IFLA Cataloguing Section

Annual report of the IFLA Cataloguing Section 2015

Fields of activity of the Cataloguing Section include cataloguing theory, activities, and standards development within IFLA. The Section analyses the functions of cataloguing activities for all types of materials and media, including both bibliographic and authority information, for the benefit of all users. The Section supports the development of cataloguing rules, guidelines, and standards for bibliographic information, taking into account the developing of electronic and networked environments in order to promote universal access to, and exchange of, bibliographic and authority information. The Section also provides leadership in the development of various standards and guidelines related to bibliographic activities, such as corporate name headings, authority entries, and OPAC displays.

Membership

By the end of 2015 the Section had 133 members, representing 53 countries throughout the world.

The Standing Committee (SC) consists of 18 members and 5 new corresponding members, representing 19 countries from all over the world.

Standing Committee members as of December 31, 2015

Nesrine Abdel-meguid
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt
1st Term: 2015-2019

María Violeta Bertolini
Argentina
1st Term: 2013-2017

Vincent Boulet
Bibliothèque nationale de France
1st Term: 2015-2019

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Czech Republic
1st Term: 2015-2019

Gordon Dunsire
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1st Term: 2015-2019

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Library, Denmark
1st Term: 2013-2017

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Vatican School of Library Science, Italy
2nd Term: 2015-2019

Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi
Biblioteca Nazionale Braidense, Italy
1st Term: 2013-2017
Tuula Haapamäki
The National Library of Finland
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Susan R. Morris
Library of Congress, United States
1st Term: 2015-2019

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Danish Library Centre, Denmark
2nd Term: 2013-2017

Alejandra Muñoz Gómez
Library of Congress of Chile
1st Term: 2015-2019

Unni Knutsen
University of Oslo, Humanities and Social Sciences Library, Norway
2nd Term: 2015-2019

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1st Term: 2015-2019

Patrick Le Boeuf
Bibliothèque nationale de France
1st Term: 2013-2017

Ricardo Santos
National Library of Spain
1st Term: 2015-2019

Milena Milanova
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria
2nd Term: 2015-2019

Miriam Säfström
National Library of Sweden
2nd Term: 2015-2019

Corresponding members:
Anisatul-Wahidah Binti Abdul Wahid
National Library of Malaysia
1st Term: 2015-2017

Hester Marais
University of South Africa
1st Term: 2015-2017

Viktoria Barsukova
Russian Federation
1st Term: 2015-2017

Yoko Shibata
National Diet Library, Japan
1st Term: 2015-2017

Renate Behrens
German National Library
1st Term: 2015-2017

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Meetings – August 2015, Cape Town

During the 81st IFLA WLIC in Cape Town the Section’s Standing Committee had two meetings, and an extra meeting focusing on ISBD strategy. The business meetings were attended by 19 members (16 from the current committee and 3 outgoing members). The first business meeting had 25 observers, the second 23 observers. The strategy meeting was attended by SC members and members of the ISBD RG as well as a few observers. The minutes from all three meetings can be found at http://www.ifla.org/cataloguing/reports.

Main topics of discussion at the business meetings included:

- Election of new officers, information coordinator, newsletter editor, members and chairs of the ISBD RG and the FRBR RG as well as liaison to ALA CC:DA
- Reports from the working groups and their subgroups (see table below).
- Establishing a new review group on PRESSoo
- An ISO outreach about standards for cataloguing principles and practices. It was decided to ask for further information and if relevant involve the IFLA Committee on Standards.
- Evaluation of a new initiative: A joint newsletter between Bibliography Section, Classification & Indexing and Cataloguing Section
- The SC financial statement 2015 and draft budget for 2016
- Future CATS programmes: Satellite meeting on RDA (together with RSC and Serials and Other Continuing Sources), satellite meeting on VIAF (with VIAF) and open programme for next WLIC together with the IT Section.
- Topics discussed at the Leadership brief of the Library services division: among those the draft for IFLAs strategic plan, the change of IFLA’s website and the improvement of IFLA Library.
- Report from the IFLA Genre/Form Working Group
- Reports from ALA CC:DA and ISO TC46
- The possibility of a midterm meeting in the Standing Committee (Later on we have decided for Paris in the spring 2016)

At the ISBD strategy meeting the issue and the history was presented to the new members.

Last year the SC had chosen two scenarios for the development of ISBD to be studied more closely by the ISBD RG. The RG had however not been able perform this task. The CATS SC therefore did not have the information needed to decide on a strategy and move forward in this matter. The final result of the ISBD survey was presented. It was clear, that the perception of what type of standard ISBD is, is not consistent but differs between the users. The new SC had a very good dialogue about expectations for the ISBD, which showed that there
are different approaches to the ISBD. The conclusion was that the CATS SC needs to have a clear common understanding of the standards involved to make strategic decisions. A work group was appointed to investigate the types of and the interaction between the standards produced by the section. Before this group has delivered its result and the CATS SC has decided on a strategy for its development of standards, no major ISBD revision work can be done.

Review groups, working groups and projects

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<td>FRBR Review Group (FRBR RG)</td>
<td>Christine Oliver (elected 2nd term 2015)</td>
<td>After a call for nomination all candidates were accepted and the group now consists of 10 members. The Consolidation Editorial Group (CEG), led by Pat Riva, was created during WLIC 2013. The work is still in progress but has in 2015 reached a state where it could be presented. This was done during the Cataloguing Section’s open programme 2015. Also the FRBR RG group was in charge of a worldwide review on FRBRoo 2.2 and PRESSoo (an extension of FRBRoo) in 2015.</td>
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<td>ISBD Review Group (ISBD RG)</td>
<td>Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (elected 2015)</td>
<td>The RG has finalized the international survey on the use of ISBD. The group has also explored one the scenarios for the revision of ISBD further. The document <em>Alignment of ISBD with RDA, 17 February 2015. Version 3.1</em> has been published. The ISBD Linked Data Study Group has finalized <em>Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF</em>. The study group also continues its activities on the ISBD alignment with FRBR.</td>
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<td>The Bibliography Section has proposed this moved to the Committee on Standards, of which CATS approves.</td>
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<td>Names of Persons</td>
<td>Group: María Violeta Bertolini, Milena Milanova, Ricardo Santos</td>
<td>Considerable progress has been made. Many of the files are now available online.</td>
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<td>Ongoing work. Progress on preparing the Latin American Anonymous Classics. Templates and instructions</td>
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have been made available in Spanish and letters have been sent out. María Violeta Bertolini and Ricardo Santos work on this. We are having difficulties in getting in touch with someone from Africa who will take on the task of confirming the African draft. Hanne Hørl Hansen contacts the African Section.

| Review of the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP) | Working group: Dorothy McGarry, Agnese Galeffi (chair), Bobby Bothmann and María Violeta Bertolini | There has been a worldwide review of the revised version in 2015. Many replies were received. The group now finalizes the work and in the spring of 2016 a final version is planned to be approved by the CATS SC. |
| PRESSoo RG | Clément Oury (elected 2015) | The new group was established at the SC meeting – in order to maintain PRESSoo and in order to make the requirements for an IFLA-standard |
| IFLA Namespaces Task Group | Gordon Dunsire | This group is affiliated with the Classification and Indexing Section, but its work is of great interest to the Cataloguing Section. The group has been succeeded by Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (LIDATEC) |


**Publications**

Two issues of the new joint newsletter, IFLA Metadata Newsletter, was published: no. 1 in June and no. 2 in December 2015. From the cataloguing section Unni Knutsen was part of the editorial team and Agnese Galeffi contributed on layout from the second issue.

**Open programme 2015**

The CATS open session presentations of this year were focused on the FRBR family of conceptual models, their development and implementations. Chris Oliver, chair of the FRBR RG chaired the Session. The presentations were:

*A Basic Introduction to FRBROO and PRESSOO*, Patrick Le Boeuf (FRBR RG / Bibliothèque nationale de France, France)

*Introducing the FRBR Library Reference Model*, Pat Riva (Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canada) and Maja Žumer (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

*Datos.bne.es: a LOD Service and a FRBR-modelled Access into the Library Collections*, Ricardo Santos Muñoz (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain), Daniel Vila-Suero
Towards an FRBR compliant catalogue: prospects for the City of Cape Town Public Library Management System, Niels Ruppelt (Library Centre Ndabeni, South Africa)

**Relationships with other bodies**

The Section officers work with officers of the other sections in the Library Services Division.

The SC work have contacts with relevant persons outside the SC to ensure cooperation and information: Jay Weitz serves as the SC liaison to the American Library Association’s Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (ALA CC:DA). Paola Manoni serves as the SC liaison to ISO TC46. Anders Cato serves as liaison with IAML. The Standing Committee invites other rule-making bodies to name liaisons to the Cataloguing Section.

For the Cataloguing Section:
Miriam Säfström, Chair
Hanne Hørl Hansen, Secretary

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**Acronyms used in this document**

ALA CC:DA - American library association. Committee on cataloging: description and access
CATS – IFLA Cataloguing section
CATS SC – Standing committee of the IFLA Cataloguing section
CEG - Consolidation editorial group (subgroup to the FRBR RG)
FRBR – Functional requirements for bibliographic records
IAML - International association of music libraries, archives and documentation centres
ICP - Statement of international cataloguing principles
IFLA – International federation of library associations and institutions
ISBD – International standard bibliographic description
ISO TC46 – International standard organisation. Technical committee 46
MulDiCat - Multilingual dictionary of cataloguing terms and concepts
RDA – Resource Description and Access
RG – review group
SC – standing committee
WG – working group
WLIC – World library and information congress