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Report on the Seminar Libraries and the Semantic Web: the Role of International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)

This seminar and workshop was held 14:00-16:00 on 25 February 2011 at the National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh. It was organized by the Cataloguing and Indexing Group Scotland (CIGS) and the National Library of Scotland in conjunction with the visit to Edinburgh of IFLA's ISBD/XML Study Group, and followed a business meeting of the Study Group also hosted by the National Library. There was no fee for attendance; catering was paid for by CIGS, while the National Library provided the venue and equipment without charge.

There were 41 attendees, including speakers. Delegates came from all over Scotland, and as far away as London, representing a range of higher education, public, research, and special libraries, and several research units.

The seminar was introduced by Graeme Forbes, Resource Acquisition & Description Manager at the National Library of Scotland, and Chair of CIGS.

This was followed by four presentations, available on Slideshare:

1. International Standard Bibliographic Description: background and recent developments (Elena Escolano Rodríguez, Chair of the ISBD Review Group) (<http://www.slideshare.net/scottishlibraries/international-standard-bibliographic-description-edinburgh-2011>)
2. The ISBD/XML Study Group: background, activities, plans (Mirna Willer, Chair of the ISBD/XML Study Group) (<http://www.slideshare.net/scottishlibraries/isbdxml-study-group-edinburgh-2011-willer>)
3. ISBD for the Semantic Web: namespaces, elements, vocabularies, application profile (Gordon Dunsire, Consultant to the Study Group and Review Group liaison with Semantic Web communities) (<http://www.slideshare.net/scottishlibraries/isbd-namespaces>)
4. Getting triples from records: the role of ISBD with practical examples and demonstrations (Gordon Dunsire) (<http://www.slideshare.net/scottishlibraries/isbd-record2triples>)

The meeting ended with a lively discussion led by the audience.

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Gordon Dunsire
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