



IFLA Cataloguing Section

Annual report 2006

Scope Statement

The Cataloguing Section is the centre of international developments in cataloguing theory, activities, and standards development within IFLA. The Section analyses the functions of cataloguing activities for all types of materials and media, including both bibliographic and authority information, for the benefit of all users. The Section proposes and develops cataloguing rules, guidelines, and standards for bibliographic information, taking into account the developing electronic and networked environment in order to promote universal access to and exchange of bibliographic and authority information. The Section also provides leadership in the development of various standards and guidelines related to bibliographic activities, such as corporate name headings, authority entries, and OPAC displays.

Membership

The section has 181 members.

The standing committee consists of 21 members and two corresponding members. (The size of the committee was expanded, with approval of the Professional Committee, from 20 to 21 due to a three-way tie in voting when two vacancies were declared in October 2005). Two members and a corresponding member are from Asia. Europe (with Russia) and North America are well covered but we are still eager to have participation from the remainder of Asia and from Africa, Central America, and South America.

<i>Standing Committee members</i>		
Ana Barbaric	University of Zagreb, Croatia	1st term, 2005-2009
Anders Cato	Kungliga Biblioteket, Sweden	1st term, 2005-2009
Elena Escolano Rodríguez	Biblioteca Nacional, Spain	1st term, 2003-2007
William A. Garrison	Syracuse University, USA	1st term, 2003-2007
Renate Gömpel	Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany	2nd term, 2005-2009
Ben Gu	National Library of China, People's Republic of China	1st term, 2005-2009
Mauro Guerrini	University of Florence, Italy	1st term, 2003-2007
John Hostage	Harvard Law School Library, USA	completing an existing 2003-2007 1st term
Ulrike Junger	Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany	1st term, 2003-2007
Judith A. Kuhagen	Library of Congress, USA	1st term, 2003-2007
Natalia Kulygina	Russian State Library, Russian Federation	1st term, 2003-2007
Patrick Le Bœuf	Bibliothèque nationale de France	2nd term, 2005-2009; resigning Dec. 2006
Jaesun Lee	National Library of Korea	completing an existing 2003-2007 1st term
Cristina Magliano	ICCU, Italy	2nd term, 2005-2009
Eeva Murtomaa	Helsinki University Library, Finland	2nd term, 2005-2009
Cristina Ramos	Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Art Library, Portugal	completing an existing 2003-2007 1st term
Pat Riva	McGill University, Canada	1st term, 2005-2009
Erik Thorlund Jepsen	Danish National Library Authority	1st term, 2005-2009

<i>Standing Committee members</i>		
Marit Vestlie	National Library, Norway	2nd term, 2003-2007
Elena Zagorskaya	National Library of Russia, Russian Federation	1st term, 2003-2007
Marcia Lei Zeng	Kent State University, USA	completing an existing 2003-2007 term

Standing Committee corresponding members		
Dierdre Kiorgaard	National Library of Australia	2nd term, 2005-2007
Minoru Inahama	National Diet Library, Japan	1st term, 2005-2007

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Meetings – August 2006, Seoul

The Section's Standing Committee met in two sessions during the Seoul conference, attended by 37 and 31 persons respectively, observers included. Main topics of discussion included the following:

- reports of projects (see table below)
- reports of working groups and review groups (see table below)
- reports of two sessions of the International Meeting of Experts for an International Cataloguing Code (IME ICC): Cairo in December 2005; Seoul in August 2006
- update of the strategic plan for 2006-2007

Also noted was the resignation in March 2006 of John Byrum as Chair of the ISBD Review Group; he had held that position since 1986. The Standing Committee members and observers expressed their appreciation for his service by signing a certificate to be delivered to him.

The officers participated in two sessions of the Coordinating Board, Division IV (Bibliographic Control). Judy Kuhagen is the Secretary of the Coordinating Board.

Projects and Working Groups

Title	Chair	Status
ISBD Review Group	Elena Escolano Rodríguez	<p>The Future Directions Study Group met in Frankfurt in April (with support from ICABS) to continue work on a draft text of a consolidated ISBD. Taken into consideration were changes in revised drafts of ISBD(A), ISBD(CM), and ISBD(ER). The draft was posted for worldwide review in mid-July. The Group met in Paris in early December to review the comments and work on revisions to the text. The Study Group looks forward to a final consolidated ISBD being ready for publication in March or April 2007.</p> <p>The Review Group reviewed the work of the Future Directions Study Group and made decisions about the content of the consolidated ISBD and the timing of the revisions. They submitted a motion to the Standing Committee that the consolidated ISBD will replace the individual ISBDs; that motion was approved by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Material Designations Study Group did not meet in Seoul. GMDs incorporating new materials will be included in the first revision to the consolidated ISBD.</p> <p>List of translations of ISBDs available: http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/nd1/isbdtran.htm</p>
Working Group on Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing Terms and Concepts		Work will resume in 2007 with assistance of members of the Standing Committee of the Classification and Indexing Section.

