



## **IFLA Cataloguing Section's ISBD Review Group**

**Summary of Meetings held in Seoul:  
Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, 13:45-15:45  
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, 13:00-15:00**

Standing members present: Françoise Bourdon, Bill Garrison, Renate Gömpel, Mauro Guerrini, Elena Escolano Rodríguez (chair), Dorothy McGarry, Glenn Patton, Mirna Willer

Apologies: Lynne Howarth, Cristina Magliano, Eeva Murtomaa.

Observers: Ben Gu, Elena Zagorskaya, Natalia Kulygina, Gunilla Jonsson, Tuula Haapamaki, Jaesun Lee, Agnes Manneheut, John Hostage, Judith Kuhagen, Sirje Nille.

The group met twice, on Sunday and Wednesday for two hours at each meeting. There was good attendance: 8 members of the group and 10 observers.

The Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs, chaired by Dorothy McGarry, also had two meetings, on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd, also for two hours each.

The conclusions of both meetings are reported together.

After introductions and presentations, Jaesun Lee, who had expressed her desire to be appointed to the group, was nominated for the remainder of John Byrum's term and for another term. This represents an opportunity to have an Asian representative in our Group, and this would greatly improve the ISBD.

During the first meeting we discussed at length the question of whether individual ISBDs would be needed once the consolidated version is produced and therefore whether the consolidated version should supersede the specialized ISBDs.

The Review Group decided to present to the Standing Committee the following motion: Moved that the Standing Committee approves the recommendation of the ISBD Review Group to cease maintenance and revision of the specialized ISBDs and maintain and revise only a consolidated ISBD in the future.

The motion was seconded and approved in the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Cataloguing Section.

It was also decided that all revised ISBDs, after the world wide review process, have to be included in the consolidated version of ISBD. This will be done with ISBD(ER), ISBD(CM) and ISBD(A), although the two last ones have not passed to the stage of approval by the Standing Committee. With this action, time will be saved for the Standing Committee and we will take into account the comments received in the process of world wide review.

The chair of the ISBD(A) Revision Group, Gunilla Jonson, reported in the second meeting more extensively about the changes and process of the revision. It was decided that working together with the Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs, it was feasible to integrate the changes of ISBD(A) into the consolidated.

Another issue addressed was its publication:

The Review Group has decided that the consolidated version of ISBD should be published in both printed and electronic format.

It was recommended that the printed format will be as a book and as loose-leaf. The loose-leaf presentation has the advantage that after the first investment the updating will presumably be cheaper, so we will try to avoid the economic reasons whereby some libraries continue using previous versions instead of the latest one.

In addition to the electronic publication which should be in a searchable format, an online database could be created for the future work of revision. However, the printed version and the electronic PDF format will constitute the current official version of the ISBD.

In such a way it is foreseen that revisions will be made more frequently than are currently being done, since the process of revision will be faster: it is anticipated that the first one will be after two years, after which revisions could be every 3 years.

The Material Designations Study Group did not hold a meeting during this conference, and as it will take time for the Study Group to develop a list of terms taking into consideration other results from other specific groups centered on the same subject, it has been suggested that: the list of designations could be a publication apart from the ISBD that could be changed incorporating new materials as they arise. This list will be official, and presents the advantage that it is not necessary to change the ISBD for this reason. Another suggestion is that this list could be incorporated in the next revision of the ISBD in two years, although it would be published and officially accepted before that time.

During the meeting the Review Group was informed about the results of the cataloguing codes review for the IME ICC 4 in Asia. And it is good news to confirm the firm Asian

interest in the ISBDs, as they are the foundation of the national cataloguing codes in this area.

The group was informed about the recommendations from IME ICC4 working groups and took decisions on the following topics:

The sources of information should take into account the Asian reality and patterns of publications in these countries.

The group will also study the issue of major and minor changes in serials, taking into account the reality of different concepts of words of the non-roman script languages. Some concerns were expressed in IME ICC4 about the recognition that there were some « different ways of understanding some stipulations », sometimes due to the lack of examples in these languages in the ISBD. The Review Group thinks that provision of examples in non-roman script languages will greatly improve the interpretation of the ISBD. So, more examples in non-roman scripts that exemplify some stipulations will be included in the consolidated version.

Besides, as was pointed out before for the Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs and requested also for the Study Group for revision of ISBD(A), it was decided to recommend the creation of a task force to update the appendix dealing with full examples. The appendix will be augmented with full examples in non-roman script languages, and published separately from the ISBD. Due to this, it is necessary for the members to have knowledge of many languages and scripts; the Review Group recommended a co-chairing of this Group by Bill Garrison and Jaesun Lee, of course, with the help of the rest of the group.

During the meetings many other issues were addressed, but we felt the need to focus on the consolidated ISBD, and it has been decided that much thinking and discussion on the other issues should be done in future meetings.

So the organization and timetable for the future work is the following:

The Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs will meet, if possible, as with previous meetings, with the support of the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, in Frankfurt, the last week of November or the first week of December in order to carry out the final revision of the consolidated ISBD taking into account the WWR comments received. Prior to that meeting, the text will be updated with the revised versions of the different ISBDs.

Meanwhile, the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at the latest, examples should be provided.

The final text will be sent to the Review Group by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

The consolidated ISBD will be sent to the Standing Committee for balloting by mid February, for one month.

It is necessary to encourage the Standing Committee members and other attendees to make comments during the WWR period (October 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest) in order to get the expected results in this balloting.

This way, the consolidated version of ISBD could be ready for publication, at least electronically, at the end of March. And if all goes off without problems in the conversations with Saur, and after the meeting held with Mr Koopman, it can be said that the printed version could be ready before the next IFLA General Conference, by June or July.

The meetings concluded on time.