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Activities Report, August 2013 - August 2014

I. Cataloguing Section's Strategic Plan for ISBD review

a. Project and financial reports

Following discussions about the strategic plan for ISBD review and revision at the Singapore 2013 meetings of the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee, ISBD Review Group and ISBD Linked Data Study Group, the project proposal was prepared and the funding received by the IFLA Professional Committee. The project *Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage* (ID: 3-13-2-14) is a continuation of the project funded in 2013, *ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Publication as Linked Data* (G3.13.2-1/13). The ISBD Linked Data Study Group, responsible for carrying out the project activities, met twice in the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, October, 16 – 18, 2013 (as part of the 2013 funded project) and April, 7 – 9, 2014. Funding approved for 2014: 1800 €.

At the ISBD Linked Data Study Group meeting in October 2013 the document on ISBD/FRBR semantic alignment was drafted. The work was based on the *Resource vs WEMI entity resolution: discussion paper*, which was subsequently approved and published as *Resource and Work, Expression, Manifestation, Item* [prepared by] Gordon Dunsire, 28 July 2013, Amended 6 October 2013, following comments by Patrick Le Boeuf and discussion at IFLA 2013.¹

Development of the application profile for ISBD was also part of the agenda. Namely, to represent the bibliographic data published as linked open data in RDF as consistent information about the resource described, application profile needs to be developed. The discussion of this issue started during the October 2013 meeting, and continued at the April 2014 meeting by the presentation of the work done by ABES and BNF.

The 2013 meeting also discussed and gave general direction for the development of *Guidelines for translations of RDF representations in ISBD*, which is being prepared for approval at the ISBD Review Group meeting in Lyon, 2014. The guidelines present specific implementation of the more general ones prepared and published by the Namespaces Technical Group as *Guidelines for translations of IFLA namespaces in RDF*.² The guidelines are needed to help translators of ISBD elements and value vocabularies to get acquainted with procedures and rules in publishing ISBD namespaces. The management service used for storing ISBD namespaces is Open Metadata Registry.³

¹ <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/resource-wemi.pdf>

² <http://www.ifla.org/node/5353>

³ <http://metadataregistry.org/>

The ISBD Linked Data Study Group meeting in 2014 continued the work on the ISBD/FRBR namespaces alignment, RDF representation of ISBD resources and use of ISBD classes and properties in library linked data triples, and ISBD application profile. The latter two involve issues to be resolved before designing the planned *Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data*; discussion paper was decided to be prepared for the August 2014 meeting. Relationships and future alignments with other namespaces was also discussed, specifically UNIMARC for bibliographic data namespaces, FRBRoo and PRESSoo, identifying these as tasks to be included in the plans for the next year activities.

The planned activity on the mapping between vocabularies of ISBD 0 Content form and media type area and ROF (RDA/ONIX Framework) namespaces started due to the setting up of the RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group by Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA in February 2014. The representative of the ISBD RG was invited to join the group.⁴ The Paris 2014 meeting discussed the draft mapping prepared by G. Dunsire, the chair of the ROF WG and decided to distribute the document to the ISBD Review Group for discussion and approval at Lyon 2014 meeting.

The ISBD Linked Data Study Group considered all these activities as part of the preparation for the regular ISBD revision process considering the use of the ISBD/FRBR mappings as a basis for recommendations for FRBRized cataloguing rules.

For detailed information see ISBD Linked Data Study Group meetings' minutes.

b. International survey on the use of the ISBD

Part of the planned discussions for the preparation of the next revision of ISBD is the world-wide survey on the use of the ISBD which was conducted in March and April 2014. The preliminary report of the findings is published in the SCATNews, No 41, June 2014 issue,⁵ while the full report will be presented at the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee and ISBD Review Group meetings in August 2014.

