



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Standards Bibliographic Conceptual Models Review Group

Meeting: Tuesday, July 21 2020 (Zoom) – 14.30-16.30 CET

- Minutes -

1. Welcome and introductions

Mélanie Roche welcomed all members and observers. The attendance sheet is joined as an appendix (see Appendix A).

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the usual in-person business meetings during WLIC were replaced by online sessions. M. Roche thanked all members who promptly filled out the survey that was sent to schedule these sessions: as requested by a large majority of respondents, the two meetings will be held in July and December, and allow observers.

2. Announcements

The LD4 conference was held online from July 6 to July 31. Most sessions were recorded, and the videos are available on the [YouTube channel](#) of the conference. Tharwat El Olimy attended the conference and was especially interested in the [presentation of PeriodO](#), a projet aiming at enhancing the modelling of historical periods, especially relevant for the Middle-East periods.

Massoomeh Niknia announced the translation of the CIDOC-CRM model in Persian.

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without change.

4. Minutes of Athens, August 2019

4.1. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved barring some minor corrections.

5. Chair's report

5.1. IFLA Governance Survey

For the last 18 months, IFLA has been engaged in the review of its governance. A draft proposal was sent out in June 2020, along with a survey inviting IFLA members to give their opinion about it. The Committee on Standards feels very strongly about the proposal that was sent, as they fear the message it sends is that IFLA is no longer supporting its standards as a powerful, strategic asset, which is very worrying. Furthermore, the survey that was circulated actually left no room for constructive criticism. That is why the chairs of the ISBD RG and BCM RG have worked with Diane Beattie (chair of CoS) to make their concerns heard and write a letter to the Governing Board.

Division III also sent an open letter to the Governing Board, with a strong emphasis on the governance review itself rather than standards. The chair of BCM signed the letter on behalf of the Working Group, since a lot of the concerns and questions complemented those in the letter from CoS.

=> **Action 1:** M. Roche will circulate both letters to the RG.

6. Website changes

Following last year's decisions, and still waiting for news on the general revision of the IFLA website, a task force worked on updating the content of the website. Chris Oliver, Anita Goldberga, Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan, Agnese Galeffi and Mélanie Roche. Starting from Agnese Galeffi's document from last year. The following directions were presented to the RG:

- The website will target both RG members (who will need administrative information) and the larger community of metadata librarians and experts, who will need access to primary documents as well as vulgarisation material.
- The objectives are to reach out to a larger audience, identify the RG as experts in conceptual modelling, provide a user-friendly environment and logical information layout, provide useful resources and advice on good modelling practice.

M. Roche presented the revision draft. The proposed left-hand menu is streamlined from 15 to 9 tabs. Most pages were rewritten during the process, either to update the content or move things from one section to another. The RG approved the proposed changes, and appreciated that the new menu singles out IFLA LRM as the current model.

In the "About us" section, the namespace project should be incorporated by LRMoo WG and deleted from ongoing projects. More generally speaking, old Working Groups should be separated in archival space.

=> **Action 2:** Consult with Pat Riva for consistent use of FRBR/CIDOC and LRMoo WG.

The task force proposes to add a section for "Teaching and Training". This would be used by members of the RG who create any training material for their own local community and think it could serve the larger community of librarians worldwide. The proposal is accepted.

The task force also questioned the use of having a “FAQ” section. This proposal is met with mixed reactions: the first step to achieve an up-to-date FAQ would be to gather the questions that people usually ask about IFLA LRM or conceptual modelling in general. Deanna White reminded that as a rule, successful FAQ depend mostly on search possibilities offered by the website itself, which in the current state of the IFLA website would not be as efficient as we could hope for. The Review Group agrees that there may be more efficient ways to achieve the same result, notably by using the newly created “Training” section.

=> **Action 3:** the task force will study better options that FAQ before putting it as a work item for the group.

7. LRMoo (Pat Riva)

The LRMoo Working Group attended two CIDOC-CRM SIG meetings.

