



IFLA Cataloguing Section Working Group on Metadata for Digital Objects

Meeting Report 73rd IFLA General Conference Durban, South Africa August 2007

The workgroup had its third meeting during the conference.

It was decided to stick to the project plan that was developed in Copenhagen in February 2007 and to suggest a thorough revision of the draft charge. Also, it was decided that the workgroup would recommend two new members of the workgroup.

Charge

The new charge was read by Anders Cato to the Standing Committee (SC) at the second SC meeting. The SC accepted the new charge.

The primary change is that the workgroup no longer aims at establishing standards. Instead the primary goals are stated as follows:

“To recommend guidelines for those who create, share and manage metadata: elements, tools, formats, protocols”.

The report should conclude where there are feasible paths to follow, e.g., recommend how value chains for metadata could be implemented and used, and what barriers should be overcome to ensure the least effort in the creation of ‘sufficient’ metadata for different actors.

Project plan

The working group will present its final report prior to the 2008 conference in Québec for action by the standing committee at that conference.

For the next meeting (Paris, 17-19 March 2008) input will be produced by the WG members on:

- Who creates and uses metadata (actors and roles)?
- What needs for metadata exist for different actors in different roles?
- What tools for the creation of metadata are available (and used) for different actors?

A designated plan for the creation of input on each of the identified roles has been made, and texts on definitions of roles will also be produced before the Paris meeting.

Members

The Workgroup suggested two new members: Miriam Säfström and Erik Oltmans. The Standing Committee accepted the two new members.

Since the workgroup never heard from the IT-section member, the workgroup consists of the following members (all from the Cataloguing Section):

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