



**IFLA Cataloguing Section  
ISBD Review Group  
Material Designations Study Group**

**Report to the ISBD Review Group  
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The Material Designations Study Group (MDSG) met Monday, August 20, 2007, from 1430 to 1630 hours, in the Durban ICC, Room 12cd. In attendance were members Bill Garrison (USA), Elena Escolano (*ex-officio*; Spain), Françoise Bourdon (France; for Philippe Le Pape), Glenn Patton (USA), and Lynne Howarth (Chair; Canada). They were joined by observers Judy Kuhagen (USA), Elena Gorodiskaya (Russia), Jaesun Lee (South Korea), Jay Weitz (USA), Rosa Galvão (Portugal), John Hostage (USA), and Maria Ines Cordeiro (Portugal). After a very productive discussion, the MDSG decided to bring forward the following 3 recommendations for ISBD Review Group consideration at its August 23rd meeting.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the content/carrier component proposed in the June 6, 2007, *Report* from the MDSG be adopted to replace the current 1.2 in the ISBD Preliminary Consolidated edition. Cataloguing agencies could choose to use the now mandatory content/carrier component terminology in the current GMD location immediately following title proper, or to display the component in a location locally-determined. The MDSG recommends that, when the update containing the new 1.2 is circulated for Worldwide Review in late 2007, specific comment be invited regarding, not only the content/carrier component, but also the location of this mandatory element, including the possibility of an “Area 0” within the ISBD structure.
2. That the term “Object” be reinstated in the forthcoming update, but as a content type term. The MDSG considered that the term is particularly useful to covering a variety of resources, and, therefore, more inclusive of constituencies additional to the bibliographic community. The term “Object”,

as formerly used in ISBD(A) and ISBD(NBM), is thus being introduced as a Content Type within the mandatory content/carrier component, along with a corresponding definition.

3. That the proposal to move Area 3 for notated music to Area 5 be tabled pending consultation with IML and other music (library) cataloguers. Reaction to the suggested move from Area 3 to Area 5 can also be solicited via the next world-wide review of ISBD updates.

As Chair, I would like to thank the members of the MDSG, B. Garrison, F. Bourdon (for P. LePape), G. Patton, M. Willer, and E. Escolano (*ex-officio*) for their many contributions to the discussions concerning material designations. I also wish to acknowledge the work of Tom Delsey, and members of the JSC-appointed GMD/SMD working group.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, MDSG