During the October 2019 meeting, some precedent-setting decisions were taken. Some aspects of FRBRoo had been brought in due to the integration of FRAD, namely attributes for persons. It was decided that such aspects were actually more useful to describe social relationships rather than library material. These constructs will therefore move to CRMsoc, with the consequence that some relationships will cross over extensions. While this has never happened for FRBRoo, it actually is already the case between CRMsci and CRMinf, so this is not entirely new practice for CIDOC-CRM extensions.

The February 2020 meeting in Athens led to version 0.6 of LRMoo. The outline of the document is shared with the group. Lots of pieces are not written yet, and the naming and presentation conventions still need to be worked through, but some achievements were completed, as for instance the listing of LRMoo class declarations. It was also decided that deprecated classes will be moved to an appendix.

Generally speaking, the document is much shorter than before. It will be streamlined and solve some complexities. Some classes and properties will be moved to PRESSoo, as for instance R11 issuing rule. This class will be kept until it is possible to transfer it effectively to PRES-So.

Unlike FRBRoo, the whole text of CIDOC-CRM classes and properties used in the model will not be repeated, as this caused a lot of maintenance problems. The complete text of referred to classes and properties in Section 4 will therefore be replaced by a simple list. As the CIDOC-CRM SIG is currently working toward a major release of the model (CIDOC CRM version 7.0), the list of referred to classes and properties will match version 7.0.

8. Reports from liaisons (see appendixes B and C)

9. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned. Next meeting will be in December 2020.

Appendix A — Attendance sheet

Name	Institution	Country	Status (observer/member)
Mélanie ROCHE	National library of France	France	member (chair)
Gordon Dunsire	RSC	Scotland	liaison member
Tanja Merčun Kariž	University of Ljubljana	Slovenia	member
Deanna White	ISSN International Centre	France	ISSN liaison
Tharwat EIOLimy	University of Sharjah	United Arab Emirates	member
Chris Oliver	University of Ottawa	Canada	member
Colin Higgins	St Catharine's College, Cambridge	UK	observer
Tomas Vaičiulis	National Library of Lithuania Martynas Mažvydas	Lithuania	member
Pat Riva	Concordia University	Canada	LRMoo WG
Jenny Wright	BDS	Scotland	observer
Athena Salaba	Kent State	USA	member
Anita Goldberga	National Library of Latvia	Latvia	member
Angela Quiroz	Library of Congress of Chile	Chile	observer
Saeedeh Akbari Daryan	National Library of Iran	Iran	member
Rehab Ouf	Bibliotheca Alexandrina	Egypt	observer
Helena Patrício	National Library of Portugal	Portugal	observer
Christian Aliverti	Swiss National Library	Switzerland	observer

Appendix B — Report from ISSN International Centre



ISSN International Centre Update IFLA BCM Review Group Meeting July 21st, 2020

1) ISSN Manual Revision Project

The ISSN Review Group has started the review of the ISSN Manual. The current version of the ISSN Manual dates from January 2015, so it is time to revise it. The goal is to have the next version ready between January 2022 and December 2022, dependent upon whether a successful endorsement happens in the Fall 2021 or later in Winter 2022. The first phase covering background research on what areas are problematic for the Manual readers (both for policy and format) was completed, and the survey results were shared with the ISSN Review Group in May. Rewriting will happen in the current phase from May 2020 to September 2021. Trello is the web tool being used to manage the project. The Approval phase will have a final draft sent out to the ISSN Network and other key partners and committees, potentially culminating in a vote for endorsement at a Board meeting. Should the feedback from the community indicate more revision is needed, next drafts will be presented at the next general meeting. Once approval is received, translation to all official languages will be finalized. Special focus will be given to ensure alignment with LRM, RDA, and ISBD.

2) New ISSN National Centre(s)

The launch of a new ISSN National Centre should take place officially September 1st assuming all runs smoothly in the setup. A second country is also close to finalizing its agreement with the ISSN International Centre. Two other countries have sent in their official letters to accede the UNESCO statutes for the ISSN, so more at the beginning of the process. Opening new national centres is a consequential workload for the team.

