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ISBD Review Group

<http://www.ifla.org/en/isbd-rg>

DRAFT MINUTES

Meetings:

Sunday, 17 August 12:00-14:00 (Room Tête d'Or 2)

Wednesday, 20 August 15:00-17:00 (Room Bellecour 1)

Attendees: María Violeta Bertolini (member and ISBD Linked Data SG member), Anders Cato (Division III representative to Committee on Standards), Elena Escolano Rodríguez (corresponding member), Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (ISBD Linked Data SG member and IAML representative), Tuula Haapamäki, John Hostage, Lynne Howarth (member and ISBD Linked Data SG member), Natalia Kasparova, Irena Kavčič, Françoise Leresche (ISBD Linked Data Study Group, chair), Dorothy McGarry (corresponding and honorary member), Ricardo Santos Muñoz, Mirna Willer (chair)

Attendee representatives of other bodies and groups: Maria Inês Cordeiro (UNIMARC Core Activity, director), Gordon Dunsire (Namespaces Technical Group, chair and consultant to ISBD Linked Data SG, JSC/RDA chair), Hanne Hørl Hansen (Cataloguing Section, chair), Chris Oliver (FRBR Review Group, chair)

Apologies: Agnese Galeffi, Ben Gu

Observers: 22

Note that these minutes do not necessarily reflect the chronological order in which each topic was discussed.

1. Welcome and introductions

M. Willer welcomed the members, representatives of other bodies and groups, and observers.

2. Agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the ISBD RG Meeting, Singapore, 2013,
http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/meeting_2013.pdf

The minutes were adopted without changes.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Singapore meeting and the Action List, http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/action_list_2011-2013.pdf (updated version of 5 August 2014)

The actions not mentioned specifically in this and next item on the agenda are noted as done in the Action List.

- 4.1. Mapping ISBD Area 0 to ROF vocabularies (A. 4/12, F. Leresche, G. Dunsire)

G. Dunsire reported that JSC set up a new JSC RDA/ONIX Framework (ROF) Working Group with terms of reference and tasks defined; M. Willer is representing ISBD RG in this group (17/01/2014).¹ The primary tasks are to review the proposals for the ROF namespace and recommendations for the extension and revision of the ROF because the first mapping showed some mismatches, particularly for the base categories. F. Leresche reported that the mapping of ISBD area 0 vocabularies to ROF vocabularies was published as Version 1.1, 24 September 2012², but noticed (Paris meeting, April 2014) that the mapping needs a review. This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group (5.1.3).³

Action 1/14: ISBD LD SG will distribute the new version of ISBD/ROF namespaces mapping to ISBD LD SG, ISBD RG and Namespaces Technical Group for comments and approval, and publish it. Inform JSC on the new version.

- 4.2. *Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF (draft)*, prepared by IFLA ISBD Linked Data Study Group, June 2014 (A. 5/12, F. Leresche)

F. Leresche reported that the draft guidelines were distributed before the Lyon meeting for comments to both the ISBD LD SG and ISBD RG. This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group (5.4). The guidelines should be aligned with Standards Committee Manual.⁴ The ISBD RG approved the guidelines.

Action 2/14: ISBD LD SG to edit the *Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF* and publish as ver. 1.0.

- 4.3. *Resource and Work, Expression, Manifestation, Item*, [by] Gordon Dunsire, 28 July 2013, Amended 6 October 2013, following comments by Patrick Le Boeuf and discussion at IFLA 2013⁵ (A. 7/12; F. Leresche)

F. Leresche reported that the *Resource and Work, Expression, Manifestation, Item* document was published, February 2014 after its final approval at the ISBD LD SG meeting, October 2013.

- 4.4. ISBD Application Profile: reports (A. 8/12, ISBD LD SG, G. Dunsire)

¹ Terms of reference for the JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group, <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-10.pdf>; JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group: 2014 membership and tasks, <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-10-2014.pdf>

² http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/ISBD2ROF Mapping v1_1.pdf

³ For detailed discussions and references to the ISBD Linked Data Study Group actions, please consult the Group's minutes, http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-lg-minutes_082014.pdf

⁴ <http://www.ifla.org/node/8719>

⁵ <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/resource-wemi.pdf>

G. Dunsire and F. Leresche reported on DCMI activities and ISBD LD SG meetings respectively. This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group (5.7.2). They led the discussion in which the following was clarified: each ISBD (data) element is defined as one RDF property, and to construct a record out of those properties it is needed (1) to build aggregation of elements/properties in an ISBD statement (e.g., has title statement) and an area (e.g., has title and statement of responsibility area); thus rules as how to form a record need to be explicitly defined: which element is mandatory, which repeatable and what is the order of elements in a statement, area and a record as such. (2) BnF and ABES are exploring cataloguer's process when constructing a record out of the ISBD properties; in this process they need ISBD unconstrained properties, so their work is put on hold until these were published (for details see minutes of the ISBD LD SG Paris meetings, October 2013⁶ and April 2014⁷). (3) DCMI work in the field has not yielded any recommendation for the development of the ISBD Application Profile, nor did DCMI Dublin Core Application Profiles Specifications Community comment or discuss the ISBD/XML document that was sent to them in 2009. It was decided to publish the ISBD in XML profile prepared by G. Dunsire and B. Bosančić which can be tested for problems, and subsequently report on recommendations for the ISBD revision process.