II. ISBD Review Group activities report

a. Elections

The ISBD Review Group issued a call for nominations for members to serve a four year term (2013-2017), which can be once renewed. Three positions were available, while four members completed their first terms in 2013, and they expressed interest in being renewed. The nominations received were María Violeta Bertolini (Instituto de Formación Técnica Superior No. 13, Buenos Aires, Argentina), Lynne C. Howarth (University of Toronto, Canada) and Ricardo Santos Muñoz (Biblioteca Nacional de España). These nominations were reported at the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee meeting, 17 August 2013, and were approved.

b. ISBD consolidated edition online

The publishing of the online ISBD Consolidated edition, 2011 was not approved by IFLA. As the matter was considered to be urgent because the ISBD text is prerequisite for further development of ISBD application profile, publication of unconstrained ISBD namespaces as well as the updating of published ones, for ISBD namespaces translations in other languages, and as a consultation document for online tool and service developments, it was decided to publish its pre-print March 2011 version.⁶

⁴ JSC/RDA, Terms of reference for the JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group, 9 January 2014, <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-10.pdf>, and JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group: 2014 membership and tasks, 16 January 2014, <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-10-2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/scatn/scat-news-41.pdf>

⁶ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/isbd-cons_20110321.pdf

c. Mappings, alignments, profiles from ISBD to other bibliographic schemas

As a consequence of the work on the ISBD/FRBR alignment, it was decided to publish unconstrained namespaces for ISBD, which means a separate full set of ISBD elements as properties in RDF without defined domain and range. To this end, the document *ISBD unconstrained elements and other extensions*⁷ prepared by G. Dunsire for the ISBD Review Group was adopted at the meeting in Singapore 2013 and subsequently published. In order to understand the landscape around the ISBD namespaces mappings and alignments, the Singapore meeting discussed the *Alignments between the namespaces of ISBD, other IFLA standards, and external standards*,⁸ which the ISBD Linked Data Study Group at its meeting in October 2013 reconfirmed.

As part of the ISBD Review Group activity regarding the ISBD mapping to cataloguing rules, the mapping of ISBD specifications and RDA instructions was approved by the ISBD RG and Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee and published as *ISBD Profile in RDA: Constructing Functionally Interoperable Core Records, 19 December 2013, Version 1.0*.⁹ It can be considered the conclusion of discussions between ISBD Review Group and JSC/RDA on the harmonization of the two standards as the ISBD RG has fulfilled all the tasks regarding ISBD/RDA alignment.¹⁰ During the discussion process between JSC/RDA and ISBD RG, it was noted that some corrections should be made in the alignment of ISBD/RDA element sets document published in September 2012,¹¹ and that the update of the alignment was needed. This and any future work will become part of the activities defined by the protocol set up between the JSC/RDA and ISBD RG to "support the maintenance and development of functional interoperability between data created using the RDA and ISBD instructions and element sets".¹²

The *Alignment of the ISBD/RDA to the REICAT*, the new Italian cataloguing rules prepared by Simone Forassiepi, University of Florence, Italy under the supervision of Professor Mauro Guerrini, Version 1.0, 11 April 2013 was published on the ISBD Review Group's website.¹³ ISBD Review Group is interested in all such activities, and is inviting cataloguing rule-making bodies for such and similar cooperation.

d. Publications

Cataloguing & Classification Quarterly issued in 2013 the call for papers for a special issue devoted to the evaluation and adoption of ISBD consolidated edition, 2011. Guest editors are M. Willer, J. Hostage and L. C. Howarth. The publication of the issue with ten articles is scheduled for the end of 2014.

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⁷ <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-extensions.pdf>

⁸ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/namespace-alignments_v1_20130725.pdf

⁹ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd_profile_in_rda_ver_1.0.pdf

¹⁰ See: [Action 19/12](#): Review Glasgow Outcomes, and propose actions based on the priorities of the ISBD Strategic Plan in: ISBD Review Group, Singapore, 2013. Draft Minutes, http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/meeting_2013.pdf

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http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/ISBD2RDA%20Alignment%20v1_1.pdf

¹² --- 6JSC/Chair/13 [Protocol between the JSC and the ISBD Review Group], <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-13.pdf>; - 6JSC/Chair/13/Shared documents [Documents shared between the JSC and the ISBD Review Group], <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-13-Shared-documents.pdf>

¹³ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd-rda-reicat_table.pdf