sent to Alain Roucolle to provide background before the ISSN Directors' Meeting held during September 14-18 in Beijing.
    b. Prescribed sources:
    It is approved to try major harmonization between prescribed sources.
        Joelle Bellec, Françoise Leresche and Elena Escolano will work on it based on the table prepared by J. Bellec and modified by Escolano. IAML will be consulted. Result will be sent to the entire Review Group.
    c. Punctuation:
        It was decided to allow retain punctuation that is included in the title proper although is the same as prescribed punctuation. Reason is that the prescribed punctuation is identified by the spaces that precede and follow it.
        Regarding the prescribed punctuation in different scripts, it was decided to include the specific explanation in 0.3.2: "different scripts can use equivalent punctuation". (John Hostage will revise the wording)
    d. Repeatability area 5: It was decided that areas can be repeatable. Area 5 will be repeatable.

11. Alignment ISBD-FRBR: It was decided alignment of the mandatory elements to the FRBR core elements based on the table of comparison FRBR-ISBD that is in the wiki.
12. Typography vs. sequence: It was decided typography will continue being the first criterion of selection.
13. ISBD-ISO: It was decided not to pursue making the ISBD an ISO standard. Reason is that it would be an IFLA decision which exceeds the ISBD Review Group authority. In addition the Review Group sees more inconveniencies than advantages: IFLA would lose control on the standard; it would not be available free; updating would be more complicated and expensive. The group recognizes that this could be solved at national level on the national standards.
14. List of revisions to the draft of Consolidated ISBD, 20090803 in the wiki: It was not possible to revise the list. It will be addressed in the face to face meeting.
15. Other business:
    It was decided a face to face meeting will be necessary. Renate Gömpel will explore the possibility of Deutsche Nationalbibliotek's offer of hosting the meeting and availability of lodging for members in Frankfurt in January or February, avoiding January 10 to 20 and February 23-26.

ISBD/XML Study Group meeting on Tuesday 25th August (see separate report)

<u>Decisions and actions:</u>

(1) Support the motion to form task force/alliance working group across Sections in Division III and beyond to position IFLA standards and models in the semantic web environment as authoritative documents for semantic web services and tools.

(2) Approve SG's involvement in VMF, and G. Dunsire as liaison for the Group.

(3) Analyse technical issues about ISBD and RDF/XML (Action: G. Dunsire & B. Bosančić, September-December 2009).

(4) Analyse modelling issues of ISBD in RDF/XML environment (Action: F. Leresche, M. Willer & interested members, November-December 2009).

(5) Define uses and functions of ISBD in RDF/XML syntax within Semantic Web environment (Action: all, until July 2009)

(6) Develop draft ISBD RDF/XML schema (Action: G. Dunsire & B. Bosančić, January-June 2010); review and comments (Action: all, July-August 2010).

(7) Analyse and define the functionalities of ISBD elements in relation to FRBR, new cataloguing rules such as RDA, REICAT and Finnish cataloguing rules (Action: all, until July 2010).

(8) Analyse and support the concept of linked data, and promote its relevance to vendors in support of development of new generation library information systems (Action: all).

Respectfully submitted,

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