• Permanent UNIMARC Committee

The 25th Permanent UNIMARC Committee Meeting took place on 30-31 March at the Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico delle Biblioteche Italiane (ICCU), Rome, Italy. Seven members of the PUC attended, plus the Director of the Programme, representing 7 countries (Croatia, France, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Russia and USA). The Meeting was chaired by Maria Inês Cordeiro as interim Chair of the PUC.

Most of the work was concentrated on 15 proposals discussed, 10 being approved, one rejected and the remaining 4 being postponed for further work. The work accomplished was mostly related to UNIMARC/B concerning different fields of coded data, some notes and family and corporate names. Discussion continued on the Draft 2nd Version of Guidelines for Archives (UNIMARC Guidelines No. 10), being accepted in principle with changes resulted from the meeting, to be later finalized.

The PUC held an informal meeting during IFLA Conference, as usual, that took place on the 16th of August, with four members attending.

• UNIMARC in RDF Project

This project is in progress. All data regarding UNIMARC/Bibliographic is completed except for blocks 3XX and 4XX. These need more preparation regarding the supply of definitions. The delays in both uploading the data and finishing the project were due to the need of waiting in line with other standards for uploading.

• Leadership of the Strategic Programme and the PUC

The leadership of the Programme and the PUC was again discussed with no solution so far. The possibility of the National Library of Croatia will be explored. As to the Chair of the PUC, no offers yet appeared, therefore Maria Inês Cordeiro, with assistance from Rosa Galvão, will continue as interim Chair.

• UNIMARC Session at IFLA 2015

At IFLA 2015, the PUC held a well attended Workshop on UNIMARC in RDF: Representation of UNIMARC Bibliographic Format in Resource Description Framework for Linked Data, co-presented by Gordon Dunsire and Mirna Willer (Session 105, 17 Aug 2015). The presentation can be found here.

• UNIMARC future meetings

The 26th meeting of the PUC is scheduled for March/April 2016, in Lisbon.

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