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Working Group on <i>Anonymous Classics</i>	Nadine Boddaert (liaison from Standing Committee to be named)	The final listing of African epics will be posted on IFLANET by the end of 2006. A section of Chinese classics will be the next draft for review.
Section liaison to Working Group on FRANAR (a division working group)	Glenn Patton	<p>The Group reviewed several specific aspects of a revised/rearranged draft of the Functional Requirements document. This new draft contains most of the changes that resulted from worldwide review comments. There will be another worldwide review.</p> <p>The Group will recommend that IFLA do nothing further in pursuing the idea of an ISADN (International Standard Authority Data Number) but, rather, focus its efforts on more promising projects such as the Virtual International Authority File.</p>

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FRBR Review Group	Pat Riva	<p>The Working Group on FRBR/CRM Dialogue held three multi-day meetings during the year; a working draft of the object-oriented formulation of FRBR was distributed on the FRBR listserv in June.</p> <p>The Working Group on the Expression Entity prepared an amendment addressing problems in defining the expression entity; the amendment was posted on IFLANET for worldwide review with comments due by Dec. 31.</p> <p>The Review Group considered suggestions for revision of the model.</p> <p>The new Working Group on Aggregates met for the first time in Seoul.</p> <p>The Teaching and Training Working Group recommended its dissolution; the Review Group and the Standing Committee agreed.</p> <p>Listing of translations of FRBR report: http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/finalreport.htm</p>
IME ICC planning committee	Barbara Tillett	<p>To explore the ground for further harmonization of cataloguing rules internationally and a new Statement of International Cataloguing Principles. The report of the 3rd meeting for Arabic-speaking Middle East experts (Cairo, Dec. 2005) was published in August. The 4th meeting of Asian experts was held in Seoul just prior to the conference. Planning continues for the 5th and last meeting in South Africa in 2007.</p>
Working Group for an International Cataloguing Code	Barbara Tillett	<p>Work on an international cataloguing code (i.e., a code for rule makers) is postponed until all regional IME ICC meetings are completed.</p>

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<i>Names of Persons</i>	no chair	Scanned version of 1996 document posted on IFLANET; corrected section on Russian names added.
Working Group for Bibliographic Recommendations for Digital Text Documents	Erik Thorlund Jepsen	This new Working Group met for the first time in Seoul. They plan to review existing standards/recommendations, establish contacts with publishers and their organizations, and write a strategic paper to show the potential benefits. The Group will meet in Copenhagen in February 2007.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Standing Committee's minutes of sessions for the Seoul 2006 conference posted on IFLANET:
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/meet/CatMinutes06.pdf>

Publications not noted in previous table

Two issues of the Section's newsletter, *SCATnews*, published: no. 24 in January 2006 and no. 25 in June 2006.

IFLA Cataloguing Principles: Steps towards an International Cataloguing Code, 3. Report from the 3rd Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, Cairo, Egypt 2005.
Edited by Barbara B. Tillett, Khaled Mohamed Reyad and Ana Lupe Cristán. München: Saur, 2006, 197 p. ISBN 3-598-24278-6 (IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control; vol. 29).

For further information on publications related to the work of the ISBD Review Group and the FRBR Review Group and their own groups, see the following:
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/isbd-rg.htm> and <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/wgfrbr.htm>.

Conference programmes

The Section reported on its activities in a handout distributed at the Open Forum of the Division of Bibliographic Control.

The section's open programme theme was "Cataloguing partnerships: principles, projects and publishers." The five presentations are listed below. More than 250 people attended this programme; simultaneous interpretation was available. Translations of the papers in Chinese,

French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and/or Russian, prepared by members of the Standing Committee and their colleagues, are available on IFLANET.

- “International Meeting of Experts for an International Cataloguing Code 3 and 4: Cairo and Seoul” – Barbara Tillett (with the assistance of Jaesun Lee);
- “VIAF (Virtual International Authority File): Linking Die Deutsche Bibliothek and Library of Congress Name Authority Files” – Rick Bennett, Christina Hengel-Dittrich, Edward O'Neill, and Barbara Tillett
- “Processing metadata for electronic journals: the example of the German Union Catalogue of Serials” – Ulrike Junger
- “Shopping for current day news in the library database: is it possible?” -- Anita Goldberga and Ilona Dukure
- “Using outsource data of digital resources in creating our own bibliographic records: Lingnan University Library's experience in converting Naxos Music Library and Spoken Word Library online titles to MARC records” – Patrick Lo and Owen Tam

Relationships with Other Bodies

The Section officers work with officers of the other sections in the Division of Bibliographic Control, meeting as the Coordinating Board of the division. There are also links with the Information Technology Section. John Hostage is a non-voting representative from the Section to the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access.

For the Cataloguing Section:

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Secretary

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