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The Cataloguing Section strives to be the centre of excellence 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 131 members, 116 institutions and 15 personal affiliates.

The Standing Committee (SC) consists of 20 members and two corresponding members, representing 17 countries. Two members and one corresponding member are from Asia, one corresponding member is from Africa. Europe (with Russia) and North America are well covered, but the SC is looking for more representation from South America, Africa, and Australia.

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Meetings – August 2011, Puerto Rico

The Section's Standing Committee met in two sessions during the Puerto Rico conference, attended by 53 and 38 persons respectively, observers included. Main topics of discussion included:

- Reports of review groups, working groups and projects (see table below).
- Reports from the Leadership Forum of the Library Services Division.
- Update of the strategic plan 2012-2013: this should take the form of an action plan, with 1-3 clearly defined actions, which must be measurable, possible to follow up and connected to the IFLA Strategic Plan Priority Activities.
- Continued discussion of the role of IFLA standards, particularly within the field of bibliographic control. The basic recommendation of the IFLA Bibliographic Standards Working Group was to reintroduce bibliographic standards as an IFLA core activity. The Governing Board instead established a new Standards Committee, which will be responsible for all IFLA standards. The SC decided to put together a list of its concerns to supply support for the new committee.

- The continuation of the International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC). De Gruyter Saur made an offer to become ICBC publisher, but the contract they proposed was rejected by the Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) because of IFLA's full open access policy.
- Next year's programme:
 - The SC is planning a satellite conference with the Bibliography Section. The National Library of Poland has offered to serve as host, and the conference will be held in Warsaw the 9th of August. The title of the satellite conference is "Bibliography in the Digital Age".
 - The theme of the next IFLA WLIC is "Libraries Now! – Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering", and the title for the Section's open programme will be "Inspired Moments in Cataloguing".

Review groups, working groups and projects

Title	Chair	Status
FRBR Review Group	Pat Riva	<p>The final report of the FRSAR Working Group, Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Data (FRSAD) was published in June 2011. Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD) has been translated into many languages. The electronic version of FRAD still remains to be published online. The SC chair has reminded IFLA Headquarters.</p> <p>Consolidation of the IFLA Conceptual Models: The work with extending the object-oriented statement of FRBR (FRBRoo) to include information from FRAD and FRSAD goes on. The general consolidation work for the FR family of conceptual models have started.</p> <p>The WG on Aggregates, chaired by Ed O'Neill, has delivered their final report to the FRBR RG.</p>
ISBD Review Group	Elena Escolano Rodríguez (from August 2011 Mirna Willer)	<p>The definitive edition of the consolidated ISBD has been published.</p> <p>The ISBD RG have met with the JSC. The goal is alignment and interoperability of the RDA and ISBD standards.</p> <p>The sub-groups of ISBD have</p>

		continued their work. The ISBD properties have been declared in the Open Metadata Registry.
Working Group on Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing Terms and Concepts (MulDiCat)	Barbara B. Tillett (from August 2011 Anders Cato)	MulDiCat contains terms and concepts from the ICP glossary, ISBD, FRBR and FRAD in more than 25 different languages. MulDiCat has been released in a first official version on the IFLA website. Translators of IFLA cataloguing standards and related documents are invited to use MulDiCat.
Names of Persons	Bodil Gustavsson (from August 2011 Anders Cato)	In its current state Names of Persons is partly unreliable, partly lacking. To the next Committee meeting Anders Cato will examine alternate solutions for maintaining and updating the content.
Working Group on Anonymous Classics	Nadine Boddaert (retired March 2011)	Is the current way of publishing the list of Anonymous Classics the best? The SC awaits a proposed solution for Names of Persons (above).
Namespaces task group	Gordon Dunsire	The FRBRer element set was set to “Published” in the Open Metadata Registry. The FRAD and FRSAD element sets are underway. Spanish translations for the element set labels have been added to the registry.
Review of the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP)	Working group: Agnese Galeffi, Dorothy McGarry and David Reser	The WG will examine the need to update the principles. At next year’s meeting the SC will discuss the ICP further.

For further information on the work of the FRBR Review Group and the ISBD Review Group, see <http://www.ifla.org/en/frbr-rg> and <http://www.ifla.org/en/isbd-rg>.

Publications

Three issues of the Section’s newsletter, SCATnews, published: no. 34 in January, no. 35 in June, and no. 36 in December 2011. Editor of no. 34-35 Bill Garrison, editor from no. 36 Unni Knutsen.

Satellite conference and open programme 2011

A satellite conference on RDA (Resource Description and Access) was held at the National Library of Puerto Rico. The programme ranged from reports on the RDA testing to code translation issues, from more international JSC (Joint Steering Committee) representation to linked data. The satellite conference gathered about 70 participants.

The Section's open programme theme was "Cataloguing: breaking barriers". It consisted of four papers (listed below), and the speakers represented four countries and three continents. All papers were available on the IFLA website in advance, and the abstracts were available in six languages (English, Chinese, German, Spanish, French and Russian). The programme was well-attended, and generally considered strong and varied.

"Breaking barriers between old practices and new demands: the price of hesitation" by Maja Žumer, Jan Pisanski, Polona Vilar, Viktor Harej, Tanja Merčun and Katarina Švab

"Data aggregation and dissemination of authority records through linked open data" by Xavier Agenjo, Francisca Hernández, and Andrés Viedma

"Comparison of metadata schemas: AACR2+ vs. ICDL's metadata schema" by Jihee Beak and Hope A. Olson

"A bibliographic logistics for processing mega-medium collections: a practical system of the NCL to solve the current barriers in cataloguing and its services" by Diing-jong Yan and Ching-fen Hsu.

Relationships with other bodies

The Section officers work with officers of the other sections in the Library Services Division.

John Hostage has served as a liaison to the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access. As Hostage's second term on the SC ended 2011, Jay Weitz was appointed new liaison to the ALA committee.

Paola Manoni serves as the SC liaison to ISO TC46.

The Standing Committee invites other rule-making bodies to name liaisons to the Cataloguing Section.

For the Cataloguing Section:

Hanne Hørsl Hansen, Chair

Miriam Säfström, Secretary

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