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## **MINUTES: SCI**

**Standing Committee I: Saturday, 15 August, 9:45-12:15 (Room 2.41-2.43)**

**Chair: Hanne Hørnl Hansen, secretary: Miriam Säfström**

**For attendance, see “Attendance” and “Observers: SCI and SCII”**

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

The chair, Hanne Hørnl Hansen, welcomed all Standing Committee (SC) members and observers. This was followed by brief introductions of the SC members, as well as of the observers.

### **2. Agenda**

The agenda was approved with some additions, among them an outreach from ISO/TC46 which was added to the agenda of SC II.

This year, just as in 2014, the SC had three meetings: two regular business meetings (SCI and SCII) and an extra meeting dedicated to discussion of the ISBD strategy. The minutes from the ISBD meeting are included in this document.

### **3. Minutes of the 2014 CATS meetings in Lyon**

The minutes from the Lyon meetings (<http://www.ifla.org/cataloguing/reports>, “Meeting reports”) were approved as written.

### **4. Elections**

#### **4.1 Officers and newsletter editor**

Miriam Säfström (former secretary) was elected chair for the next two-year term. Hanne Hørnl Hansen (former chair) was elected secretary. Miriam Säfström will continue as SC treasurer.

Both information coordinator Agnese Galeffi and newsletter editor Unni Knutsen have declared themselves willing to continue with their tasks, which was welcomed and approved by the Committee.

#### **4.2 Review group (RG) members**

##### *FRBR RG elections*

The FRBR RG had four vacancies. The call for nominations resulted in five candidates. The chair of the FRBR RG proposed that all five should be accepted, as the work of the group is in a very busy phase. The SC approved of this and will revise the FRBR RG instruction “There cannot be less than 8, nor more than 10 members.” by adding “This number can be increased, should the SC find it needed.” (<http://www.ifla.org/about-the-frbr-review-group>)

After the election the FRBR RG consist of:

- María Violeta Bertolini, Argentina (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Barbora Drobiková, Czech Republic (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Gordon Dunsire, UK (second term ends 2017)
- Agnese Galeffi, Italy (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Italy (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Ben Gu, China (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Patrick Le Boeuf, France (first term ends 2017)

- Tanja Merčun, Croatia (first term ends 2017)
- Anke Meyer-Hess, Germany (first term ends 2017)
- Chris Oliver, Canada (first term ends 2017)
- Athena Salaba, USA (first term ends 2017)

Clément Oury joined as ISSN IC liaison.

#### *ISBD RG elections*

The ISBD RG had five vacancies. The call for nominations resulted in two candidates. During the conference additional SC members expressed their interest in working with the group, and all vacancies were filled.

After the election the ISBD RG consist of:

- María Violeta Bertolini, Argentina (first term ends 2017)
- Vincent Boulet, France (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Italy (chair) (second term ends 2019)
- Gordon Dunsire, UK (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Irena Kavčič, Slovenia (second term ends 2017)
- Francoise Leresche, France (second term ends 2017)
- Dorothy McGarry (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Susan R. Morris, USA (new member, first term ends 2019)
- Clément Oury (new member and ISSN IC liaison, first term ends 2019)
- Ricardo Santos Muñoz, Spain (first term ends 2017)
- Mirna Willer, Croatia (second term ends 2019)

#### **4.3 New Liaison to ALA CC:DA**

Jay Weitz is ending his second term as a CATS SC member, and the matter of a new liaison to the ALA CC:DA (American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access) was discussed. The SC has other liaisons that are not committee members (e.g. ISO TC46 liaison Paola Manoni and IAML liaison Anders Cato). In light of this, Jay Weitz was asked to continue as liaison to the CATS SC and accepted. His reports from the CC:DA meetings 2014/2015 are included as Appendix VI and VII to these minutes.

#### **4.4 Corresponding members**

The chair reported:

The National Diet Library of Japan has proposed a new corresponding member: Yoko Shibata. She is to succeed corresponding member Atsushi Tashiro.

Viktorija Barsukova and Christine Frodl have both finished their first terms in the SC. It is proposed that the National Library of Russia and Deutsche Nationalbibliothek stay connected to the Committee as corresponding members, via Viktorija Barsukova (National Library of Russia) and Renate Behrens-Neumann (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek).

The SC has established contact with the National Library of Malaysia and Anisatul-Wahidah Binti Abdul Wahid is proposed as new corresponding member.

Some of the proposed members had been approved by the SC in advance and some were approved now.

#### **4.5 Thanks to outgoing members**

The following SC members have finished their terms and are now leaving the SC:

- Viktoria Barsukova, Russia
- Robert L. Bothmann, USA
- Christine Frodl, Germany
- Cha Kyung Lee, Korea
- Françoise Leresche, France
- Dorothy McGarry, USA
- David Reser, USA
- Jay Weitz, USA

Manal Amin Abdalla Abdelhalim (Egypt) has only served two years of her first term, but cannot complete her term and is also leaving the SC.

The chair thanked the outgoing members for their valuable contributions to the work of the SC.

### **5. Announcements**

#### **5.1 Division and Section Programmes**

This year our Division held an open programme concerning how the sections of the division take part in realizing the content of the Lyon Declaration.

The CATS open session presentations of this year were focused on the FRBR family of conceptual models, their development and implementations. Chris Oliver, chair of the FRBR RG chaired the Session. The presentations were:

*A Basic Introduction to FRBROO and PRESSOO*, Patrick Le Boeuf (FRBR RG / Bibliothèque nationale de France, France)

*Introducing the FRBR Library Reference Model*, Pat Riva (Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canada) and Maja Žumer (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

*Datos.bne.es: a LOD Service and a FRBR-modelled Access into the Library Collections*, Ricardo Santos Muñoz (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain), Daniel Vila-Suero (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain) and Ana Manchado (Biblioteca Nacional de España, Spain)

*Towards an FRBR compliant catalogue: prospects for the City of Cape Town Public Library Management System*, Niels Ruppelt (Library Centre Ndabeni, South Africa)

#### **5.2 Thanks to translators**

The chair extended her warm thanks to all translators who have helped with the programme papers.

### **6. Reports I**

#### **6.1 FRBR RG and subgroups**

The annual report of the FRBR RG is included in these minutes (Appendix I) and also posted on [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/frbrrg/activities\\_2014-15.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/frbrrg/activities_2014-15.pdf). Chris Oliver, chair of the FRBR RG presented it to the SC.

## **6.2 ISBD RG and subgroups**

ISBD RG chair Mirna Willer had not yet arrived in Cape Town, and María Violeta Bertolini, member of the ISBD RG and chair of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group, presented the report on ISBD RG activities 2014-2015. The report is included in these minutes (Appendix II) and can also be found at [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/activities\\_2014-15.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/activities_2014-15.pdf).

## **6.3 IFLA Namespaces Task Group**

Gordon Dunsire, chair of the (now discontinued) IFLA Namespaces Task Group, reported that the group has been succeeded by LIDATEC Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (<http://www.ifla.org/node/9428>). LIDATEC will hold its first meeting during this congress.

## **7. ICP – revision and the worldwide review**

The task of the International Cataloguing Principles (ICP) Task Group is to revise the ICP so the text better reflects the ten years of cataloguing development that has passed since it was written. As there is a lot of parallel work going on (e.g. the FRBR consolidation work) a full revision has to await the outcome of this.

There has been a worldwide review on the revised ICP, with deadline June 2015. The TG will now work on received comments in order to produce a final text (with glossary) by December 2015. The report from the ICP Task Group is included in these minutes (Appendix III).

## **8. Genre/form working group**

In 2014 the Classification and Indexing section started a working group on Genre/form, led by George Prager (<http://www.ifla.org/node/8526>). Group member Bobby Bothmann reported that the group met in Lyon last year. Since then they have continued their work via e-mail. The group has been very active and industrious, and put together a survey and a cover letter. This survey has however not yet been sent out. CATS SC member Patrick LeBoeuf is a group member, but Bobby Bothmann is an outgoing member of the CATS SC, and is also leaving the Genre/form WG. WG chair George Prager has now asked for more representation from the CATS SC, possibly even a co-chair. The question will be raised again at our second business meeting (SCII).

## **9. Names of Persons: Report from working group**

María Violeta Bertolini reported on the work of the group, see Appendix IV. The WG, consisting of María Violeta Bertolini, Milena Milanova and Ricardo Santos, have made considerable progress in the online publication of NoP files, now available in the Names of Persons webpage (<http://www.ifla.org/node/4953>).

## **10. Anonymous Classics**

### **10.1 African manuscript**

Hanne Hørl Hansen reported. We still have no confirmation of the content of the published draft of “African Literatures: Epics and assimilated”. Hanne Hørl Hansen will now contact the African section of IFLA and ask for its help to find a local expert.

### **10.2 Latin American Literatures: Report from working group**

For a description of the project, see last year’s minutes, Appendix VI.

Maria Violeta Bertolini reported on the work of the group, see Appendix V.

The group has contacted all Latin American countries via e-mail. So far, there has not been much response, but a reminder will be sent out. The templates and instructions on the Anonymous Classics website has been updated, so the text is now available both in Spanish and English in the Anonymous Classics webpage (<http://www.ifla.org/node/4957>).

## **11. Reports II**

### **11.1 Liaison to ALA CC:DA**

Jay Weitz, liaison to the American Library Association’s Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (ALA CC:DA), presented two reports (Appendix VI and VII) from the Committee meetings at the ALA Midwinter and the ALA annual conference.

### **11.2 SCATNews / joint newsletter between Bibliography, CATS and Classification and Indexing**

Last year at the division meeting a joint newsletter of the UBC sections (Bibliography, Cataloguing and Classification and Indexing) was discussed. It is felt that the audience of information from these three sections are overlapping, and that we in this way could promote each others work.

CATS newsletter Unni Knutsen reported that the December issue of SCATnews was published as usual. When it was time for the summer issue the newsletter editors got together and decided that instead of doing a study or report on what a joint newsletter would look like, they should instead go ahead and make an issue together. The reponse so far has been very good. The idea from the editors is that there will be no “main” editor, but each will be responsible for his or her content, and the task of putting it together can circulate. Pros and cons of a joint newsletter and joint information channels overall was discussed. It was decided to await response from the SC meetings of the other involved sections before deciding whether we want to keep up with this joint effort.

