Cataloguing section Standing committee (CATS SC)
Business meetings (SCI and SCII)
IFLA WLIC 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

CATS SC at their first business meeting (SCI) in Kuala Lumpur 2018
From left to right: Miriam Björkhem, Anisatul-Wahidah Abdul Wahid, William Leonard, Yoko Shibata, Marja-Liisa Seppälä, Nesrine Abdelmeguid, Jennifer Wright, Ricardo Santos, Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Vincent Boulet, Renate Behrens, Mélanie Roche, Clément Oury, Alejandra Muñoz Gómez, Agnese Galeffi, Gordon Dunsire and Susan R. Morris
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Cataloguing Section Standing Committee (CATS SC) Business meeting 1 (SCI)
Friday, 24 August, 11:15-13:15 (Session 008, Meeting room 405)

1. Welcome and introductions (Björkhem, all)
CATS SC Chair Miriam Björkhem welcomed the committee and observers to Kuala Lumpur, and was pleased to note that there were over 40 observers, with more than 17 countries represented in the room.

2. Election of meeting secretary (Björkhem)
Since SC secretary Henrietta Fog was not able to attend, Jenny Wright and William Leonard volunteered to produce minutes for the KL business meetings.

3. Approval of the agenda (All)
The agenda was approved, with the addition of the Chair’s report from the Officers’ Briefing

3.1 Officers Briefing (Björkhem)
The Section Officers received an update from Gerald Leitner on the IFLA Global Vision. The next step is for the IFLA governing board to formulate a strategy based on the work done so far.

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There were also a report on the IFLA membership survey, as far as we know the first in its kind to be conducted in the organization.
4. Earlier meeting minutes (All)

4.1 CATS 2017 IFLA WLIC meetings in Wrocław, Poland
The committee gave final approval of the minutes, already published at https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes_2017.pdf

4.2 Midterm meeting 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark
These minutes have only recently been circulated, and to allow time for everyone to consider them properly their approval will be by email following WLIC2018.

5. Membership issues (Björkhem)
The committee held a minute’s silence in memory of John Byrum and Christine Frodl. Their obituaries can be found in the June 2018 issue of the Metadata newsletter, p. 47-49.

5.1 Corresponding members
The SC currently has three corresponding members: Victoria Barsukova (Russia), Anisatul-Wahidah Binti Abdul Wahid (Malaysia, present at this meeting) and Hester Marais (South Africa). Up to 5 corresponding members are permitted, all able to serve 2+2 years. Those interested are invited to get in touch with any SC member.

5.2 Officers and other functions
Current officers are:
Chair: Miriam Björkhem
   Supporting Chair: Vincent Boulet
Secretary: Henriette Fog
Information coordinator: Agnese Galeffi
   Assisting information coordinator: Ricardo Santos
Newsletter editor: Unni Knutsen
   Assisting newsletter editor: Mélanie Roche

The assisting roles have proved useful in both supporting the officers and engaging the SC members. Next year is IFLA election year, and Björkhem (Chair), Galeffi (Information coordinator) and Knutsen (Newsletter editor) are all leaving the SC, as their terms on the committee are ending.

CATS will have at least five openings for members 2019, as Milena Milanova is also finishing her second term, and Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi will step back, as he is retiring. There will be a call for nominations for all section committees 3 October, with a deadline for nominations 3 January 2019. If the number of nominations exceeds the available seats (which has been the case for CATS SC the last few election years), there will be an election. According to the timeline the election result will be announced 5 April 2019. All present were urged to consider suitable
nominees. All members of the Cataloguing section may nominate. Should anyone need help with their nomination, please contact any CATS SC member.

5.3 Liaisons
Current liaisons are:
ALA CC:DA: Jay Weitz
IAML: Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi
ISO TC46: William Leonard
ISSN: Clément Oury

Gordon Dunsire serves as an informal CATS SC liaison with RDA steering committee (RSC), and Renate Behrens is a connection to the Committee on Standards, EURIG and RSC. It is possible to have liaisons who are not Section Committee members. Do CATS need more liaisons, or further formalizing? The committee discussed formal vs informal liaisons, stating that the liaison role, expectations and tasks are not clear. Björkhem suggested to write a short summary for consideration by the SC. In the meantime, the SC agreed to monitor activity in relevant committees and working groups. If the links and communication between CATS and others proves insufficient, we will revisit this issue.

[After the SCI meeting it turned out that IFLA is planning a revision of the liaison roles as such. The CATS SC summary will feed into the preceeding study.]

6. Announcements

6.1 Division and Section Programmes
Division III plan to host an open programme next year.

The CATS open programme will be held Monday 27 August 9:30-11:30 in Conference Hall 3 (session 141). The theme is “Rethinking data models and formats for better-informed citizens”, though somehow IFLA has it in the programme as “Beyond MARC”. There are five presentations:

- Schreur: The Evolution of BIBFRAME: from MARC Surrogate to Web Conformant Data Model
- Wright: How does true RDA cataloguing change how we catalogue?
- Bigelow, Davoodi, Farnel, Sparling: Who Will be Our bf: Comparing techniques for conversion from MARC to BIBFRAME
- Peyrard, Roche: Still waiting for that funeral: the challenges and promises of a Next-Gen Intermarc
- Pascua: Linked Data: Metadata Schemata of the Music Scores of Jose Maceda Collection

The session will be chaired by Vincent Boulet. There will not be simultaneous translations during the session, which removed time pressure on translations to be done by the conference.
SC members are still urged to volunteer to translate the papers for sharing in the IFLA library. If you wish to make a translation, please contact Vincent!

On Sunday 26 August 11:45-13:30 there will be a meeting under the title “Metadata specialists in the machine age”. This replaces the satellite meeting Cataloguing was planning together with Subject Analysis & Access and Information Technology. The programme slot will give us an opportunity to discuss the topic, and plan for a satellite in Athens 2019 (content, form, outcome). It was noted that unfortunately the discussion slot conflicts with the first business meeting of the ISBD Review Group.

On Tuesday 28 August 11:45 - 13:15 CATS will hold a joint session “IFLA Metadata Reports” (session 195) with our sister UBC sections (Bibliography and Subject Analysis and Access). The session will be held in the Plenary Theatre.

6.2 Universal bibliographic control (UBC) highlights during IFLA WLIC
Please note that this list is in no way exhaustive, see https://2018.ifla.org/conference-programme for more information.

23 August
Diversity of Data: RDA in the international context (whole-day RDA Conference), https://www.rdatoolkit.org/KLEvent

24 August
11:15-13:15 Cataloguing SC I
13:30-15:30 Bibliography SC I
13:30-15:30 Committee on Standards Business Meeting I
15:45-17:45 Subject Analysis and Access SC I

25 August
13:45-15.45 Winning strategies for collecting, cataloguing, providing, playing and preserving video games in the library (Audiovisual and Multimedia with Information Technology joint open session)
13:45-15.45 Impact of recently approved IFLA standards (Committee on Standards open session)

26 August
08:00-10:30 FRBR Business Meeting I
10:45-13:15 ISBD Business Meeting I
11:45-13:30 Metadata specialists in the machine age (Bibliography, Cataloguing, Subject Analysis and Access and Information Technology joint arrangement)
13:45-15:45 Celebrating IT innovations in libraries (Information Technology open session)
13:45-15:45 Transforming Libraries via Automatic Indexing (Subject Analysis and Access open session)
13:30-16:00 Bibliography SC II

27 August
09:30-11:30 Beyond MARC (Cataloguing open session)
13:30-16:00 LIDATEC Business Meeting I The ISBD Linked Data Study Group will use the same time slot and meeting place instead
16:15-18:45 Linked Data SIG Business Meeting
16:15-18:45 FRBR Business Meeting II

28 August
08:00-10:30 ISBD Business Meeting II
11:45-13:15 IFLA Metadata reports (Bibliography, Cataloguing and Subject Analysis and Access joint open session)
13:30-16:00 Subject Analysis and Access SC II

29 August
08:00-10:30 LIDATEC Business Meeting II
10:45-13:15 Cataloguing SC II
13:30-16:00 Committee on Standards Business Meeting II
13:45-15:45 National Bibliographies: Forging a Path to Access to Information (Bibliography open session)

30 August
ISBD RG whole-day meeting

6.3 Social events
The CATS SC dinner (members and invited guests only) takes place on Friday 24 August 20:30 (this night) at restaurant Opium (http://opiumkl.com/).

The annual UBC drink will take place on Tuesday 28 August 18:00. The location is Pisco Bar (https://www.piscobarkl.com/).

7. Reports from different activities

7.1 IFLA UBC standards: clarifying work
Report on definition of standards: input to Committee on Standards discussion (Behrens, Boulet, Gentili-Tedeschi, Roche) will be reported at the second business meeting, so that it can be informed by the Committee on Standards meeting.
7.2 ICP (Galeffi, see appendix 1)
The ICP revision received formal approval from IFLA on 23 August, and the Committee on Standards Open Session on 25 August will include a presentation on the ICP.

The SC did not receive the final document for review of the ICP changes before it was presented to IFLA. This provoked discussion as it was felt that the SC should have oversight of the ICP content even though it is the Committee on Standards who give formal approval. The revised ICP will be circulated to SC members as soon as possible.

7.3 PRESSoo (Oury, see appendix 2)
Oury reported that there have been no changes to PRESSoo yet, awaiting the IFLA-LRM. The modelling of serials has been developed, principally at the RDA meeting in Wrocław following WLIC2017. The RSC Aggregates WG has made recommendations which influenced the Beta Toolkit, and PRESSoo and LRM will influence ISBD.

7.4 Names of persons (NoP) (Santos)
Santos has revised the NoP file and posted on the webpage. As agreed at the midterm meeting, name files will be organized by language rather than nationality, but this has only been achieved for Arabic so far. He will continue to contact other countries to ask for contributions, and ideally would have a list from IFLA of contacts at all National Libraries. Björkhem will raise the question with IFLA HQ again. Observer George Prager stated that there might exist a list compiled in the work with the Genre/Form WG.

7.5 Anonymous classics (Santos)
Santos would like to initiate the same process for Anonymous classics as has been set up for Names of persons, i.e. there is a separate section for each language and new files should be submitted as markup versions. Working in this way would enable the regional experts to contribute more easily. The solution would require initial work, but will lead to a more effective and scalable process. It was agreed that Santos should make a formal proposal to the SC.

7.6 GARR (Björkhem for Drobikova)
GARR is on hold. The SC discussed the issues that have prevented progress, and necessary steps before we can revisit GARR. The discussion will continue at the second business meeting (SCII).

The meeting was adjourned at 13:15
10. Welcome and introductions, updated agenda (Björkhem)

11. Follow-up on subjects from SC I (all)

5. Membership issues (Björkhem) (see also SCI:5)
   Next year all current corresponding members are leaving, due to the end of their second two-year terms. Björkhem has received interest from Priscilla Pun Nga Ian, from the University of Macau, and the committee agreed to her becoming a corresponding member.

7.1 IFLA UBC standards: clarifying work (Behrens) (see also SCI:7.1)
   The Committee on Standards approved the definition of a standard, and have asked for examples to be added to the document. The working group (Behrens, Boulet, Gentili-Tedeschi, Roche) will therefore continue their work.

7.3 PRESSoo, continued (Oury) (see also SCI:7.1)
   The status of PRESSoo was discussed. The Bibliographic Conceptual Models Review Group (BCM RG) is now under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Standards. It was agreed that the PRESSoo chair should be on the BCM RG, and PRESSoo should be a subgroup of BCM RG. This results in the Cataloguing Section losing immediate oversight of PRESSoo, however this alignment of the various working groups should enable work to progress most effectively.

7.6 GARR (Many) (see also SCI:7.6)
   Observer and GARR WG member George Prager reported that the WG need input to either continue or end its work. In the following discussion it was suggested that GARR is a remnant of universal bibliographic control but the thinking on UBC has been revised; a review of the place of GARR among the other guidelines would be appropriate. The landscape for authority data is moving. The committee agreed that GARR should be omitted from the current work plan, but that GARR should be discussed at the Midterm Meeting.

12. Reports, continued (continued from 7-8 in the SC I agenda)

7.7 MulDiCat (Roche, see appendix 3)
   The MulDiCat Editorial Group (MEG) has assembled glossaries from all of the bibliographic standards, and work is progressing on ensuring all terms and their definitions are clear and unambiguous. The new ICP text has to be integrated. Once this English list is finalized, the translation work can progress. However, URIs should also be established before that stage, and for this the group is dependent on IFLA funding the namespaces.
7.8 Genre/form WG (Santos)

After the IFLA Conference in Wrocław, members of the IFLA Genre/Form Working Group (https://www.ifla.org/node/8526) continued their work on the survey about the use of genre/form terms in national libraries.

The IFLA Survey on Genre Form Practices in National Libraries Report was published on the WG web page in November 2017 along with the presentation given by Rehab Ouf and Ana Stevanovic in Wrocław at the Metadata Reports session.

