Summary of Meetings held in Durban, South Africa
Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, 8:30-10:30
Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, 8:30-10:30

Members present: Françoise Bourdon, Elena Escolano Rodríguez (chair), Bill Garrison, Ben Gu, Mauro Guerrini, John Hostage, Lynne Howarth, Jaesun Lee, Dorothy McGarry, Eeva Murtomaa, Glenn Patton, Marg Stewart (ex officio member).

Apologies: Cristina Magliano, Mirna Willer.

Observers: Elena Gorodiskaya, Martha de Waal, Jay Weitz.

The group met twice, on Monday and Thursday for two hours at each meeting. There was good attendance: 12 members of the group and 3 observers.

The conclusions of both meetings are reported together.

Filipe-Corentine Le Pape, Cristina Magliano and John Byrum completed their terms with no possibility of renewal. Ben Gu, John Hostage, and Jaesun Lee were confirmed as new members of the Review Group for a full term with the possibility of renewal for a full term. Agnès Manneheut was accepted as a corresponding member and Marg Stewart as an ex-officio member, as liaison with the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. Elena Escolano was re-elected as chair. All were confirmed at the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee II meeting.

After introductions and reports from the different Study Groups and the report from Mauro Guerrini on the IFLA/IPA Steering Group meeting in Turin, March 9, 2007, it was decided:

To recommend disbanding the Study Group on Future Direction of the ISBDs as all the terms and goals of the Study Group have been successfully carried out. The entire Review Group thanks the Study Group and especially its chair Dorothy McGarry for a job well done.

This recommendation was approved by the Standing Committee of the Cataloguing Section with a request to forward the thanks to Dorothy McGarry and the other Study Group members.
To recommend disbanding the Study Group on revision of ISBD(A) as all the work has been successfully carried out. Going further the Study Group has checked various versions of the Consolidated ISBD to ensure its consistency and nothing important was omitted, and made a crosswalk between the ISBD(A) and the Consolidated ISBD. The entire Review Group thanks the Study Group and especially its chair Gunilla Jonsson.

The Review Group, considering it very important to keep a close relationship with the IFLA/IPA Steering Group, decided to present to the Standing Committee the following motion: to appoint Mauro Guerrini as a liaison to the steering group. The motion was seconded and approved in the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Cataloguing Section.

The Review Group approved the three recommendations from Material Designation Study Group (see attached report from the chair of the Study Group). It was accepted that the future work of this Study Group will include studying and, in case it is recommended, developing an XML schema language (e.g. a W3C XML Schema or a Document Type Definition) for the ISBD.

The Review Group suggested as a possibility of publishing the results from the Material Designations Study Group on Content/Carrier component on IFLANET, as soon as it is approved following the usual steps of revision, and to delay the print publication to the first update of the Consolidated ISBD in 2009.

The Review Group also approved the timeline and procedure proposed by the Study Group on Examples (see attached report from the chairs of the Study Group).

For the future work preparing the next update of the Consolidated ISBD for 2009: the Review Group recommended to contact with the Art Libraries Section and the Audiovisual and Multimedia Section in order to receive suggestions for revision of the description of the types of materials covered by these sections. The Review Group will also contact IAML for further suggestions. In addition, the Review Group will consider further the suggestions remaining from the world-wide review comments and suggestions from the IME ICCs.

For the efficient organization of its work, the Review Group considered it important to choose a person as Editor, a charge that will be carried out by John Hostage with the help of Dorothy McGarry.

The meetings, developed in a good atmosphere with many contributions, concluded on time.

Respectfully submitted,

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ISBD Review Group, Chair
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