Action 3/14: ISBD LD SG to publish ISBD/XML profile.

Action 4/14: ISBD LD SG, BnF, ABES et al. report on testing application profiles, and problems met.

4.5. ISBD unconstrained namespaces: reports (A. 13/12, F. Leresche, G. Dunsire)

F. Leresche and G. Dunsire reported on the discussions led about the use of unconstrained ISBD properties (for detailed discussion see minutes of the ISBD LD SG meeting, Paris, October 2013). This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group (5.3.2). The unconstrained ISBD properties are needed for the ISBD/FRBR mapping, but also for the design of the ISBD application profile. It was decided to publish the properties as sub-domain of the ISD namespaces, without defined domain and range.

Action 5/14: ISBD LD SG (G. Dunsire) to publish the unconstrained ISBD properties in OMR: Open Metadata Registry.

4.6. Cataloguing Section, *Strategic Plan, 2013-2015* (A. 3/13)

4.6.1. *IFLA – Cataloguing Section – ISBD Strategy Meeting 2014: ISBD Strategy* (discussion paper)

The ISBD RG members received discussion paper for the *IFLA CS – ISBD Strategy Meeting 2014* that was distributed by H. H. Hansen and M. Sjöström. The discussion paper proposed five scenarios as part of a new CS SC strategy for the ISBD: **A)** Continue IFLA's ISBD work at the same level as now including developing and maintaining current consolidated edition. Maintaining or developing new tools to make ISBD more attractive in a linked data world. Continue harmonization and mapping to RDA. **A2)** Same as A, but including evolution towards a new structure reflecting the FRBR model. **B)** Continue IFLA's ISBD work at a level, where only necessary maintenance of the consolidated edition and current ISBD Linked Data tools is done and harmonization to RDA-rules is done whenever good solutions can be found. **C)** Continue IFLA's ISBD work with the purpose in the long run to make the consolidated edition shorter, simpler and more principal and maybe at one time also to consider a new structure reflecting FRBR. Implement the necessary changes in ISBD Linked Data tools in order to implement the changes. Harmonization to RDA-rules is done whenever good solutions can be found. **D)** Scenario B plus at the

⁶ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_2013.pdf

⁷ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_2014.pdf

same time at a political level investigate if RDA would be interested in a more formalized cooperation (formalize an IFLA influence on the content of RDA, find agreeable business models etc. - all in order to sanction RDA with a recommendation from IFLA in the long run). E) Scenario C plus at the same time at a political level investigate if RDA would be interested in a more formalized cooperation (formalize an IFLA influence on the content of RDA, find agreeable business models etc. - all in order to sanction RDA with a recommendation from IFLA in the long run).

M. Willer reminded the meeting that the ISBD RG has already defined its strategy for the development of ISBD in the direction of FRBRized standard and one that complies with Linked Data environment. That direction was and has been in the focus of activities of the ISBD/XML, now ISBD LD Study Group since its establishment in 2008. That approach was already discussed and adopted at the ISBD RG Singapore meeting.

The discussion that followed emphasised the mentioned direction of development (FRBR and LD) with the following additional comments: the need to move from a concept of a pdf document to the one which is more RDA toolkit like – a registry manual, with instructions how to construct each element in an FRBR structure; emphasis on the “simpler, shorter, more principle ISBD”; the relation to ICP should be investigated; the scenarios are presumptive about the RDA: Committee of Principals released a document on the strategy development of RDA with international call for comments and suggestions; the scenarios are presumptive about what the ISBD RG vision for future directions of the ISBD development, the RG should produce its own scenario which matches its vision; the development of ISBD should also consider to widen its scope to manuscripts and other materials; ISBD is used also directly as a standard: if it becomes a “principled” standard it will be no more an international set of rules that can be used, so the issues of implementation and the level of precision of rules will arise; the proposed direction of development for ISBD would take a long time, and would mark a new beginning for the standard; IFLA is a standards body and is responsible for standards development, whatever needed in order to meet the requirements of new types of resources, new technical forms and new environments; in developing the standard we should not loose who our ultimate target is: the practicing librarian; ISBD is a framework for national cataloguing rules and is used as such: it ensures the uniformity on the international scale, while it allows uniqueness at the national scale.

The discussion continued during the SC special ISBD Strategy Meeting, 19 Aug. (see the CS SC report⁸). The conclusion of that meeting was that: “(1) two scenarios were favoured over the others: A2 (continue the content of ISBD on the current level but change to reflect FRBR) and C (plan for a shorter and more principal ISBD), and (2) These scenarios need further investigation to help inform the CATS SC decision on ISBD strategy. The ISBD RG was charged with making the study: to investigate both scenarios, and present plans for revision of the ISBD according to this. The ISBD RG will consider: the cost and the timeline for both scenarios - also the maintaining beyond this revision, and who will benefit and who will not from each scenario. The ISBD RG was asked to deliver the result to the SC by the end of May 2015 in order to give time to consider the case carefully.”

Action 6/14: ISBD RG to discuss the two chosen scenarios *ISBD Strategy Meeting 2014*, and report to the SC by May 2015.

Action 7/14: M. Willer to write a project proposal for 2015 to fund the meeting that would produce the document required by SC

4.7. Alignment and map of the ISBD to RDA: reports (A. 7/13: F. Leresche, G. Dunsire)

⁸ http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes_2014.pdf

This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group (5.1.2). The ISBD/RDA alignment document was updated to RDA April 2014, and the ISBD LD SG approved it. The meeting approved the alignment.

Action 8/14: ISBD LD SG to publish the 3rd version of ISBD/RDA namespaces alignment.

F. Leresche and G. Dunsire raised the issue of publishing the mapping in the GitHub; namely, the OMR is only a vocabulary registry, while to use a mapping, it has to be published too. JSC is publishing its mappings in that environment. This issue has to be further investigated, but the general decision was to publish the mapping in the JSC GitHub space.

Action 9/14: ISBD RG and G. Dunsire to publish the ISBD/RDA alignment in JSC space in GitHub.

- 4.8. *Major and minor title changes for serials in languages which do not divide text into words*, August 4, 2014; To: JSC/RDA & ISBD RG, From: Gaëlle Béquet, Director of the ISSN International Centre, and the ISSN Review Group, <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-ISSN-5.pdf> (A. 8/13)

It was noted that ISBD meets the requirements of the title changes in CJK languages.

- 4.8.1. *Change in mode of issuance for online resources: proposal for a revised instruction*, August 4, 2014; To: JSC/RDA, From: Gaëlle Béquet, Director of the ISSN International Centre, and the ISSN Review Group, <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-ISSN-4.pdf> (for information to ISBD RG)

The meeting noted the information reported in the document.

- 4.9. *International Survey on the Use of the ISBD* (A. 11/13, I. Kavčič)

I. Kavčič reported on the survey results and noted that some major national libraries and bibliographic agencies had not responded. The survey was accepted, however, it was decided to prolong the survey for two months and update it.

Action 10/14: I. Kavčič et al. to finalize the *Survey on the Use of the ISBD*, to publish.

- 4.10. *Guidelines for use of ISBD as Linked Data* (A. 13/13, F. Leresche)

F. Leresche reported on the state of development of the Guidelines. This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD LD SG (5.6). Further work was planned for the ISBD LD SG meeting to take place in Paris, 9-10 December 2014. The guidelines need period for commenting and approval, to be published by August 2015.

Action 11/14: ISBD LD SG to finalize the *Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data*, to send for comments and approval, and to publish.

5. Chair's report

- 5.1.1. Project and financial reports (M. Willer and F. Leresche)
 - 5.1.1.1. Project, 2013: *ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Publication as Linked Data* (G3.13.2-1/13)
 - 5.1.1.2. Project, 2014: *Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage* (ID: 3-13-2-14)

The financial report for the 2013 project: expenditures 1.512 EUR (ISBD RG meeting, Paris, 14-18 Oct. 2013: E. Escolano Rodríguez, M. Gentili-Tedeschi, M. Willer); projected cash flow for 2014: expenditures: 877 EUR (Paris, 7-9 April 2014: M. Gentili-Tedeschi, M. Willer) and projected expenditures: 923 EUR (Paris, 9-10 Dec. 2014). Reports were approved as presented.

5.1.1.3. CS – *ISBD Review Group Activities Report*, August 2013 – August 2014

M. Willer and F. Leresche prepared the ISBD RG and ISBD LD SG activity report and sent it to the CS SC and the ISBD RG. The meeting approved the report.

