



Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (LIDATEC) of the IFLA Committee on Standards (CoS)

Business Meeting 2018:3

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018
Time: 08:00-10:30 AM
Venue: Meeting Room 302, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia

Minutes

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome Remarks

Rehab Ouf, as Acting Chair in the absence of Anders Cato, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Anders and Joseph joined the meeting from their respective locations using Zoom video conferencing.

1.2 Appointment of minute-taker: Haliza Jailani

1.3 Introduction and Apologies:

Present LIDATEC:

Rehab Ouf (Acting Chair, also liaison to CoS)

Gordon Dunsire (also liaison to Permanent UNIMARC Committee)

Ana Vukadin (also liaison to FRBR Review Group)

Haliza Jailani

Anders Cato, LIDATEC Chair (via Zoom)

Joseph Hafner (via Zoom)

Liaison to ISBD Review Group:

Melanie Roche

IFLA Headquarters Staff:

Joanne Yeomans

Absent with apologies:

Getaneh Alemu

Observers whose names and respective capacities are in the attached list attended the meeting.

1.4 Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved without amendments.

2.0 Approval of minutes

Rehab asked for comments or corrections to the minutes of meetings:

2.1 Business meeting 2017, Wroclaw: The minutes were approved.

- 2.2 Web meeting 23 January 2018: The minutes were approved.
- 2.3 Web meeting 20 February 2018: The minutes were approved.
- 2.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:
Gordon asked if the minutes from the last conference call meeting on 20 Feb 2018 have been distributed. Joanne clarified that as a working group, notes of meeting are sufficient. Online conference calls do not require formal minutes of meeting. Rehab added that the minutes have been distributed by email.

3.0 Reports and Information

- 3.1 LIDATEC Chair:
Rehab asked Anders for an update of this year's tasks including contacting relevant external bodies. He stated that he was waiting for follow up with MMA by Joanne. Joanne clarified that the Governing Board (GB) had asked for a review of procedures involving new liaisons and contacting people. In anticipation of the procedure, we need to come up with frequency of meetings, who should be contacted and what are the terms of reference for the liaison so that the right person can be identified. These terms of reference will need to be drafted by LIDATEC and are to be submitted to the GB.
- 3.2 IFLA Secretariat:
Joanne informed the members that she will be leaving IFLA in Oct and that there will be a replacement. There is an understanding in the GB that the work of LIDATEC is important. She acknowledged the slow progress and mentioned the letter to members drafted in May which has not been signed yet. The letter should be signed by September.

A strategic work plan review has just been announced. In order for standards work to come out as a strong theme, members were encouraged to add this in the IFLA Global Vision Ideas Store before 30th September (<http://ideas.ifla.org>). The findings will be analysed and the final global vision actions will be announced and distributed by April next year. The GB and the Professional Committee will create a strategy and action plan that will cover the professional structure and IFLA HQ. Further info. can be found at: <https://www.ifla.org/node/36891>.

Rehab gave a quick brief of the IFLA Global Vision and the collection of ideas from librarians all over the world. Each professional committee will have to choose 3 of the most important and/or relevant opportunities to its area of

work and 5 actions to implement each of these ideas/opportunities.
Nominations will take place in November for all committees.

On the matter of IFLA namespace, Maja Zumer has been instrumental in promoting its importance to the GB. But her term will end in 2019. It is very important for this to be heard from within and she urged members to consider how to maintain this level of influence at the GB level.

3.3 Other reports and briefing:

Melanie on behalf of ISBD review group updated on the decision to go through with the project and a change of name to the Bibliographic Linked Data Study Group. There is concern about the lack of a namespace and frustration about how this is being addressed e.g. the letter seeking members' inputs on the need of a namespace was not directed to the right department in BnF and the possibility of this happening in other libraries too. She asked why are more inputs required when it was clear there is no system to maintain the standards. Rehab noted the concern and requested this be discussed under item 4.

Ana from the FRBR review group informed about the name change of the FRBR Review Group to Bibliographic Conceptual Model Group. LRMoo work is in its final phase in collaboration with CIDOC-CRM and changes are required to the website so as to highlight the higher conceptual level that the group will be focusing on. She stressed her agreement with Melanie's concerns over the need for IFLA's namespaces and added that it will be very hard to implement the standards without the tools.

