Progress in UNIMARC

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• + Corresponding Members
21\textsuperscript{st} PUC Meeting, Lyon

• Held at enssib, Lyon, France
• Considered > 20 proposals
• Fewer than usual
  – (Lull before the storm)
• Accepted draft of new 146, replacing 145, \textit{Coded Data Field: Medium of Performance}
• Finalised field 010: 13-digit ISMN (International Standard Music Number)
Format Documents

• UNIMARC manual: authorities format . 3rd ed. ,2009
• UNIMARC manual: holdings format, 2007
• UNIMARC classification format, draft 2000
Guidelines

2. Guidelines for Using UNIMARC for Microforms (May 1999)
4. UNIMARC Minimal Level Record (Feb. 1999)
5. Multi-level Description: Encoding Options for UNIMARC (Feb. 1999)
7. Music (July 2005)
8. Serials and Other Continuing Resources
• Looked at:
  – ISAN International Standard Audiovisula Number, for UNIMARC Authorities
  – ISTC, International Standard Text Code for UNUIMARC/B and UNIMARC/A

• Reviewed Bibliography in Appendix M
  Three categories: ISO Standards, IFLA documents and the remainder
Errors to be corrected

• 2 lists of errors in 3rd edition (Bibliographic) have now been made
  – Members of the PUC
  – Translators of the French version

• Will be published on IFLA website
Other documents

• Guidelines for manuscripts
  – Further changes to the text
  – New draft will be produced

• UNIMARC / Classification
  – Will be prepared for publication
External Interests

• ISBD Review Group
• RDF
• ISO TC 46 SC 4 meeting in South Korea, May 2010
ISO 2709

• Stable record structure since 1968
• Recent XML structure MarcXchange
  – ISO 25577:2008 Information and documentation -- MarcXchange
• Next version after 3-year review will implement completely the embedded fields structure of UNIMARC
PUC 2010

• Investigating changes to cater for ISBD Area 0
  – New set of codes for media types based on ISBD
  – New code added to the record label position 18 to indicate not in ISBD form

• Taking account of ISBD developments and RDA
UNIMARC Worldwide

• Translations into French, Russian, and other languages:
• Website at:

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- National Library of China wish to translate UNIMARC Authorities into Chinese.
- UNIMARC Authorities will reach an extra 1,325,000,000 people.
Thank you