In February 2018, co-chairs Ricardo Santos and Ana Stevanovic sent an invitation to both the Cataloguing Section and the Subject Analysis and Access Section mailing lists. The goal was to confirm membership for old/continuing members and to attract new members. The invitation was effective because Genre/Form WG now has 16 members from different type of institutions.

After the membership question was resolved, we developed a list of new projects to consider at our Kuala Lumpur business meeting. The goal there was decide which of these projects we should pursue, and/or if we should consider any other ones:

1. Investigate G/F position in models, principles, rules and other relevant documents;
2. Monitor G/F presence in catalogs worldwide and provide recommendations of best practices for catalog designers;
3. Develop a list of resources relating to genre/form initiatives worldwide, and make this list publicly available on the IFLA website;
4. Engage in a new Survey, part II, broadening the scope to Libraries other than national.

At the meeting it was decided that the most interesting would be number 3, that is, compile a list of resources related to G/F. The goal would be twofold: gather a list of existent vocabularies, thesauri, etc., related to, or useful for G/F, and also collect bibliographic references about this topic. Goal 1 could, in this way, be subsumed under this. The survey could be used as a source to collect ongoing vocabularies.

We hope to have a meeting in Belgrade in early 2019 to revise the results.

7.9 Update on ICP (Galeffi, see also 7.2)

Galeffi explained that when the minor revision to the ICP was complete, the group sent the text to the Committee on Standards and asked how to proceed. The day before this conference, notification was given that the new text had been approved. Unfortunately, the final text had not been circulated to the Cataloguing section. The new text has now been distributed to the Cataloguing Section committee, and comments are welcome.
8. Annual report, information coordination, newsletter (Officers)

8.1 Annual report 2016-2017 (Björkhem)
The report is published at
Annual report 2017-2018 will be available soon for review. It has to be finalized by October.

8.2 Information coordinator report (Galeffi, see appendix 4)
There are 491 subscribers to our mailing list CATSMAIL, with over 30 new subscribers in recent months, and Agnese reminded members to both promote it and use it to communicate. The new IFLA designer is developing a new layout for the website and newsletter, which should result in easier editing. Until this is finalized, it is difficult to know what to expect, but migration preparation should include the consideration of a landing page. This could result in a way to clearly communicate common effort between the UBC groups. The navigation between the Cataloguing Section page and the Committee on Standards’ Review Groups is also worth attention.

8.3 Newsletter editor report (Björkhem for Knutsen)
Knutsen reported the continued success of the IFLA Metadata Newsletter, and requested content for the publication. She is head editor for the upcoming December issue. She reminded members that good content includes visually interesting material, and if photographs are included please provide the photographer credit.

13. Reports from other groups and institutions (Liaisons, all)
Reports are published on https://www.ifla.org/cataloguing/reports when received.

13.1 American Library Association Committee on Cataloguing: Description and Access (ALA CC:DA) (Weitz)
Weitz was thanked for his reports from ALA CC:DA.

13.2 ISO TC46 (Leonard)
Leonard informed members that the agency maintaining ISTC has ceased operations, and a new agency is being sought to save the registration data. The standard used to create the indexes of books is being revised, and a convenor is being sought for this task. Bill will email SAA SC.

13.3 IAML (Gentili-Tedeschi)
Gentili-Tedeschi reported that IAML had a conference in Leipzig in July. There are new UNIMARC vocabularies for musical form, genres and medium of performance. The lack of IFLA Namespaces is a current obstacle to progress.
13.4 ISSN (Oury)
Oury informed members that the revision of the ISO standard governing ISSNs, ISO 3297, International Standard Serial Number, is underway. This revision will prepare the way for the introduction of the concept of "families" of serial resources. A draft should be available by the autumn.

The ISSN center has mapped all MARC21 fields to schema.org, and BIBFRAME elements where schema.org was insufficient.

14. Further reports and announcements

14.1 IFLA Global vision: status (all)
The Athens workshop attended in 2017 was reported to the midterm meeting. The Global Vision is at the stage of calling for ideas, which are then to be incorporated into IFLA’s new strategy. The timeline is as illustrated:

As an IFLA professional unit CATS SC has held two online meetings (August/September 2017 and June 2018), resulting in reports that have fed into the vision work. The reports are posted on our webpage.

Both IFLA’s governance and the Congress organization are under review. It is important to participate in the IFLA process, and with Maja Žumer as Division III chair the profile of metadata has been raised.

The Global Vision workshops have been funded from external sources, and concern was expressed regarding the sustainability of IFLA’s programme given falling revenues.
14.2 Division III (Library Services) Leadership Forum (Björkhem)
Division III is planning to have an Open Session at WLIC2019. As a broad division, the intention is to use the opportunity to showcase library services for a multicultural world. Please contact Björkhem if you are interested in participating.

Information Literacy are interested in running a joint session with another Section.

The term of office for Division chairs is only two years, and so 2019 will see the election of Maja’s successor. The outgoing chairs and secretaries of the Division sections are eligible.

14.3 Officer’s training (CATS SC leadership)
A new IFLA publication, Libraries and the sustainable development goals: a storytelling manual, was promoted as a useful resource. Our important work could benefit from the storytelling techniques when raising awareness.

14.4 Current projects: further update on KL meetings (All)
No further reporting.

15. Action plan 2018-19 (All)
The action plan will be finalized by email. Remember that funds can be applied for to support work. Santos queried how the Genre/Form Working Group should apply, given the group is co-chaired by Cataloguing Section and Subject Analysis and Access. The advice is to demonstrate joint effort and collaboration in the application.

16. Future Cataloguing Section programme
The 85th WLIC will take place 24-30 August 2019 in Athens, Greece. (Starting Saturday, as earlier years.) The theme is “Libraries: dialogue for change”. Ideas and volunteers are sought for Cataloguing Section’s open session. We need to establish a programme committee. Björkhem will send out a call to all SC members.

17. Midterm meeting 2019
It was agreed that a midterm meeting should be held, in April/May 2019, as it is a useful way of progressing the work of the committee. Potential hosts should contact Björkhem, who will send out a preliminary Doodle to decide on a date.

18. Satellite meeting in Athens 2019?
(e.g. following discussions at open discussion session “Metadata specialists in the machine age”) The well attended discussion session provided lots of valuable input, and there is interest from Cataloguing, Bibliography, Subject Analysis and Access, and Information Technology Sections in working jointly. The possible form of the satellite meeting was discussed, with terms such as “think tank” and “camp” suggested. CATS SC members Behrens, Björkhem, Galeffi, and Morris
volunteered to take part in a planning group, keeping the rest of the SC members posted on the progress. Members from both SAA and IT have already volunteered to the planning group.

19. Evaluation of the meetings and our WLIC programmes (All)
(CATS IFLA programmes including open session, open discussion session, Metadata reports.)
All of the events were highly rated by members, and thanks were given again to Vincent Boulet for organizing and chairing the open session. Galeffi will find a way to publish the presentation slides.

The impact of the absence of simultaneous translation services was queried, and it was observed that those sessions offering the service had low uptake for it.

Metadata Reports had 133 attendees (preliminary numbers), and we will apply for holding it again next year. All suggestions and feedback welcome.

The Committee on Standards open session had a high proportion of metadata/Cataloguing section content, for which the presenters were thanked.

The “Metadata Specialists in the Machine Age” session was highly rated, well attended, and supports the worth of organizing a satellite meeting for WLIC2019.

20. Any other business
No other business was presented.

21. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 13:15.
ATTENDANCE
Standing Committee members present:

Nesrine Abdelmeguid  Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt
Renate Behrens  German National Library
Miriam Björkhem  National Library of Sweden
Vincent Boulet  Bibliothèque nationale de France
Gordon Dunsire  RDA Steering Committee
Agnese Galeffi  Sapienza University, Italy
Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi  ICCU, Rome
William Leonard  Library and Archives Canada
Susan R. Morris  Library of Congress, USA
Alejandra Muñoz Gómez  Library of Congress of Chile
Clément Oury  International ISSN Centre, France
Mélanie Roche  Bibliothèque nationale de France
Ricardo Santos  National Library of Spain
Marja-Liisa Seppälä  National Library of Finland
Yoko Shibata  National Diet Library, Japan
Jennifer Wright  BDS, United Kingdom

Standing Committee members absent:
Barbora Drobiková  Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
Henriette Fog  Royal Library, Copenhagen University Library, Denmark
Unni Knutsen  Oslo University Library, Norway
Milena Milanova  Sofia University, Bulgaria

Corresponding members and liaisons present:
Anisatul-Wahidah Abdul Wahid  National Library of Malaysia (Corresponding member) (SCI)
Jay Weitz  OCLC (ALA:CC DA)
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