Gordon on behalf of UNIMARC informed of the continuous revisions and that the standards will be published online. As Unimarc is dependent on the namespace, Gordon also added his agreement with Melanie's concerns. Other members had said that liaison with UNIMARC cannot be done without tools. Rehab said the team has been working on the namespace e.g. the survey, its analysis, getting GB's support and preparations of the technical specifications. But the team cannot proceed further without funding as this requires money. She asked Joanne for an update on the namespace issue.

4.0 IFLA Namespaces

4.1.1 Latest news from Headquarters:

Joanne reminded the meeting that from the survey last Aug which had showed support from members, GB had agreed to move forward. Letters thanking

members were sent. However, additional funding is required as well as a firm commitment from members for a period of 5 years until this becomes part of the structural funding within IFLA. The letter asking for funding from members cannot be sent out yet. Once the letter is sent out, the intent is to await responses within 6 weeks.

4.1.2 From the meeting on 20 February 2018:

Joanne informed that until funding is secured, MMA cannot be contacted. She suggested on working for members' support through IFLA's newsletter and webpages on why the various standards are important and the need for these to exist in a Linked Data environment. IFLA members need to understand the importance of namespaces, and LIDATEC and the Review groups may need to draft a response to this initial consultation within the next 1-2 months. The letters for funding support will go to the head persons who may not know enough. IFLA HQ was reminded that this letter should be addressed to the right parties.

Joanne said that she does not have anything further to report except that Maja had informed funding support was inconclusive at GB discussions. She suggested talking to GB members from members' own countries so as to convince them. At WLIC 2018's General Assembly, it was even raised that membership fee should be reduced. GB needs to hear of the need from IFLA members.

Rehab requested Joanne to alert LIDATEC of the timeframes so that documentation and communication can be prepared and done in time. Joanne reminded that approval for an IFLA namespace is not an issue and that it is only the slowness of things happening. The matter will need to be raised at the GB meeting on the following day as the next meeting will be in December.

ACTION: Joanne will alert LIDATEC of the timeframes for documentation and communication to IFLA members so these can be prepared and done in time.

5.0 Action Plan – Discussions and adoption

5.1 Update on actions performed since Aug 2017:

IFLA HQ to send the letter to members without delay so that they can see how much can be contributed. This does not require GB approval, only the signature of the Secretary-General. LIDATEC will contact MMA to confirm that the quotes are still valid.

ACTION: Joanne to send the letter for funding support to members after signature by the Secretary General.

ACTION: Anders to contact MMS to confirm the validity of quotes provided.

5.2 Proposals for new action items to be introduced:

Joanne to highlight how people can become members of LIDATEC. She will check on the procedures and whether these are the same as the nomination call of others, and circulate to everyone.

There is a need to get members to understand, in a simplified and concise way, what IFLA standards are, why the namespaces are needed and the importance of having all vocabularies in the namespaces as a tool to implement and maintain them. This needs to be worked on by LIDATEC and the Review Groups. It would be good to do this now while we send the letters out for funding. Rehab highlighted the importance of the Review groups to focus on libraries who are not aware or do not understand the technicalities of the work. Benefits to these libraries are to be strongly highlighted. It was suggested, by Miriam Bjorkhem, Cataloguing SC Chair, that this be packaged using the storytelling manual under the Library map of the world project. A working group will need to be set up with LIDATEC and representative members of the Review groups.

Gordon requested that CoS be involved and the matter would be highlighted by Rehab to the CoS. Documentation for advocacy to GB for structural funding support should be under CoS. Any further tasks will be distributed by email, which Anders are to assign by mid-Sept after minutes are approved. Rehab closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

ACTION: LIDATEC with the Review Groups coordinated by the Committee on Standards shall work on developing support materials highlighting the importance and crucially of IFLA standards along with the namespaces. These materials shall be used for advocacy to get libraries and the Governing Board adhere to the matter.

6.0 Any Other Business

No other business.

7.0 Adjournment

Rehab closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned.