



The 19th Meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee
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On 2008 March 12-13, IFLA's Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC) gathered at the National Library of Florence for its Nineteenth Meeting. In attendance were all current Standing Members of the PUC: Liubovė Buckienė (National Library of Lithuania), Joanna Demopoulos (National Library of Greece), Rosa Galvão (National Library of Portugal), Alan Hopkinson (Middlesex University, UK, Chair), Cristina Magliano (Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico, Italy), Agnès Manneheut (Agence bibliographique de l'enseignement supérieur, France), Vladimir Skvortsov (National Library of Russia), and Jay Weitz (OCLC, Vice Chair and Rapporteur). Ms. Manneheut has now officially succeeded the former French representative, her ABES colleague Philippe Le Pape, and Françoise Leresche (Bibliothèque nationale de France), who had been representing Mr. Le Pape in the past several years. UNIMARC Core Activity Director Maria Inês Cordeiro (National Library of Portugal) also joined in several parts of the meeting.

During the two days of meetings, the PUC discussed a total of thirty-seven UNIMARC/Bibliographic (U/B), UNIMARC/Authority (U/A), and UNIMARC/HOLDINGS (U/H) change proposals; the disposition of the upcoming U/B third edition, including a review of the status of all appendices and the index; the possibility of a print version of U/H; the newly-released draft of the UNIMARC *Guidelines for Manuscripts*; the UNIMARC Portal site; and other topics. Minutes, Action Lists, and the Archive List of All Change and Addition Proposals from the 2007 PUC meeting onward were reviewed, updated, and corrected.

UNIMARC Formats and Guidelines

The UNIMARC change proposals were discussed mostly in numerical order. Unless otherwise noted, the proposals were accepted or accepted as amended. In some cases, these actions represent final approval of previously accepted proposals that were subsequently found to need additional work.

- UNIMARC/Bibliographic
 - Corrections and clarifications were made to U/B Section 3 “Format Structure” 3.11, including a more complete listing of fields that could contain copy-specific data.
 - New field U/B 003 was defined for the “Persistent Record Identifier” for the bibliographic record.
 - Revisions were made to field U/B 016 (“International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)”), including making subfield \$d for “Terms of Availability and/or Price” obsolete.
 - Several codes were restored and other clarifications and corrections made to U/B 141 (“Coded Data Field: Copy Specific Attributes”).

- Indicator 2 was defined for U/B 210 (“Publication, Distribution, Etc.”) for “Type of Release,” with examples added and corrected.
- Additional examples were solicited for U/B 316 (“Note Relating to the Copy in Hand”), existing examples were corrected, and subfield \$6 (“Interfield Linking Data”) was added to it and to U/B 317 (“Provenance Note”). Related examples were added to U/B 316, 317, 621, and 702.
- Additional indicators were defined for the completeness of a contents note in U/B 327 (“Contents Note”).
- Clarifications were made to field U/B 511 (“Half Title”) and additional examples were requested.
- Wording in U/B 530 (“Key Title (Continuing Resources)”) and 531 (“Abbreviated Title (Continuing Resources)”) has been updated.
- New field U/B 560 was defined for “Artificial Title.”
- Examples for the Moon and a spaceship were added to U/B 620 (“Place and Date Access”).
- Examples for U/B 621 (“Place and Date of Provenance”) were corrected and/or clarified.
- New U/B fields are defined for “Uniform Conventional Heading for Legal and Religious Texts:” 740 for “Primary Responsibility,” 741 for “Alternative Responsibility,” and 742 for “Secondary Responsibility.”
- New Relator Codes were defined in U/B Appendix C: 233 for “Composer of Adapted Work,” 236 for “Composer of Main Musical Work,” 303 for “Disc Jockey,” 445 for “Impresario,” 665 for “Record Producer,” 672 for “Remixer.”
- U/B Appendix F: Cartographic Materials Codes will be updated to reflect data as it currently appears on the British Library’s Web site for these codes, which are no longer maintained by the BL.
- New Subject Systems Codes were defined in U/B Appendix G: “msc” for *Mathematical Subject Classification*; “nsogi” for *Nuovo soggettario: guida al sistema italiano di indicizzazione per soggetto: thesaurus*; “sipur” for *SIPORbase: sistema de indexação em português*.
- New Cataloguing Rules and Formats Code was defined in U/B Appendix H: “rpc” for *Regras portuguesas de catalogação*.
- Several U/B proposals were rejected or postponed, pending revisions or clarifications:
 - Proposed addition of ISO 15924 “Codes for the Representation of Names of Scripts” to U/B field 100 subfield \$a/34-35 and generally to subfield \$7 was rejected, although the existence of the standard is to be noted and may be accommodated in a future UNIMARC update.
 - Proposal to replace field U/B 145 with a restructured U/B 146 for “Coded Data Field: Medium of Performance” was postponed.

- Proposed new U/B 150 field for “Coded Data Field: Type of Document” and a corresponding new “Appendix P: List of Codes for Types of Documents” were rejected with the suggestion that other existing elements already account for this data or could be altered to do so.
- New Relator Code for “Singer-Songwriter” was rejected for U/B Appendix C.
- UNIMARC/Authorities
 - New U/A fields are defined for “Uniform Conventional Heading for Legal and Religious Texts:” 225 for the heading, 425 for “See Reference Tracing,” 525 for “See Also Reference Tracing,” and 725 for “Linking Heading.”
 - New field U/A 341 was defined for “Activity Note Pertaining to Printer/Publisher.”
 - New field U/A 640 was defined for the structured entry of “Place(s) and Date(s) Associated with the Entity,” to align with Functional Requirements of Authority Data (FRAD).
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 - Proposed U/A 217 for “Heading -- Printer/Publisher Device” in antiquarian materials was postponed.
 - New examples for printer/publisher devices for U/A “Appendix L: Complete Examples” were postponed pending proposals for corresponding bibliographic fields.
- UNIMARC/Holdings
 - Proposal to change twelve U/H 5-- tags to eliminate conflicts between U/B and U/H was rejected pending work to integrate holdings data into the U/B 8-- block.

The third edition of UNIMARC/Bibliographic is expected to be published later in 2008. All of the fifteen appendices were reviewed and either have been or will be updated for the third edition. There will be no index to the third edition.

The possibility for a print version of the UNIMARC/Holdings format will be discussed with the publisher Saur following publication of the U/B third edition.

UNIMARC/Authorities will be more thoroughly discussed at the IFLA conference in Québec in August 2008, when editor Mirna Willer will be in attendance.

The draft UNIMARC *Guidelines for Manuscripts*, dated 2008 January 15, is under review within the PUC.

Upcoming UNIMARC Meetings and Other Activities

A UNIMARC session will be included as part of the IFLA Québec program in August 2008, probably including discussions of the U/B third edition and the prospects for U/A. The PUC also plans to have an informal meeting in Québec.

The UNIMARC Portal at the National Library of Portugal is becoming a tool exclusively for internal PUC communications and work. The UNIMARC section of the IFLA Web site will become the public interface for UNIMARC.

The 20th meeting of the PUC is scheduled to be held in Lisbon, 2009 March 9-10.

UNIMARC Users Group Second Meeting, 2008 March 14

The Second Meeting of the UNIMARC Users Group was held 2008 March 14 at the National Library of Florence. It included an overview of the IFLA UNIMARC Core Activity by its Director Ms. Cordeiro; a report on current activities by PUC Chair Mr. Hopkinson; and reports of UNIMARC experiences and perspectives from Italy, Slovenia, Greece, Russia, France, and the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL). A third UNIMARC Users Group Meeting is expected to be held in 2010, but planning is in the very early stages.