5.1.2. Strategic Plan and discussion: the preparation of the next revision of ISBD (M. Willer, F. Leresche)

The topic was briefly discussed as it was already part of the discussions on the *SC ISBD Strategy* discussion paper, and reported in the SCATNews (see below 5.1.4.2). It was noted, though, that ISBD LD SG prepared a list of needed changes, specifically those that concerned granularity, as well as alignment of ISBD with FRBR and RDA namespaces. It was also noted that the proposals for description of manuscripts was prepared for the 2011 edition, but was not integrated into the text at the time; some new proposals for music could be expected.

5.1.3. Protocol between the JSC and the ISBD Review Group (G. Dunsire)

G. Dunsire reported on the protocol between the JSC and the ISBD Review Group which was finalized in February 2014 after its online approval by the ISBD RG, as well as on the published list on shared documents.⁹ The meeting recognized the importance of the procedure.

5.1.4. Publications and presentations

5.1.4.1. Translations of the ISBD consolidated edition (2011): Bulgarian, Catalan, Spanish, French, Italian, Lithuanian, Russian and Chinese, <http://www.ifla.org/publications/translations-of-isbd>

Croatian and Slovenian translations are planned to be published by the end of 2014.

5.1.4.2. SCATNews, No 41 (June 2014), <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/scatn/scat-news-41.pdf>

M. Willer, ISBD Review Group, Chair & F. Leresche, ISBD Linked Data Study Group, Chair published the article on *ISBD: towards the preparation of the next revision of ISBD* in this issue of SCATNews.

5.1.4.3. Cataloguing & Classification Quarterly, Special issue *ISBD: The Bibliographic Content Standard*; guest editors M. Willer, J. Hostage and L. C. Howarth (2014)

Report on the CCQ issue was acknowledged.

6. Status of projects and issues arising during IFLA meetings: updates

6.1.1. Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee (H. H. Hansen)

⁹ -- 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>

H. H. Hansen reported on the results of the *SC ISBD Strategy* special meeting and the task given to the ISBD RG. See above, under 4.6.1.

6.1.2. ISBD Linked Data Study Group (F. Leresche)

F. Leresche reported during the meeting on the ISBD LD SG activities. She also informed the meeting that due to her other commitments she had to step down as the chair of the SG, and that Maria Violeta Bertolini accepted the chairing. At its 2nd meeting, the SC approved of this change.

6.1.3. FRBR Review Group (Ch. Oliver)

Ch. Oliver reported on the status on the consolidation of FR conceptual models and that the Consolidation Editorial Group that was formed in Singapore, 2013 was working on the document. She also informed the meeting that the FRBR RG endorsed the FRBRoo and PRESSoo, and will distribute documents for the world-wide review.

ISBD RG members were invited to respond to the call for comments.

6.1.4. Namespaces Task/Technical Group (G. Dunsire)

G. Dunsire reported that there was minimal activity during August 2013 to July 2014 because funding of the group was moved from a project basis, and the group was likely to develop into a new group with new terms of reference after discussion between the Professional Committee and the Committee on Standards during IFLA 2014. The positioning of the group among other committees as well as the Semantic Web SIG was the main topic on the agenda for the group's meeting.

6.1.5. Permanent UNIMARC Committee (I. Cordeiro)

I. Cordeiro reported on the UNIMARC Strategic Programme funded project *UNIMARC in RDF*, led by G. Dunsire with M. Willer and P. Perožić (University of Zadar, Croatia) as participants. The aim of the project is to publish UNIMARC bibliographic data namespaces in OMR, to be followed in 2015 by UNIMARC authority data. At its PUC meeting the adoption of new coded and data fields for ISBD area 0 is planned.

6.1.5.1. *Alignment of the UNIMARC Bibliographic Format element set with ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description element set*, Prepared by Mirna Willer and Françoise Leresch for the ISBD Review Group and Permanent UNIMARC Committee, 4 August, 2014, Version 1.0

As a result of her research on the UNIMARC/B in RDF project, M. Willer prepared a UNIMARC/B to ISBD alignment which was commented and amended by F. Leresche. This issue was on the agenda of the ISBD LD SG (5.7.1). As the document needs further discussion, it was decided to postpone any decision until conditions are met.

Action 12/14: M. Willer and F. Leresche to prepare the *Alignment of the UNIMARC/B element set with ISBD element set* for comments to ISBD LD SG, ISBD RG and PUC and adoption, as conditions are met. Publish it on ISBD RG and PUC websites.

6.1.6. Issues for IFLA Standards Committee

It was noted that Committee on Standards should be informed on the beginning of the revision process, as well as related committees such as ones on audio-visual resources, serials, rare books, IT, bibliography. Report as conditions are met.

7. Identification of issues for project proposal for 2015

See above, 4.6.1, **Actions 6 & 7.**

8. Relations with other international organizations and committees: updates from other projects and groups

There was no report submitted.

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

Respectfully submitted by

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Zagreb, 27 April 2015