



IFLA Cataloguing Section Working Group on Bibliographic Recommendations for Digital Text Documents

Meeting Report 72nd IFLA General Conference Seoul, Korea, 23 August 2006

The Workgroup had its first meeting on Wednesday, 23 August 2006.

Members of the workgroup

Marit Vestlie and Françoise Bourdon were included as new members of the workgroup.

Members:

- Anders Cato
- Françoise Bourdon
- Gunilla Jonsson
- Erik Thorlund Jepsen (Chair)
- Marit Vestlie
- Zhang Zhixiong (IT-section)

Discussions

There were some discussions about the charge. The workgroup decided to stick to the draft charge for the next year with one essential change: The word standard should be replaced by recommendations. This was accepted by the Cataloging SC on Friday, 25 August.

The name of the WG is therefore changed to: Workgroup on bibliographic recommendations for digital text documents.

The discussions at the meeting focused on two aspects:

1. Libraries/cataloguers could and should benefit from the recommendations, but it is the creators and publishers of digital text documents that should implement solutions in accordance with the recommendations.
2. The importance of formulating recommendations that are in line with common solutions (metadata standards and widespread solutions), are acceptable by publishers, and are in line with solutions planned or discussed by publishers of digital documents.

Tasks and project plan

The discussions lead to the creation of a temporary project plan, which involves the following tasks:

- Reviewing existing standards and recommendations.
- Establishing contacts with publishers and their organisations.
- Writing a strategic paper that shows the potential benefits of the recommendations for libraries as well as publishers of digital documents.

Next Meeting

The workgroup will meet in February 2007 in Copenhagen.

Submitted by
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