3) Keepers Registry

The ISSN International Centre has been contributing to the Keepers Registry (keepers.issn.org) since its inception and started hosting it on the ISSN Portal in December 2019. The ISSN International Centre wants to set up a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that will meet twice a year, oversee the development of the service and submit plans to the ISSN IC Governing Board. Core TAC membership is to comprise three representatives from the Keeper organisations and three volunteers from the user community, i.e. representatives from libraries' and/or publishers' associations, plus the ISSN IC Director (ex officio). If digital preservation and serial publishing are key issues for the organization you represent and you want to share ideas and opportunities, please contact Gaëlle Bequet (gaelle.bequet@issn.org) to submit your candidacy for the TAC.

We will also be working on updating our linked data application profile to include holdings information data.

4) MARC 21 Proposals: 008 \$21 codes and 022 URIs for \$0 and \$1

The ISSN Review Group sent two discussion papers to the MARC 21 Advisory Committee:

The first is to request additional codes for continuing resource types be added to the 008 \$21 values. These proposed values are:

- b= blog [though perhaps this could be h to be the same as UNIMARC which already has the code]
- r=repository
- j=journal
- magazine [m is taken, g or z would work but both are taken in UNIMARC]
- newsletter [n is taken, l is taken, e or s might work]
- directory [d is taken, t might work]
- report [r might work]

The second proposal is to include a subfield for ISSN URIs in the 022 tag, under \$0 and/or \$1. The papers will be submitted again as proposals at the mid-winter MAC meeting. The outcome of the discussion is that we will likely request a separate tag –023– be used for the ISSN-L.

5) Wikidata Project

Free ISSN data will be shared with Wikidata under a CC0 license, for WikiProject Periodicals

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:WikiProject_Periodicals:

- ISSN identifier
- ISSN-L identifier
- Proper (original) title of the serial
- Key (unambiguous) title of the serial
- Country of publication
- Distribution format (of a given ISSN)
- URL (for online publications)
- Language of the serial

One challenge was how to treat the Place of Publication coded P291, as the ISSN International Centre only releases the country metadata rather than the city of publication. The URLs coded in 856 tags in the ISSN records may not necessarily be the most up to date compared to what may be found on the Wikidata page. To ease the reconciliation process, we will only upload data on entries that have an ISSN filled in Wikidata with ISSN (P236) and we will not try to reconcile based on publication title to avoid the risk of creating duplicates if the match on the title does not work. We also didn't want to upload all our free records and end up creating tons of very small entities in Wikidata. The full discussion about how the model is set up can be found here:

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata_talk:WikiProject_Periodicals

Reported by Deanna White, ISSN Liaison

Appendix C — Report from RSC

Report to IFLA BCM Review Group from Gordon Dunsire, liaison to RDA Steering Committee

The next release of the beta RDA Toolkit is scheduled for September 2020.

The release will incorporate:

- * Mappings from RDA elements to LRM entity-relationship elements.
- * New guidance on Entity boundaries: the criteria for determining if an instance being described is different from an instance that has already been described. Some entities have boundaries determined by physical characteristics, including Item, Manifestation, Person, Place, and Timespan. Other entities have boundaries that are determined by local 'bibliographic and cultural conventions'.
- * New guidance on RDA conformance, outlining what is necessary for metadata to be considered conformant with the new RDA guidance and instructions. A metadata statement is conformant if it describes an RDA entity using an RDA element or an entity and element that are subtypes of an RDA entity and element. A metadata description set may be partially or fully conformant, depending on the conformance of its constituent statements.
- * Ongoing development of a Community resources area of the Toolkit for content that is of interest to some, but not all, RDA communities. This will include instructions for creating access points using string encoding schemes, and guidance on abbreviations, capitalization, and initial articles in various languages for transcription of manifestation statements and use in string encoding schemes. Links to the IFLA Names of persons content may be added.
- * Ongoing identification of shortcut elements that are expressed as a chain of two or more elements in the LRM.