



IFLA Cataloguing Section FRBR Review Group

Report of activities 2013-2014

Membership

According to the terms of reference for the Review Group, membership may vary between eight and ten members. Up until 2013, membership had basically been eight members. 2013 was an election year and the Review Group expressed its appreciation to the members who had completed their terms: Pat Riva, former chair of the RG, Maja Žumer, and Rajesh Chandrakar. When five nominations were received, the Working Group proposed to the Cataloguing Section that it would like to accept all five nominations and expand its membership to ten members. During the Cataloguing Section meetings in Singapore, this proposal was approved. Since then, the Review Group received two resignations from members of the Review Group, so the Group has returned to its former number of members, that is, eight members.

Translations

FRBR

Arabic

- translated by the King Fahad National Library (KFNL).

Bulgarian

FRAD

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FRBR is now available in twenty-two languages including English. FRAD is now available in fourteen languages including English. There were no new translations of FRSAD. FRSAD is available in six languages.

Consolidation of IFLA Conceptual Models

Consolidation of the models is the principal activity in which the Review Group is currently involved.

The RG held one business meeting and one working meeting during IFLA WLIC in Singapore. The working meeting was an extended one (4 ½ hours long) to allow for a more detailed review and discussion of consolidation work.

During the IFLA 2013 conference in Singapore, the Review Group decided to form a Consolidation Editorial Group to lead the work of bringing the three conceptual models together into one coherent model. Consolidation work had reached a point where it required a small group to gather the results of numerous consultations, to identify areas that still needed attention, and to start giving shape to the consolidated conceptual model. The members of this group are Patrick LeBoeuf, Pat Riva, Miriam

Säfström, and Maja Žumer. The small Consolidation Editorial Group worked closely with the Review Group, summarizing discussions and decisions as they occurred, and even setting up Skype meeting opportunities so that Review Group members could be involved. While the group was designed to be small in order to have the agility to accomplish a challenging task, it always welcomed the interest and participation of the members of the Review Group and of related groups, such as the ISBD Linked Data Study Group. During 2013/2014, the Consolidation Editorial Group held two series of meetings. The first series were held in October (Oct. 14 and 15), in Paris, immediately preceding the meetings of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group. By arranging the meetings of the two groups within the one week, it provided an important opportunity for attendance by interested members of related IFLA groups and committees. The second series were held from March 31 to April 4th, in Den Haag, overlapping with the meetings of the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group and allowing members to attend the relevant parts of the CIDOC CRM meetings (see below) in between their own meetings on consolidation. The Paris meetings were hosted by the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris. The Den Haag consolidation meetings were hosted by IFLA Headquarters. The Review Group thanks both institutions for their support of the project by providing excellent facilities for the meetings.

When the RG submitted its proposal for project funding to support the continuation of consolidation work, it submitted a 2-year plan. The project was called *Reassessment of properties in a consolidated conceptual model* and planned for 2013 and 2014 (project was approved in January 2013). Thus, it was not necessary to submit a detailed new plan to cover 2014 funding, but it was necessary to re-apply for 2014 funding. The project funding in both 2013 and 2014 was used to support the meetings held between the annual conferences in order to continue advancing the consolidation work. Since the project is now led by the Consolidation Editorial Group rather than the Review Group as a whole, the Chair and the past Chair decided that it would be more appropriate if a member of the Consolidation Editorial Group acted as the project leader. Pat Riva volunteered to act as the project leader and to be the contact point for administrative aspects, especially related to IFLA funding.

Working Group on FRBR-CRM Dialogue

The Working Group on FRBR-CRM Dialogue held two meetings during 2013-2014: the first in mid-October, in Heraklion, Crete, and the second in early April, in Den Haag. The meetings of this group are usually held at the same time and place as the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group's meetings. IFLA was well represented at both meetings by its three long-standing members. The Review Group Chair was able to attend the April meeting. (This group is sometimes also called the International Working Group on FRBR-CIDOC CRM Harmonisation.) The group's main focus is FRBRoo, an object oriented formulation of FRBR/FRAD/FRSAD and an extension of the museum community's conceptual reference model (CIDOC CRM). As the models each develop, the group monitors changes to maintain harmony between the two.

Distribution List

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