### **11.3 IFLA website**

Information coordinator Agnese Galeffi reported. All members were urged to mail her if they wanted changes or found errors. The IFLA HQ team is planning to go through and update/improve the whole IFLA website, and before that no major changes on the CATS pages are planned.

### **11.4 MulDiCat**

In September 2014, the Bibliography Section presented a recommendation (Appendix VIII) on MulDiCat to the Committee on Standards (CoS). It was proposed that the CoS should take over the responsibility for MulDiCat, as the project has a more natural affiliation with this group. The recommendation was endorsed by CATS SC and the Classification and Indexing SC. Since then there has been no further activity, perhaps because the CoS had more urgent matters to

attend to. This year our division has a new representative in the CoS (Miriam Säfström, incoming chair of CATS SC) and will lift the question again.

## **12. Adjournment**

The chair adjourned the meeting and thanked all those present.



## **MINUTES: SCII**

**Standing Committee II: Wednesday, 19 August, 13:15-14:45 (Room 1.63-1.64)**

**Chair: Miriam Säfström, secretary: Hanne Hørl Hansen**

**For attendance, see “Attendance: SCI and SCII” and “Observers: SCI and SCII”**

### **13. Welcome**

The chair, Miriam Säfström, welcomed all Standing Committee (SC) members and observers. This was followed by brief introductions of the SC members, as well as of the observers.

### **14. Agenda and follow-up on subjects from SC I**

Miriam Säfström distributed an updated agenda for the SC's second meeting

#### **14.1 ISO standards concerning cataloguing principles and practices: fast-track procedure.**

As it was difficult to determine the extent of ISO's outreach to the Cataloguing Section, it was decided that Hanne Hørl Hansen should contact Paola Manoni to ask whether it is limited to a single standard or in general. If the approach is general it might be appropriate to involve the IFLA Committee on Standards as well.

#### **14.2 Collaboration with our sister sections (Bibliography, Classification and indexing), joint newsletter. Report from newsletter editors' Cape town meeting**

The first joint newsletter was published prior to IFLA in order to test the idea in practice. Unni Knutsen reported: It hasn't been possible to arrange a meeting during the conference between the editors, but this will be arranged after the conference. Agnese Galeffi has promised to help with the layout.

The other sections have also evaluated on the result:

Classification hasn't reached a conclusion on how to move forward: joint information or not? Clément Oury reported from the Bibliography Section that they had discussed the audience of the newsletter. Should the newsletter cover activities of interest outside IFLA or just matters concerning the sections work within IFLA?

Personally he thought that the content should match the persons who would attend as observers to the sections meetings.

Unni Knutsen answered that a previous survey had told us that the audience prefers both news from the section as well as news about what is going on in cataloguing.

Gordon Dunsire was skeptical towards a joint newsletter .

Several others stated that the audience properly is the same for all “sister sections”.

The chair suggested a vote whether giving Unni Knutsen the mandate to try the new model for another year. All 14 votes agreed on trying the new model for the next year.

#### **14.3 Genre/form WG: new representative needed**

Ricardo Santos volunteered for the group and will also work as co-chair of the group

#### **14.4 Election of chairs of the Review groups: result**

Chris Oliver was reelected as chair of the FRBR RG (2. term 2015-2017)

Mirna Willer has served two periods as chair and therefore couldn't be reelected.

Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi was elected as new chair (1. term 2015-2017).

The chair expressed her thanks to Mirna Willer for her work. Mirna Willer will continue as member of the ISBD RG.

The chair also expressed her thanks to outgoing members of the review groups.

## **15. Announcements**

### **15.1 Leadership Forum of the Library Services Division**

The main topics of the meeting were:

- New Officers of the Division: Viviana Quinones, incoming Division III Chair. Adjoa Boateng of Library Services to Multicultural Populations was elected secretary.
- New rules for Special Interest Groups (SIG)
- IFLA's contract with the publisher De Gruyter Saur expires this year. IFLA will continue to strive for open access to the documents.
- The IFLA website will be changed, which might affect CATS website
- IFLA has taken on extra staff to work with the IFLA library: the purpose is to improve metadata and also to start covering materials from satellite meetings.
- The draft for IFLA's new strategic plan was presented. Feedback to the draft was given through discussions in small groups. (A copy of the draft had been handed out at the first CATS SC meeting.)

### **15.2 IFLA Market: the new IFLA strategic plan**

The chair reported from IFLA Market, where the new strategic plan also was discussed. It is essential that the sections action plan relates to the key initiatives.

The strategic plan reflects the statements in the Lyon declaration.

### **15.3 Libraries working for development through information access: Realising the Lyon declaration (Division III sections open session)**

The chair reported. It was suggested that the Cataloguing Section might contribute in connection with advocacy for libraries on matters on copyright. The chair will get back to the SC on that.

### **15.4 News from Officer's training**

Hanne Hørnl Hansen reported that a template for section action plans has been established. From now on also a communication plan has to be devised in connection with the action plan. IFLA has decided to put the project management tool Basecamp at the sections disposal.

## **16. Finances**

Miriam Säfström presented a financial report for 2014 and 2015 so far. Last year we had a small over-expenditure. (See Appendix IX)

Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi raised the problem that no funding is available for the ISBD RG to be represented at the JSC meetings in the fall 2015.

The budget for 2016 will be made on the basis of proposals from the review groups.

## **17. Strategic Plan 2015-2017 / Action plan 2016**

The chair explained that the Cataloguing Section maintains a detailed strategic plan besides the short action plan required each year by IFLA. The strategic plan includes all the activities in the section and gives a better overview. The prior strategic plan was distributed to the SC in advance and several corrections were added at the meeting. The officers will update the strategic plan and post it to the SC for comments. The officers will also suggest an action plan

for 2016, with actions connected to the new IFLA strategic directions and key initiatives, and finally a communication plan.

The plan will include activities on the revised ICP, FRBR consolidation and the activities on the ISBD strategy - describing our standards and their interactions as decided on the SC's ISBD strategy meeting.

### **18. Midterm meeting?**

Many other sections hold midterm meetings. The chair asked whether we should work for such a meeting or not. The purpose would be to have more time for wider discussions. As the section has many activities the SC meetings necessarily often focus on reports etc. The SC ISBD strategy meetings have showed us that a stronger dialogue is desirable.

The SC expressed their approval but doubted that this was realistic due to funding and travel expenses. Maybe midterm meetings could be arranged in connection with conferences where several SC members are present? Such meetings could be without decision-making competence as several members also would be absent but could serve as preliminary unravelling.

### **19. Cataloguing Section's satellite meetings 2016**

Hanne Hørl Hansen presented the result of a business meeting on the 2016 RDA satellite meeting prior approved by the former SC.

The ideas so far: present the new governance model for RDA, present views and aspects on RDA's internationalization, RDA and the consolidated FRBR, focus on how standards including RDA and IFLA standards interrelate, RDA and linked data, RDA and museums, workshops on specific topics like serials, audiovisual materials, music – "bring your problem..."

Also the section is one of the hosts for the half-day satellite on VIAF- but the VIAF crew has offered to do most of the planning and organizing work.

We had an enquiry about a session on RDA and maps, but as we haven't heard anything further and we have a lot to do already, the SC decided not to pursue this any further.

### **20. Future Cataloguing Section programme: 82<sup>th</sup> WLIC in Columbus, Ohio 2016**

#### **20.1 Collaboration with other sections: a proposal from the IT section**

Lars Svensson, chair of the IT section, has approached us with a suggestion on a joint open session 2016. The proposed session would concern the intersection of cataloguing rules, bibliographic formats and catalogues: how these work together, how they might work against each other.

Topics for the session could be future requirements on cataloguing systems, specifically looking at how the IT systems can function as mediators between cataloguing rules and cataloguers, and other aspects on data creation and curation. The cataloguing rules, the bibliographic exchange formats and the cataloguing systems are created by different communities. How do we achieve cooperation and maximise our efforts to best serve the user needs? A joint session with the IT section gives us the opportunity to shed light on this question from two different, but interrelating angles.

This was approved by the SC.

## **20.2 Establishment of a programme committee**

Vincent Boulet, Gordon Dunsire, Agnese Galeffi, Unni Knutsen and Clément Oury volunteered.

## **21. Any other business**

### **21.1 Current projects: update on Cape Town meetings**

Chris Oliver: The draft for the consolidated FRBR model (FRBR-LRM (Library Reference Model)) will be presented to the SC before review. Chris also brought our attention to a task on namespaces in connection with the model, which IFLA properly must support.

Mirna Willer also mentioned namespaces and mapping as important tasks for ISBD RG. The ISBD RG is preparing for the revision and a working group will be established and charged after IFLA.

The chair reminded that starting the revision has to await a decision on ISBD strategy.

Clément Oury and Patrick Le Boeuf suggested that according to the IFLA standards procedures manual (<http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/standards/documents/ifla-standards-procedures-manual.pdf>) a review group for PRESSoo has to be formed in order to make it an IFLA standard.

Vincent Boulet, Patrick Le Boeuf and Clément Oury volunteered and the group was established. If others want to join or have suggestions on participants please contact Clément Oury.

### **21.2 Reports from other institutions (ISO TC46, IAML? Other?)**

Unfortunately we ran out of time so 21.2-21.5 could not be discussed at the meeting but will be handled per e-mail.

### **21.3 Reports, experiences and suggestions you would like to share with the SC**

### **21.4 Cataloguing Section dinner 2016?**

### **21.5 UBC drink – an annual tradition?**

## **22. Adjournment**

The chair thanked all those present and adjourned the meeting.

## ATTENDANCE

### Standing Committee members present:

Nesrine Abdelmeguid Mohamed Abdelmeguid	Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt	Incoming member
María Violeta Bertolini Bobby Bothmann	Argentina Minnesota State University, Mankato, USA	Outgoing member
Vincent Boulet Barbora Drobiková	Bibliothèque nationale de France Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic	Incoming member Incoming member
Gordon Dunsire Henriette Fog	United Kingdom Royal Library, Copenhagen University Library, Denmark	Incoming member
Agnese Galeffi	Vatican School of Library Science, Italy	
Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi	Biblioteca Nazionale Braidense, Italy	
Hanne Hørl Hansen Natalia Kasparova	Danish Library Center, Denmark Russian State Library, Russian Federation	Incoming member
Unni Knutsen Patrick Le Boeuf Dorothy McGarry	Oslo University Library, Norway Bibliothèque nationale de France University of California, Los Angeles, USA	(absent SCI) Outgoing member
Susan R. Morris Clément Oury Ricardo Santos Miriam Säfström Jay Weitz	Library of Congress, USA International ISSN Centre, France National Library of Spain National Library of Sweden OCLC, USA	Incoming member Incoming member Incoming member Outgoing member

### Standing Committee members absent:

Manal Amin Abdelhalim Viktoria Barsukova Christine Frodl	Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt National Library of Russia Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany	Outgoing member Outgoing member Outgoing member
Hong Gao Tuula Haapamäki Cha Kyung Lee	National Library of China National Library of Finland National Bibliographic Control Center, National Library of Korea	Outgoing member
Françoise Leresche Milena Milanova Alejandra Muñoz Gómez David Reser	Bibliothèque nationale de France Sofia University, Bulgaria Library of Congress of Chile Library of Congress, USA	Outgoing member Incoming member Outgoing member

## OBSERVERS: SCI and SCII

		SCI	SCII
Harriet Aagaard	National Library of Sweden	X	
Nahla Alhumod	Public Authority	X	
Christian Aliverti	Swiss National Library	X	X
Ernest Bampoe	North West Provincial Library, South Africa		X
Julianne Beall	Library of Congress, USA	X	
Nadira Biola	Bibliothèque Bernheim	X	
Anders Cato	Kulturstyrelsen, Denmark	X	
Stina Degerstedt	National Library of Sweden		X
Simon Edwards	CILIP	X	X
Grazyna Federowicz	National Library of Poland	X	X
Anita Goldberga	National Library of Latvia	X	X
John Hostage	Harvard University, United States	X	X
Jihae Jeon	National Library of Korea	X	X
Ulrike Junger	German National Library		X
Mathilde Koskas	Bibliographie nationale française	X	X
Jennifer Kimble	The Brenthurst Library, South Africa		X
Natalya Lelikova	National Library of Russia		X
Karin Lodder	National Library of the Netherlands	X	
Sinikka Luukkanen	National Library of Finland	X	
Khomotso Marumo	National Library of South Africa		X
Monica Mensah	University of Ghana	X	
Thandisizwe Mkatshane	MP DCSR, South Africa		X
Miriam Nauri	National Library of Sweden	X	
Phelokazi Nongxa	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa		X
Senzo Nsibande	MP DCSR, South Africa		X
Chris Oliver	University of Ottawa Library, Canada	X	X
Rehab Ouf	Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt	X	
Eno Joseph Ottong	University of Calabar, Nigeria	X	
George Prager	NYU Law Library, United States	X	
Pat Riva	Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canada	X	X
Sandy Roe	Cataloging & Classification Quarterly, editor- in-chief	X	X
Radka Římanová	Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic	X	
Liz State	Makerere University, Uganda		X
Miyuki Tsuda	National Diet Library, Japan	X	X
Mirna Willer	University of Zadar, Croatia	X	X
Elena Zagorskaya	National Library of Russia		X

## **MINUTES: ISBD Strategy Meeting 2015**

**Standing Committee meeting on ISBD strategy: Monday, 17 August, 12:00-14:00 (Room 2.41-2.43)**

**Chair: Miriam Säfström, secretary: Hanne Hørl Hansen**

### **1. Welcome, introduction and agenda**

The chair, Miriam Säfström, welcomed all Standing Committee (SC) members and observers and summarized the background for this extra SC meeting.

This was followed by brief introductions of the SC members, as well as of the observers.

### **2. Why is a new strategy for the ISBD discussed and which points of view are in question?**

Miriam Säfström presented the included material in the agenda in order to replicate what has been discussed and decided at previous meetings.

Last year the SC favoured two scenarios:

A2 Continue the content of ISBD on the current level but change to reflect FRBR  
or

C Plan for a shorter and more principal ISBD

The ISBD RG was charged to investigate both scenarios and present plans for revision of the ISBD according to both scenarios including an estimate of costs, on timelines as well as maintenance beyond the revision for both scenarios. The SC also asked: who will benefit and who will not from each scenario?

The ISBD RG has without funding managed to deliver a paper mainly concerning issues needed to be clarified in case scenario A2 is chosen. A couple of issues reflecting scenario C are also presented in the paper.

Miriam Säfström concluded that as the SC still doesn't have the business case needed, the SC will not be able to conclude on the strategy this year and the ISBD revision will be postponed.

### **3. Final results of the ISBD survey**

Agnese Galeffi presented the final result of the survey. The deadline last year was expanded due to the lack of answers from some national libraries (Agnese Galeffi gave a more detailed presentation of the result of the survey during the open programme of the Committee on Standards). Agnese Galeffi made it clear that the survey shows comprehensive use of ISBD. She also emphasized the importance of the statements from the libraries, which appear in the appendix of the result. The statements bring the attention to those areas of the ISBD, which need revision and also express the expectation for an updated ISBD in the future. At the same time it is clear that the perception of what type of standard ISBD is not consistent, but differs between the users.

### **4. Questions/Comments/Impressions from the new SC on the strategy, the survey etc. so far**

At this point each SC member had a chance to present their thoughts:

Unni Knutsen was interested in looking into those answers of the survey from rulemaking bodies alone. Do their answers contain a clear message? IFLA ought to approach RDA in order to work more formally together and have IFLA influence on RDA.

Henriette Fog asked for a list reflecting who had answered the survey.

Clément Oury stated that the survey doesn't give as clear picture of what ISBD ought to be.

Ricardo Santos had asked several colleagues in Spain and had different answers. He saw a third opportunity – ISBD covering a complete description and developed into an exchange format for the future. For now he would prefer the ISBD kept as it is but maintained.

Vincent Boulet stated that he prefers scenario A2. He saw this as a logical consequence of IFLA's international obligations.

Also Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi preferred scenario A2 and would prefer the ISBD to be more complete and extended. He stated that the ISBD is already principal.

Barbora Drobiková preferred a more principal standard – the ISBD should serve as a tool for harmonization between other standards.

Hanne Hørl Hansen preferred focus on necessary ISBD data elements with references to FRBR – knowing that ISBD will never cover all aspects of FRBR. The new development should focus on more principal guidelines rather than exhaustive instructions. Libraries can't afford that kind of perfection.

Dorothy McGarry: ISBD is a basis for national codes, but given FRBR are becoming more principal – ISBD has to follow FRBR

Jay Weitz supported that the ISBD is the basis for all codes. He also stated that he actually couldn't see a contradiction in the two scenarios.

Maria Violeta Bertolini thought it wasn't the right time to discuss the strategy in the light of RDA, as RDA is not international enough. As several are willing to work with a new ISBD we should act instead of keep discussing the same things for so many years without moving forward. The FRBR consolidation must be expressed in the ISBD. She also suggested a SC-project with the task of producing material mediating the content of the CATS standards.

Agnese Galeffi noted that as many countries were not represented in the SC, we need more stable connections with these countries in order to include their interest as best as possible.

Susan Morris has discussed the agenda at LC. LC sees ISBD as a necessary content standard for data elements. It presents a united front from libraries all over the world. She also noted that even though all of us are using the ISBD every day, we don't view it in the same light. She supported Jay Weitz in his point of view – there isn't a contradiction in the two scenarios. She also expressed doubts about ISBD being maintained and updated within time in the future on a volunteer basis – the task is simply too big.

Pat Riva (chair of FRBR consolidation): FRBR is evolving into a more high level model with a certain amount of the basis still described. ISBD can serve as reflecting aspects of the manifestation. FRBR will not recommend level for records in the future. There are some gaps on description which need to be filled in.

Gordon Dunsire supported Pat Riva. We have overall principles as ICP and FRBR and the content standard ISBD. We ought to start an activity to explain our standards as a whole.

### **5. Further material describing issues about the content according to scenario A2.**

Mirna Willer presented the paper from the ISBD RG.

She explained it as quite technical in some areas due to reflections on linked data, but also including some crucial reflections and questions on how to manage the revision in a concrete way.

One of the issues is: Should the ISBD use FRBR terminology or should current terminology be maintained? If we change to FRBR terminology the whole ISBD must be rewritten. French representatives have recommended to keep the concept *ressource*.

Mirna also made some comments on the issues mentioned by the SC members: There is already a connection between RDA and ISBD as there is a liaison agreement, but we can't defend not maintaining the ISBD in its own right.

Unni Knutsen replied that IFLA's engagement with RDA should be on a more strategic level and not only on the practical level mapping the standards with one another.



Gordon Dunsire: There has just been a governance review and there is no room for IFLA at this point in the RDA Committee of Principals. The ISBD RG should be represented at the next JSC meeting in order to hear the plans.

Miriam Säfström reminded us that the request for the ISBD-strategy originally came from IFLAs PC. The request also might reflect our own difficulties in actually defining the interactions between our standards: ISBD: Content standard?, Encoding standard?, Displaying Standard? etc.

#### **6. How do we get both the scenarios properly described and evaluated in order to be able to make a decision? Plans and activities**

Maria Violeta Bertolini and Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi expressed the need to start the revision process that is already too delayed, especially considering that the conclusion of the consolidation of the FRBR model in 2016 calls for the ISBD to be revised accordingly.

However it was concluded that we will wait for a strategic plan before starting a new revision.

Miriam Säfström: The debate has shown a need to get a common understanding of what type of standard the ISBD is and the interaction between our standards. When we have such a common understanding, the strategy must be expressed according to that. A small working group was proposed.

Hanne Hørl Hansen suggested that if the group's work proposes a clear approach and the SC agrees, we don't have to wait until next year to decide the strategy and start the work.

Pat Riva suggested also to include ICP and representation from UNIMARC and subject standards.

#### **7. Summary and conclusion**

Miriam Säfström summarized the debate and took on the task to formulate the terms of reference for a working group investigating the interactions and type of our standards. There will be a short limited timeframe for the group.

## **APPENDIX I: FRBR Review Group. Report of activities 2014-2015**

### ***Consolidation of the IFLA Conceptual Models***

The Consolidation Editorial Group (CEG) made significant progress on the definition of the consolidated model, to the extent that the Group judged it was ready to begin sharing information about the consolidation with a paper prepared for the Cataloguing Section Open Programme during WLIC 2015 (Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:45-12:45).

The CEG held two meetings in 2014/2015. The first meeting was held Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and timed to coincide with the meetings of the ICOM CIDOC CRM Special interest Group in Heraklion, Greece. The CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group meeting also includes the FRBR-CIDOC CRM Harmonization Meeting. By holding the CEG meeting at this time and place, CEG members were able to advance the consolidation work while also representing IFLA, and specifically the FRBR Review Group, at the CIDOC CRM meetings. FORTH, the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas, kindly provided meeting space for the CEG. During the October CEG meetings, the members reviewed issues raised during the all-day meeting held at the end of WLIC 2014, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, Lyon, France. In light of the decision that the consolidated model should be a high-level entity-relationship model, the CEG returned to work that had been done earlier to reassess that the attributes of group 1 entities were handled with a consistent level of granularity for all entities.

Between the meetings, CEG members worked on the tables that contain the definition of the model. The user tasks, entities, attributes, and relationships for the consolidated model were identified during the past face-to-face meetings, but needed to be fleshed out with consistent definitions and examples. Much of this work was done by the members via e-mail.

The second meeting was in Paris, April 22-24, 2015. The Bibliothèque nationale de France kindly provided meeting space for the April meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to review the detailed model definition tables (entities, attributes, relationships) and the user tasks for completeness and consistency. During the all-day meeting in Lyon, two new entities were added: Place and Time-span. It was particularly important to ensure that these new entities were defined and properly integrated.

During the Lyon meeting, there had been some discussion of what to call the consolidated model. Maintaining the “FRBR” brand was deemed to be important. The current working title is FRBR-LRM, where the LRM stands for Library Reference Model.

The consolidation project received funding from IFLA to support the consolidation of the models by allowing the two face-to-face meetings that were crucial for key decision-making during the modelling process.

### ***World Wide Review of FRBRoo and PRESSoo***

During the 2014 business meeting in Lyon, the RG unanimously supported two statements endorsing the validity of the relationship of FRBRoo ver.2.0 and PRESSoo with the FRBR family of conceptual models. During the meeting, a suggestion was also made to take this support one step further and bring the two object-oriented models through the IFLA standards approval process so that they can be recognized as belonging to the group of IFLA standards. PRESSoo was in a completed state, but there

were some new changes proposed for FRBRoo, necessitating consultation with the partner body, the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group. The changes resulted in version 2.1 and then 2.2 of FRBRoo. The decision was made not to do the world-wide review of FRBRoo until version 2.2 was completed. Since PRESSoo is an extension of FRBRoo, it made no sense to review one at a different time from the other. The two standards were posted on the IFLA website and a call for world-wide review was sent on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Some organizations saw the call and decided that they did not have the expertise to offer comments. The comments that were received were very supportive, calling the modelling “elegant,” “impressive”, and “valuable.” Comments were received from significant institutions/organizations: the British Library, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, and the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. The comments are being reviewed and incorporated before the standards move to the next stage of the approval process.

### ***JSC Protocol***

During the 2014 business meeting, the RG discussed the proposal from the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for the Development of RDA to establish a protocol between the two groups in order to establish formal communication channels. Up until now, communication has been maintained informally, mainly through the fortuitous accident of overlapping memberships. The JSC prepared a preliminary document. The Review Group suggested revisions to some of the text. The JSC accepted the revisions and the protocol is in effect since March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/archivedsite/docs/6JSC-Chair-21.pdf>

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/archivedsite/docs/6JSC-Chair-21-Shared-documents.pdf>

Though not included in the protocol, the JSC has also invited the Chair of the FRBR RG to attend this year’s JSC meetings in Edinburgh, Scotland.

### ***Involvement in Cataloguing Section Open programme***

The FRBR RG was involved at several levels with preparations for the Cataloguing Section’s Open Programme during WLIC 2015 in Cape Town. When the Standing Committee chose the theme *Modeling Bibliographic Information for a Web of Data*, the plan was to have one invited speaker give an introduction to FRBRoo, followed by three papers selected by the usual submission process. The FRBR RG was asked to recommend who should be the invited speaker. Patrick Le Boeuf was the unanimous choice. The Chair of the RG was also a member of the planning group who chose the other three papers from 18 submissions.

### ***FRBRoo OMR***

In 2012, namespaces were registered for FRBRer, FRAD, and FRSAD in the Open Metadata Registry (OMR). The plan since 2013 has been to complete the registration for the FR family of models by also registering the namespace for FRBRoo 2.0. The intellectual work had been completed prior to the business meeting in 2014, but there were issues with scheduling the upload to the OMR. Gordon Dunsire successfully completed the upload before the end of 2014. Now all the current FRBR element sets and value vocabularies are available at: <http://iflastandards.info/ns/fr/>

A fuller description of this initiative can be found in Gordon Dunsire’s article, “FRBRoo for linked data”, published in the December 2014 issue of SCAT News.

<http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/scatn/scat-news-42.pdf>

### ***Invitation to Committee on Standards meetings***

The Committee on Standards has been undergoing significant changes in the past year. One of the areas of change is membership. As of August 2015, in addition to the elected members, the Chair or a representative of the FRBR Review Group is formally invited to attend the Committee on Standards meetings. The Review Groups are explicitly included. Membership is ex officio and non-voting, but the role of the Review Groups in standards development is given visible recognition.

<http://www.ifla.org/node/9429>

***Translations:*** no new translations.

### ***Distribution List***

The [frbr@infoserv.inist.fr](mailto:frbr@infoserv.inist.fr) list currently has 760 subscribers, a decrease from last year's number (791). Since 2011/2012, there has been a decline in the number of subscribers, not a devastating decline, but 90 subscribers over roughly four years. There was a peak of 850 subscribers in 2011. The current number of 760 is midway between the numbers for 2008 and 2009. Many of the messages are relayed on several lists so there has not been a large amount of unique content. Another factor may be the imminent release of the consolidated model. It will be interesting to see if the world-wide review of the consolidated model increases the volume of discussion on the list. The automated list archive starting in December 2010 is accessible from <http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwwsympa.fcgi/arc/frbr>.

Chris Oliver  
Chair of the FRBR Review Group  
July 2015

## **APPENDIX II: ISBD Review Group. Report of activities 2014-2015**

### **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS**

**81<sup>st</sup> IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH  
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**CATALOGUING SECTION**  
**ISBD Review Group**  
<http://www.ifla.org/en/isbd-rg>

**Activities Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

#### **I. Cataloguing Section's Strategic Plan for ISBD review**

Following discussions about the strategic plan for the ISBD review and revision at the Singapore 2013 and Lyon 2014 meetings of the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee, ISBD Review Group and ISBD Linked Data Study Group, the request to fund project "Preparation for the revision of ISBD" was made. The proposal requested funds for two face-to-face meetings in 2015 in order to meet the tasks set up by the SC:

Two scenarios were favoured over the others: A2 (continue the content of ISBD on the current level but change to reflect FRBR) and C (plan for a shorter and more principal ISBD).

These scenarios need further investigation to help inform the CATS SC decision on ISBD strategy. The ISBD RG was charged with making the study: to investigate both scenarios, and present plans for revision of the ISBD according to this. The ISBD RG will consider:

- the cost and the timeline for both scenarios - also the maintaining beyond this revision
- who will benefit and who will not from each scenario

The ISBD RG was asked to deliver the result to the SC by the end of May 2015 in order to give time to consider the case carefully.

Depending on the strategic discussion the revision process for ISBD (consolidated) was planned to start in 2015. This will not start until a decision on future strategy is reached.<sup>1</sup>

The project funds were not awarded because the sum requested for the meetings was considered too high, and because the PC's funding emphasis would be on the FRBR consolidation. Under such circumstances, the participants of the project prepared a discussion paper on the revision strategy which was distributed to the ISBD RG and CS Standing Committee for their meetings at Cape Town in August 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes_2014.pdf)

## II. ISBD Review Group activities report

### a. Project and financial reports

The second meeting of the project *Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage* (ID: 3-13-2-14) carried out by the ISBD Linked Data Study Group, took place in the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, 9 – 10 December 2014. (Funding approved for 2014 for the two meetings: 1800 €.)

The meeting continued the work on the *Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data* and ISBD to FRBR namespaces alignment. Specific issues that were identified can be found in the meeting's draft minutes.<sup>2</sup> The Study Group will prepare both documents for comments and eventual approval at the ISBD RG meeting in Cape Town, August 2015.

### b. International survey on the use of the ISBD

The full report of the findings of the survey on the use of ISBD was presented at the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee and ISBD Review Group meetings in August 2014, however, it was noticed that major national libraries and bibliographic centres did not respond. It was therefore decided that these agencies would be approached one more time and final report published in due course. The final report was published on the ISBD RG website,<sup>3</sup> and will be presented by Agnese Galeffi at the Session 166 Impact of standards on the international library community - Committee on Standards in Cape Town 2015.<sup>4</sup>

### c. Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF

As the result of the project funded in 2013, *ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Publication as Linked Data* (G3.13.2-1/13), the ISBD Linked Data Study Group finalized the *Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF*. The Guidelines was published as ver. 1.0 in May 2015.<sup>5</sup> According to the Introduction, the guidelines "are intended to encourage and support the translations of the ISBD namespace containing representations of the IFLA ISBD standard1 in the Resource Description Framework (RDF) from the English language into multiple other languages."

## III. ISBD mappings, alignments and profiles

### a. FRBR and ROF

ISBD RG's ISBD Linked Data Study Group continued its planned activities working on the ISBD alignment with FRBR, as part of the project *Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage*, and Mapping ISBD Area 0 to ROF vocabularies. These documents will be discussed at the ISBD Linked Data Study Group and ISBD RG's meetings in Cape Town, however, their eventual approval will depend on the development of discussions on the new consolidated *FRBR: Library Reference Model* within the FRBR Review Group during its Cape Town meeting, and on the RDA/ONIX Framework which is presently under review by the JSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes\\_122014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_122014.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/publications/node/9560?og=628>

<sup>4</sup> <http://library.ifla.org/1182/1/166-galeffi-en.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla\\_isbd-namespace-translation- v.1.0\\_april2015.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla_isbd-namespace-translation- v.1.0_april2015.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.rda-jsc.org/archivedsite/docs/6JSC-Chair-10-2015-rev-1.pdf>

ISBD RG decided to publish the ISBD namespace maps and alignments in JSC space in GitHub, as IFLA has no such infrastructure. Both ISBD Area 0 to RDA/ONIX Framework mapping and alignments<sup>7</sup> as well as ISBD to RDA alignment<sup>8</sup> were published in RDA Registry, ISBD section.<sup>9</sup>

#### **b. ISBD namespaces**

As a consequence of the work on the ISBD/FRBR alignment, ISBD Linked Data Study Group decided to publish unconstrained namespaces for ISBD, that is, a separate full set of ISBD elements as properties in RDF without defined domain and range. The unconstrained namespaces have been published in the Open Metadata Registry.<sup>10</sup> ISBD RG would like to thank Gordon Dunsire, Consultant to the ISBD RG for resolving the issues about this task, and MMA (Metadata management Associates)<sup>11</sup> for testing the uploads, free of charge.

#### **c. ISBD application profile**

The ISBD RG decided to publish the document ISBD/XML profile which was prepared for the RG by Boris Bosančić and Gordon Dunsire in 2010. Development was based on *Guidelines for Dublin Core Application Profiles* and *Description Set Profiles: A constraint language for Dublin Core Application Profiles* but the profile was never published because it was expected that the announced development of the DCMI AP would further improve it. As there was no development in the field, the decision was to publish the profile as version 1. The document is prepared for discussion and approval during the ISBD RG's meeting in Cape Town, Aug. 2015.

#### **d. ISBD and RDA**

As part of the activities defined by the protocol set up between the JSC/RDA and ISBD RG to “support the maintenance and development of functional interoperability between data created using the RDA and ISBD instructions and element sets”,<sup>12</sup> the third version of ISBD/RDA namespaces alignment was published on ISBD RG website in March 2015.<sup>13</sup> It should be also noted that the changes in RDA Toolkit concerning ISBD were made, namely, the new version of appendix was published, D.1.1 Alignment of ISBD and RDA Element Sets with the reference to the ISBD RG document *Alignment of ISBD with RDA, 17 February 2015. Version 3.1*.<sup>14</sup> ISBD to RDA namespaces alignment<sup>15</sup> was published in RDA Registry.

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<sup>7</sup> [RDA Maps] Map from ISBD content forms to RDA/ONIX Framework, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Maps/mapISBDCF2ROF.html>; Map from ISBD media types to RDA/ONIX Framework, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Maps/mapISBDMT2ROF.html>; [RDA Alignments] Alignment from ISBD content forms to RDA/ONIX Framework, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Aligns/alignISBDCF2ROF.html>; Alignment from ISBD content form compounds to RDA/ONIX Framework, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Aligns/alignISBDCF2ROF.html>; Alignment from ISBD media types to RDA/ONIX Framework, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Aligns/alignISBDMT2ROF.html>

<sup>8</sup> [RDA Alignments] Alignment of the ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description element set with RDA: Resource Description and Access element set, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Aligns/alignISBD2RDA.html>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Aligns/index.html#isbd>

<sup>10</sup> <http://metadataregistry.org/schema/show/id/97.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://managemetadata.com/>

<sup>12</sup> --- 6JSC/Chair/13 [Protocol between the JSC and the ISBD Review Group], <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-13.pdf>; - 6JSC/Chair/13/Shared documents [Documents shared between the JSC and the ISBD Review Group], <http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-Chair-13-Shared-documents.pdf>

<sup>13</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd2rda\\_alignment\\_v3\\_1.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd2rda_alignment_v3_1.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.rda-jsc.org/archivesite/docs/6JSC-BL-17-Sec-final-rev.pdf>

<sup>15</sup> [RDA Alignments] Alignment of the ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description element set with RDA: Resource Description and Access element set, <http://www.rdaregistry.info/Aligns/alignISBD2RDA.html>

#### IV. Publications and presentations

Only one translation of ISBD consolidated edition was reported to be published, namely the Croatian one.

The special, thematic issue of the *Cataloguing & Classification Quarterly* was published as Vol. 52, Issue 8, titled *ISBD: The Bibliographic Content Standard*. Guest editors were Mirna Willer, John Hostage, and Lynne C. Howarth. Nine articles look at the ISBD from its origins (Michael Gorman), over certain national cataloguing practices and use of ISBD for special types of resources to its alignment with the FRBR model and representation in RDF, the standard of the Semantic Web. The tenth article by Lynne C. Howarth wraps up the issue with a synthesis of the topics.

*IFLA Metadata Newsletter* published jointly by the Bibliography Section, Cataloguing Section, and the Classification and Indexing Section<sup>16</sup> published in its Vol. 1, Issue 1 (June 2015), M. Willer's report on *ISBD: towards the preparation of the next revision of ISBD (2)*.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mirna Willer, ISBD Review Group, Chair  
10 August 2015

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<sup>16</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/newsletters/metadata-newsletter-201506.pdf>



## **APPENDIX III: International Cataloguing Principles Task Group. Revision Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

**81<sup>th</sup> IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA - 15-21 AUGUST 2015**

### **CATALOGUING SECTION** **International Cataloguing Principles Task Group**

#### **Revision Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

##### **I. Members**

María Violeta Bertolini, Robert L. Bothmann, Elena Escolano Rodríguez, Agnese Galeffi (chair) and Dorothy McGarry.

##### **II. Revision process**

As decided during SC Lyon meetings, during 2014-2015 the ICP text<sup>17</sup> has been revised in three stages

- internally by Cataloguing Section Standing Committee members
- internally by other IFLA sections having interests in cataloguing principles definition
- by a worldwide review (deadline June 1st 2015) announced by mailing lists and Cataloguing Section website.<sup>18</sup>

The updated text<sup>19</sup> has been further reviewed worldwide. The answering institutions are

- American Library Association Committee on Cataloguing: Description and Access
- Canadian Committee on Cataloguing in conjunction with Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de documentation and Canadian Library Association
- Committee on Cataloguing of the Japan Library Association
- Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
- Kansallis Kirjasto
- Karen Coyle
- National Library of New Zealand
- Norwegian Committee on Cataloguing
- RDA JSC.

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<sup>17</sup> The July 2014 version is available as Appendix IV in Cataloguing Section Standing Committee meetings report <[http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes_2014.pdf)>.

<sup>18</sup> <<http://www.ifla.org/node/9542?og=54>>

<sup>19</sup> <[http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/icp/icp\\_2015\\_worldwide\\_review.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/icp/icp_2015_worldwide_review.pdf)>

Major issues proposed by worldwide reviewers are approximately the same listed in Appendix V of Lyon meetings Report, that is the vocabulary used in ICP not perfectly compliant with FR or that ICP has too much instructions (in comparison with the short number of principles) and so on.

The TG has worked by email, no face-to-face meetings needed.

### **III. Next steps**

The TG will work on received comments in order to produce the ICP final text (with the glossary) by December 2015.

**Respectfully submitted by the ICP Task Group**

## **APPENDIX IV: Names of Persons (NoP). Activities Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

### **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS**

#### **81<sup>st</sup> IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 15-21 AUGUST 2015**

##### **CATALOGUING SECTION**

###### **Activities Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

###### **Names of Persons (NoP)**

The team was conformed during IFLA Lyon 2014 including Milena Milanova, Ricardo Santos, and María Violeta Bertolini. The goal was to make available the Names of Persons information gathered in 2009 and 2010 for some countries, and to facilitate the update of all other countries.

The team received from Miriam Säfström three zip files including: 122 NoP documents from countries (some duplicated, drafts, etc.), 11 administrative files, and the 1996 edition in PDF.

To allow easier update and review in the future, the team prepared the files to upload to the [Names of Persons webpage](#)<sup>20</sup> in Word instead of PDF. The edition step consisted in ensuring a standard format, make sure the files included all the required information, and adding an introduction with links to the webpage for more information. Since these files would be standing alone in the website instead of in a publication, the introduction would give some context once they have been downloaded.

We divided the countries based on languages and/or origin of each of the team members. The team prepared a text to update the NoP webpage in the Cataloguing Section website, and three batches were sent to Agnese Galeffi including: Batch 1: 11 files, Batch 2: 11 files, and Batch 3: 8 files. 30 files are now available online. After updating the website, we received one request of update, and we sent the file to Agnese to update the webpage.

Milena Milanova created a list of 105 countries, to do the follow up. The spreadsheet details the countries that are ready (30), the countries that are pending, the different batches and the team member assigned. Many countries didn't have files in the folders, and many files say "not ready" in the name of file. The team has to review these files and compare them also to the 1996 edition to see if this was only a format step pending, or the content needs to be reviewed.

The next step will be to start contacting the countries to request validation (if we have a file), to ask countries to provide the information (if we don't have any information) or to ask countries if an update is needed.

**Respectfully submitted by María Violeta Bertolini, August 2015**

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<sup>20</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/4953>

## **APPENDIX V: Anonymous Classics for Latin American Literatures. Activities Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

### **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS**

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#### **CATALOGUING SECTION**

##### **Activities Report, August 2014 - August 2015**

##### **Anonymous Classics for Latin American Literatures**

The team was conformed during IFLA Lyon 2014 after approval of the project by the IFLA Cataloguing SC, including Ricardo Santos and Maria Violeta Bertolini.

The team created a document with the requirements (based on published editions of Anonymous Classics), and a template in Excel to facilitate for countries to provide the information. Both documents were translated to Spanish. The team agreed on an email to send to ABINIA to request their support in gathering this information.

Since there was no follow up from ABINIA, the team decided to contact directly all countries using the same directory created to contact libraries about the ISBD survey. Ricardo Santos sent an email to all the countries. Moreover, to support this request, the team sent to Agnese Galeffi a text to update the [Anonymous Classics webpage](#)<sup>21</sup>, including the templates and instructions, both in Spanish and English.

Until today, we received three answers. However, we noticed that some clarification is needed. Ricardo Santos will send a new email including more details of what is needed, possible sources where libraries could get the information, and examples.

**Respectfully submitted by María Violeta Bertolini, August 2015**

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<sup>21</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/4957>

## **APPENDIX VI: Report on the ALA CC:DA, ALA Midwinter Conference 2015**

Report on the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, ALA Midwinter Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 2014 January 31 and February 2

*See separate attached file*

## **APPENDIX VII: Report on the ALA CC:DA, ALA Annual Conference 2015**

Report on the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, USA, 2015 June 27 and 29

### **Report on the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, USA, 2015 June 27 and 29**

Submitted to the Standing Committee of the IFLA Cataloguing Section by the IFLA Cataloguing Section Liaison to ALA CC:DA

The American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) met at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, USA, on Saturday 2015 June 27, 1:00-5:00 P.M.; and Monday 2015 June 29, 8:30-11:30 A.M. The full agenda of the meeting is at <http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/?p=2053>.

Ms. Dominique Bourassa (Yale University) succeeds Mr. Robert Rendall (Columbia University) as CC:DA chair following the San Francisco meetings. The next meetings of the committee will be on 2016 January 9 and 11, at ALA Midwinter in Boston.

Mr. Rendall reported on motions and other actions taken by the committee between January and June 2015 (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CCDAChair2014-201506.pdf>).

Library of Congress Representative Mr. David Reser reported on activities and news from LC (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LC-2015-06.pdf>), including some of these highlights:

- Librarian of Congress since 1987, Dr. James Billington announced his retirement effective 2016 January 1. Various organizational realignments are taking place coincident with this major change, in an attempt to strengthen LC's information technology and related functions.
- A Bibliographic Framework Initiative (BIBFRAME) pilot is scheduled to begin in July 2015 and continue for three months, involving use of the BIBFRAME editor and profile editor. It intends to answer questions about the adaptability of library data to the Linked Data environment.
- Beginning on 2015 July 1, all LC catalogers will provide Relationship Designators for all creators following the new "Training Manual for Applying Relationship Designators in Bibliographic Records." Guidelines for RDs in Authority records remain under development.

ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC), Ms. Kathy Glennan (University of Maryland) reported on JSC activities between January and June 2015. Her full report is at <http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/JSCrep-kpg-2015-6.pdf>. Among the highlights:

- The Committee of Principals met in April 2015 and agreed on the new governance model, which moves to regional representatives, including just one from North America. They are working out how to get to their goal over the next three to four years.
- An archives working group will be formed before the end of 2015.
- As part of the restructuring, we can expect there to be more use of working groups rather than constituency groups.
- The JSC deferred fast track action on adding “transgender” to 9.7.1.3, to allow for wider consideration of personal information in authority data.

The Task Force on Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3 revision proposal ([http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/tf-MADE\\_RDA-Chap3-rev2015-06.pdf](http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/tf-MADE_RDA-Chap3-rev2015-06.pdf)) was discussed. Extent for textual resources differs from other extents in that it accounts for how the resource presents itself in terms of pagination and foliation. Discussion led to a general philosophical question of carrier/“blankness” (including unprinted pages, blank tape, and white space surrounding an image) versus a measurement of content/substance (including page numberings, the actual length of sound on tape, the actual size of images). Reaction was positive to recording the number of volumes in all cases.

The ALA/ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section proposal on “References to Descriptions” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/RBMS-2015-1.pdf>) attempts to revise RDA Chapters 24 and 26 and Appendix J “to accommodate the referential relationship between a resource and a description or enumeration of that resource contained in another resource such as a bibliography or catalog.” The proposal will be revised to take into consideration relationships at all WEMI levels.

In a discussion of CC:DA’s meeting format and its need for microphones, it was noted that, in order to cut expenses, ALCTS has tried to cut CC:DA’s allocation of microphones for its meetings. The ALCTS Board will be discussing the issue during ALA Annual. The committee is convinced that it can justify its need for more microphones in part because of the size of CC:DA. Because CC:DA’s representation extends well beyond that of ALCTS (and even beyond ALA itself), its needs should be supported at the ALA level rather than at the division level. There may also be possible Americans With Disabilities Act issues regarding the lack of microphones making the meetings inaccessible for the hearing impaired. It was also noted that CC:DA’s major area of work, namely RDA, is a major generator of revenue for ALA Publishing.

The Task Force to Investigate the Instructions for Recording Relationships in RDA presented two proposals:

- “Revision to 3.1.4, Resources Consisting of More than One Carrier Type” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/tf-relationships-8.pdf>): There is a need to coordinate the various proposals for Chapter 3 changes that are emanating from several task forces. RDA 3.1.4 may be eliminated all together or be revised to serve as a “table of contents” to the instructions that follow.
- “Additional Instructions in Chapter 27 for Structured Descriptions of the ‘Contained in’ and ‘Container of’ Relationships” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/tf-relationships-9.pdf>): The reworking of the “Container of”

relationship is trying to reconcile current practice with the development of a more principled approach to the ambiguity of the WEMI level of contents notes. The distinction between structured/formal notes and unstructured/informal notes may no longer be useful. The task force still needs to consider the treatment of accompanying material in this context. Relocating contents notes into RDA Chapter 2 might help to deal with some of these problems, leaving the remainder to be dealt with in an evolved discussion paper to contribute to an ongoing discussion.

JSC Representative Ms. Glennan presented three proposals:

- “Create RDA 2.17.14, Note on Identifier for the Manifestation” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/JSCrep-kpg-2015-3.pdf>), which was accepted.
- “Create New Sub-Instructions in RDA 2.17 for: Other Information Relating to Numbering of Serials (RDA 2.17.5.6) and Other Information Relating to a Series Statement (RDA 2.17.11.5)” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/JSCrep-kpg-2015-4.pdf>), which was accepted.
- “Clarify Sources of Information Instruction for Statement of Responsibility Relating to Title Proper (RDA 2.4.2.2)” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/JSCrep-kpg-2015-5.pdf>) was not brought up at the meeting but was subsequently discussed and accepted via e-mail.

JSC Chair Mr. Gordon Dunsire made a presentation on “Engaging with RDA: Governance and Strategy” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/RDA-Gov-Strategy.pdf>) followed by a question and answer period. RDA is now about ten years old and been translated into other human and machine languages in the interim. A review of RDA’s governance structure began in 2014, foreseeing increased international community involvement in RDA development during the period 2015-2020. This is intended to be flexible, effective, and reflective of the various user communities, with more working groups and better succession planning. What is currently the Committee of Principals will become the RDA Board. The RDA Steering Committee will consist of six regional representatives (North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, Latin America/Caribbean), the Chair of the RDA Board, the representative of ALA Publishing, the Examples Editor, a Technical Team Liaison, a Translations Liaison, and so on. Permanent standing working groups will include Aggregates, Music, Archives, Places, Capitalization, RDA/ONIX Framework, Fictitious Entities, Relationship Designators, plus the Technical Working Group and the Translations Working Group. The full strategy will be published later in 2015 and will include ideas for the recognition and adoption of RDA internationally and for sustainability and funding. The Library Reference Model (LRM) is the new name for the Consolidated FRBR and Functional Requirements family of documents. RDA for Cultural Data will be developed by an Archives Working Group, making LRM compatible with FRBRoo and with museum data. RDA for Linked Data will include the RDA Registry, RIMMF, RDA Toolkit Technical Committee, RDA Development Team, and Technical Working Group. The common goal will be making RDA the standard for international discovery systems. Among the issues raised:



- Concern about the disconnection of equal representation of the six regions on the RDA Steering Committee in spite of the disproportionately European and North American expertise, effort, and predominance of RDA use.
- The RDA content developers appear to lose power, whereas the money-makers (CoP), who profit from all the work done by the content developers, will remain unchanged. ALA, CLA, and CILIP are the owners of RDA. It has been decided at this point not to have a closer relationship with IFLA.
- RDA development will now depend upon regional input. Will a North American representative have to hop around to ALA, CLA, and other national conferences to get that input? The Steering Committee has yet to work this and many other details out, with guidance from CC:DA.
- Those who have had a voice in RDA need to continue to have a voice and to feel that they do. The current expertise cannot be lost. Each region can set up its own representative process to some degree. Europe has EURIG, rather than input directly from individual countries, and a study of the structure of EURIG may be instructive for North America.

Ms. Lori Robare (University of Oregon) presented the PCC Report (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/PCC-2015-06.pdf>), including news that the Policy Statements created from notes in the BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) and CONSER Standard Record (CSR) were included in the April 2015 Toolkit release, asking for feedback on Mr. Kevin Randall's Serial Global Workflow draft now in the Toolkit, and noting that 3.5 million records will have ISNIs added.

MARC Advisory Committee Liaison Mr. John Myers (Union College) reported (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/MAC-2015-06-Final.pdf>) that all three proposals passed, the discussion paper will come back as a proposal, and the URI paper will result in some MAC and PCC actions. My own report as OCLC Representative to MAC follows:

MARC Advisory Committee (MAC). Saturday, 2015 June 27, 8:30-10:00 a.m.; and Sunday, 2015 June 28, 3:00-5:30 p.m. OCLC Representative.

The MAC agenda is available at [http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/an2015\\_age.html](http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/an2015_age.html). Mr. Matthew Wise (New York University) was reappointed as Chair for another two-year term.

MARC Discussion Paper No. 2015-DP02: Coding 007 Field Positions for Digital Sound Recordings in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format (<http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-dp02.html>).

Summary: This paper proposes defining new values for some 007 field positions in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format to better accommodate digital sound recordings.

Outcome: The specifics of the discussion paper, focused on accommodating digital resources in the Sound Recordings 007 field, led to a wider discussion of the potential value of reworking several or even all of the 007 fields better to account for both tangible (Playaways, USB

drives, etc.) and remote electronic resources. Such revisions and expansions may have value in assisting a transition to a post-MARC environment. There is also some need for certain 007 elements that have historically applied to mechanical characteristics (such as speed and type of material) to be clarified so as not to require more specific coding for remote resources. The paper will return as a proposal, with the Canadian Committee on MARC (CCM) possibly conferring with OLAC on some details.

MARC Proposal No. 2015-07: Extending the Use of Subfield \$0 (Authority Record Control Number or Standard Number) to Encompass Content, Media, and Carrier Type (<http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-07.html>).

Summary: This paper proposes the definition of subfield \$0 (Authority record control number or standard number) in fields 336, 337, and 338 in the Bibliographic Format and 336 in the Authority Format.

Outcome: For the sake of consistency, defining subfield \$0 on the Holdings 337 and 338 was added to the proposal, which passed unanimously.

MARC Proposal No. 2015-08: Recording RDA Format of Notated Music in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats (<http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-08.html>).

Summary: This paper proposes defining new field 348 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority formats for recording the RDA data element Format of Notated Music.

Outcome: Discussion focused on the need for guidance (along the lines of text in the 33X fields) about using the same field when terms from the same vocabulary are used and separate fields when different vocabularies are used. It was further noted that similar guidance would be useful in other 34X fields, as well. The proposal passed unanimously.

MARC Proposal No. 2015-09: Defining 670 \$w (Bibliographic Record Control Number) in the MARC 21 Authority Format (<http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-09.html>).

Summary: This paper proposes the definition of subfield \$w (Bibliographic record control number) in the 670 field (Source of Data Found) of authority records to contain a bibliographic record control number of the title being cited.

Outcome: Proposal passed unanimously.

Informal Discussion Paper: "URIs in MARC: A Call for Best Practices," by Mr. Steve Folsom (Cornell University) ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fuHvF8bXH7hldY\\_xJ7f\\_xn2rP2Dj8o-Ca9jhHghIeUg/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fuHvF8bXH7hldY_xJ7f_xn2rP2Dj8o-Ca9jhHghIeUg/edit?pli=1)).

Summary: To draw attention to the need for standardized best practices for capturing URIs in MARC Bibliographic and Authority records, which will allow libraries to more easily define entities, as aspired to in PCC's current 3rd Strategic Direction.

Outcome: MAC can deal with fields where there is inconsistency in the application of subfields \$u and/or \$0, and where those subfields need to be defined, particularly for access points. Content itself is the bailiwick of the PCC, not MAC, so policies on the use of URIs, and any proposals, would need to be developed within the PCC. MAC supports the intentions of the paper, but defers to the PCC on these policy matters.

Mr. Reinhold Heuvelmann (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek) reported that, although the German Authority File was originally the consolidation of four smaller German files, its international participation is set to expand. Local elements will need to be defined internationally within MARC Authorities regarding types of relationships, temporal aspects, language, script, and possibly others. DNB expects to be presenting five to ten proposals at the MAC meetings at ALA Midwinter 2016 relating to these ideas.

CC:DA Web Master Mr. Richard Guajardo (University of Houston) reported that a new tab for “Task Forces” has been added and other tabs were realigned to keep their numbers under control.

Ms. Bourassa and Mr. Rendall continued discussions about encouraging feedback from CC:DA participants. Overall, there is a roughly 15% participation rate on the CC:DA blog. Even “agree” responses are welcome. To encourage participation, all proposals now have an abstract to assist when they are distributed to constituencies.

ALA Publishing reported that through May 2015, there were about 3000 active subscribers and 8200 active users, higher than expected. New subscriptions have slowed, but the renewal rate remains steady at 82/85%. RDA will probably slightly surpass its revenue goals for 2015 because of the changes to the pricing model. Page views have increased 8%. Some 474 print units and 7 e-books have been sold. There have been three RDA training courses offered so far this year, with revenue on-target. Now that the Spanish translation is available as of March 2015, they hope to expand into Spanish training. RDA Essentials has completed its editorial review, is now moving into production, and should be available in early 2016. The August and October Updates are coming up. The German translation will be updated in August and Spanish in October. The French translation is getting caught up more slowly. The idea is to have each translation updated in August for the previous April Update. It’s possible that Italian and Finnish translations may be added in October, but they are more likely in February 2016. The RBMS PSs are coming up sometime in 2016, most likely. There is some rethinking of the RDA Elements set in the Toolkit. Toolkit/Registry synchronization will be made automatic in the future. The RDF Triples Store will be added to the Registry. A Catalan translation is in the works. “Reference translations,” featuring translations of controlled lists while the text proper remains in English, are in the works for Scandinavian and related languages.

The Task Force on Relationship Designators in RDA Appendix K submitted “RDA Appendix K Revision and Expansion” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/6JSC-ALA-25-2015-06-draft.pdf>) for discussion. Person-to-person family relationships are now all gender-neutral where possible (spouse, sibling, child, parent). The current MARC structure does not allow relationships to be indicated between 4XX variant names for the same person, so an option for relationships within a name is needed. “Attributive relationship” needs slight reworking to make clear that it does not always entail a willful assumption of another’s identity. There is overlap in both the tasks and the membership of this Appendix K group and the JSC’s Relationship Designator task group, so the two entities should be informing each other, especially regarding the proposed changes in the structure of Appendix K. At the same time we want to avoid any delays in the implementation of proposed new RDs. Mr. Dunsire suggested carrying on with the Appendix K work and submitting the proposal to the JSC. The proposal was approved.

Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) representative Ms. Kelley McGrath submitted “Addition of New Chapter 3 Elements for Optical Disc Physical Standard, Optical Disc Recording Method, and Optical Disc Data Type” (<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/OLAC-2015-1.pdf>), incorporating descriptive elements for optical discs into RDA. The proposed vocabulary has been added to the Open Metadata Registry since the previous version of the proposal. RDA currently confuses the physical type of disc and the method of recording data on the disc, which is actually describing a type of disc rather than how data get recorded. The distinction is stamped/commercial disc versus burned/local disc, which could be a production method subcategory. More broadly, RDA needs to support external vocabularies that remain separate but are accommodated, something particularly important for specialist communities. OLAC should create its own vocabulary (specific types of burned discs, for example). The JSC has refused to point from RDA to specific external vocabularies but offers only vague references to such externals. Mr. Dunsire notes that the JSC is unlikely to start adding references to specific external vocabularies, preferring instead the use of application profiles that are stored in the Registry. Such a use model has been established in the new treatment of “color content” treatment. A finished version of the OLAC proposal is needed by 2015 July 17.

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## **APPENDIX VIII: Recommendation on MulDiCat to the Committee on Standards, September 2014**

### **MulDiCat**

#### **Proposal that MulDiCat be moved to be directly under the auspices of the IFLA Committee on Standards**

*The Multilingual dictionary of cataloguing terms and concepts contains definitions for many terms and concepts used by the library cataloguing community. Terms and definitions are available in English and a variety of other languages.*

*The MulDiCat project was begun by Monika Muennich in 1998 for IFLA's Cataloguing Section. It was stored in a proprietary database developed by Bernard Eversberg in 2003. It has now re-emerged in part as a Word table and as a SKOS file on the new IFLA Namespace. It is intended to be used for authoritative translations of IFLA cataloguing standards and related documents. The terms reflect international agreements on terms to use for these cataloguing and classification concepts -- in particular, the agreements reached during the IME ICC (IFLA Meetings of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code) that reviewed FRBR, FRAD, and ISBD terminology while developing the International Cataloguing Principles (ICP). As additional official translations of ICP are added to IFLANET, MulDiCat has been updated to include terms in these additional languages.*

**Information on IFLA Web**

### **Background**

During the last few years the updates of MulDiCat have been managed by the Cataloguing and Classification Sections in turn. Around 2010 all English terms and many of their equivalents were entered into a Word table by staff at the Library of Congress under the guidance of Barbara Tillett. These Word tables were later given to the IFLA Cataloguing Section and several persons have been responsible for them in turn.

Once the Namespaces Technical Group had been founded with Gordon Dunsire as its chair the work with MulDiCat was taken over by them. This was also seen as a possibility to have the terms added to the Open Metadata Registry, a work completely done by Gordon Dunsire. The biggest challenge, however, was the fact that Gordon Dunsire was the only one who could add terms to the OMR, and he could not be expected to do all work.

Another big challenge was to enter terms of languages of non-latin scripts. There was no expertise available to single out the terms that needed to be added, and no expertise to type them in.

### **Proposal**

Through the years it has been more and more evident that the MulDiCat project is a project that should be managed by IFLA at a higher level. It touches upon the work of several sections and should therefore not be managed by one single of them.

The proposal from the Bibliography Section is that MulDiCat is directly managed by the Committee on Standards, or possibly by the re-established Namespaces Group, that will also be directly under the Committee on Standards. It is essential that a decision is taken on this

question before the end of 2014 in order to avoid further delays in the work of within the MulDiCat project.

## APPENDIX IX: Financial statement 2015

### Final result of the year 2014

	Admin	FRBR: Reassessment of properties in a consolidated conceptual model (3-13-1- 14)	Development of ISBD namespace alignments and usage (3- 13-2-14)	Total
<b>Allotment, 1 Jan. 2014</b>	150	3 400 <sup>a</sup>	1 800	5 350
<i>Exp. to 31. July 2014</i>	0	2 405 <sup>b</sup>	877 <sup>f</sup>	3 282
<i>Exp. to 31 Dec. 2014</i>	0	731 <sup>c</sup>	934 <sup>g</sup>	1 665
<i>Exp. after 31 Dec. 2014</i>	0	400 <sup>d</sup>	0	400
Expenditures 2014	0	3 536	1 811	5 347
<b>Balance, 31 Dec. 2014</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-136<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>-11<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>3 -&gt; 0</b>

#### Notes:

- All amounts in € (Euros, EUR)
  - IFLA allots new funds at beginning of each year. **Balances returned to IFLA at end of year.**
- a) € 3 000 for meetings during 2014, € 400 for payment to MMA for batch upload of data.
  - b) FRBR consolidation editorial group (CEG) meeting in Hague 30 March 30- 4 April (Le Boeuf € 145, Zumer € 612,55, Riva € 711,20 + CAD 259,44. Total about € 1 640 according to IFLA HQ). Air fare for Chris Oliver to the meeting (CAD 1 109,24 -> about € 765).
  - c) CEG meeting Heraklion 27 September-4 October (Zumer € 376, Riva € 355)
  - d) The payment was actually made in 2015.
  - e) IFLA HQ has € 257 minus € 400 for the MMA upload -> € 143, the difference probably due to exchange rates.
  - f) Meeting in Paris 7-9 April (Gentili-Tedeschi € 209,66, Willer € 180,50 + HR KN 1 967 + GBP 190. Total about € 877).
  - g) Meeting in Paris 10 December (Gentili-Tedeschi € 313,67, Willer € 395,11+ HR KN 1 708 [ca € 225]. Total about € 934).
  - h) IFLA HQ has € -4, the difference probably due to exchange rates.

### Projected cash flow 2015

	Admin	FRBR: Reassessment of properties in a consolidated conceptual model (3-13-1- 15)	Total
<b>Allotment, 1 Jan. 2015</b>	150	4 000 <sup>a</sup>	4 150
<i>Expenditures to 31. July 2015</i>	0	1 893 <sup>b</sup>	1 893
<i>Expenditures to 31 Dec. 2015</i>	150	2 107	2 257
Expenditures 2015	150	4 000	4 150
<b>Balance, 31 Dec. 2015</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Notes:**

- All amounts in € (Euros, EUR)
  - IFLA allots new funds at beginning of each year. **Balances returned to IFLA at end of year.**
- a) € 2 000 + 2 000 for meetings during 2015
- b) FRBR consolidation editorial group (CEG) meeting in Paris 22–24 April (Zumer € 876,84, Riva € 211,15 + CAD 1 117,85 (about € 810). Total about € 1 893 according to IFLA HQ).

### Budget proposal 2016

	Admin	FRBR RG	ISBD RG	Total
Expenditures 2016	150	2 000 <sup>a</sup>	3 350 <sup>b</sup>	5 500
<b>Balance, 31 Dec. 2016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Notes:**

- All amounts in € (Euros, EUR).
  - IFLA allots new funds at beginning of each year. **Balances returned to IFLA at end of year.**
- a) FRBR RG will seek funding for a spring meeting in 2016, to consider the results of the world-wide review of FRBR LRM.
- b) ISBD RG plans to seek funding for two meetings during 2016, and also to be able to attend the JSC meeting of that year.

Submitted by treasurer Miriam Säfström July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, revised September 2015



## **APPENDIX X: Cape town meetings: FRBR RG**

### **Short report from the FRBR Review Group on the results of the business meetings in Cape Town, 2015.**

The FRBR Review Group held two business meetings this year, since last year it was difficult to cover all essential issues within one two-hour slot. The meetings were held on the Sunday (August 16<sup>th</sup>) and Monday (August 17<sup>th</sup>) of the conference, immediately following those of the ISBD Review Group.

The business meetings did not generate new action items because the RG is in the midst of two important activities: the approval of FRBR<sub>oo</sub> and PRESS<sub>oo</sub> as IFLA standards and the consolidation of the models into the Library Reference Model. These actions are ongoing and will be the focus of attention during the next year. The first business meeting started with reports on these two key activities.

Work on the new model is progressing well and details of the latest work of the Consolidation Editorial Group (CEG) will be discussed and approved at the all-day working meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The RG has generally been in agreement about the direction of the remodelling exercise, though the name for the new model is still being debated. The report for the business meeting focused on a general review of progress, a brief summary of the two series of in-person meetings held by the CEG, with particular attention given to the proposed timeline. The next step for the CEG is to incorporate comments received from the FRBR RG during the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. They will do this work at their October meetings and aim to complete the draft definition of the model so that it can be circulated for comments to the three Standing Committees, Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing, and Bibliography before the end of 2015, followed by the world-wide review in 2016.

The world-wide review of FRBR<sub>oo</sub> and PRESS<sub>oo</sub> was held during the spring of 2015 (March 8-April 20). There were not a large volume of comments, but the comments received were very useful. At the time of the WLIC, responses to the comments were still in the process of being written. As a result of the comments, there also need to be some little changes in the FRBR<sub>oo</sub> model. Since that model is developed in dialogue with the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group, the changes also need to be approved by them, thus lengthening the approval process slightly. It is expected that the process for approving FRBR<sub>oo</sub> and PRESS<sub>oo</sub> will continue into 2016.

A new development during the 2015 WLIC was the formal invitation of the Chair (or a delegate of the Chair) to attend the business meetings of the Committee on Standards. The Committee on Standards wants to put in place a better liaison mechanism between the standards groups throughout IFLA and the Committee on Standards. The aim is more direct strategic involvement of these groups with levels where critical decisions are made. Issues of governance and reporting structure will be addressed during 2015-2016. Patrice Landry was asked to continue this work, though he has ended his term as chair. He will be contacting the chairs of standards groups during the fall to outline next steps. Though not a “formal” action item, the relationship with the Committee on Standards will be an important area of activity during the next year.

Reports from groups with which the FRBR Review Group has liaisons were also received: ISBD Review Group and Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA.

There was also discussion of the importance of keeping the models and FR namespaces synchronized. During the second business meeting, the FRBR Review Group was given a demonstration of GitHub, a tool for providing technical support in the management of namespaces. Plans were already being discussed for the management of the namespace for the consolidated model.

Meetings for the 2016 WLIC in Columbus were also discussed. The RG decided to follow the same pattern as in Cape Town: 2 business meetings during the conference and an all-day meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> to approve changes made to the Library Reference Model arising out of the world-wide review.

## APPENDIX XI: Cape town meetings: ISBD RG and ISBD Linked Data Study Group

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS

81<sup>st</sup> IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH  
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15-21 AUGUST 2015

#### IFLA Cataloguing Section ISBD Review Group

#### Report on meetings held during the WLIC 2015 Cape Town

The ISBD Review Group held two business meetings during the conference, on Sunday 16 and on Monday 17 August.

After the approval of the agenda and of the minutes of the ISBD RG meeting in Lyon 2014, Mirna Willer, thanked the outgoing members and welcomed the new ones; the group has now 11 members and 2 corresponding members: María Violeta Bertolini (ISBD Linked Data Study group chair), Vincent Boulet (incoming member), Gordon Dunsire (incoming member), Irena Kavčič Françoise Leresche, Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Dorothy McGarry (incoming member), Susan R. Morris (incoming member), Clément Oury (incoming member), Ricardo Santos Muñoz, Mirna Willer, Elena Escolano Rodríguez (corresponding member), Ben Gu (corresponding member)

Mirna Willer completed her four-year term as a chair, and Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi was elected chair for 2015-2017.

This was followed by the analysis of the matters arising from the minutes of the Lyon meeting, 2014, and the action list (**please refer to the complete minutes of the ISBD Review Group website<sup>22</sup> for more detail**).

- The *Mapping of ISBD area 0 vocabularies to RDA/ONIX Framework vocabularies, Ver. 1.1, 24 September 2012* was published in RDA Registry in GitHub; following the protocol between JSC/RDA and ISBD RG on publishing documentation of interest to both groups on their respective websites, but this mapping, as well as other ISBD/RDA alignments and mappings, is published only in the RDA Registry; IFLA should provide the same infrastructure for its standards. The RG decided to report to LIDATEC the requirements for ensuring the IFLA registry of bibliographic standards alignments and mappings in GitHub. Gordon Dunsire reported that there is the need of another vocabulary taking into account the mapping of compound terms from ISBD Area 0 Content form and Content qualification with ROF base categories. The ISBD LS SG started to work on this list, and publication, after the approval of CS SC and LIDATEC should be ready for April 2016.
- The *Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF* were published as ver. 1.0<sup>23</sup>, however the document has to undergo the Committee on Standards protocol and be also published on the committee on Standards website.

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<sup>22</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/861>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/publications/node/9577?og=628>

- The *ISBD Application Profile, Version 1.0 August 2015* and *dsp\_isbd\_ver4* XML file were distributed for discussion at the 2015 meeting. G. Dunsire reported on the DCMI Application Profile group, which reverted its interest from application profile to validation issues, the topic not any more relevant to the original task of the group. M. Willer thanked G. Dunsire and Boris Bosančić, University of Osijek, Croatia, for their work on the documentation. It was decided that M.V. Bertolini and M. Gentili-Tedeschi will check the profile table with XML file, and G. Dunsire and M. Willer will write the introduction with reference to the history and discussions on the topic. BnF and ABES will be informed that ISBD unconstrained namespaces are published and can be used in their version of the ISBD application profile. By April 2016 the document should be ready to be sent to LIDATEC for approval and publication.
- *ISBD unconstrained element set* was published<sup>24</sup>. This element set is prerogative to publishing ISBD/RDA namespaces mapping. It was decided that G. Dunsire would check the ISBD/RDA alignment, ver. 3<sup>25</sup> for update due to changes to RDA that could have impact on ISBD, and prepare the ISBD/RDA namespaces mapping (in RDF) by April 2016.
- The discussion paper on ISBD strategy was distributed in June 2015. The members of the ISBD RG expressed their opinion on the direction of the revision of ISBD presented in the discussion paper, with the general conclusion that the CS's strategy of ISBD could not be viewed without defining the strategy for the development and maintenance procedures for the complete suite of bibliographic standards: International Cataloguing Principles, FRBR-LRM, ISBD and UNIMARC. It was pointed out that Scenario C – principled and simpler ISBD – generally need not be discarded, but could turn out to be inadequate while viewed in this new context.
- Pat Riva reported on the development of the **Consolidated FRBR-LRM** (Library Reference Model) which, being more abstract than the FRBR, will have enormous impact on the ISBD because it reduces the original FRBR Manifestation attributes to the one Manifestation statement attribute. She also pointed to the Transformation tables that would be published by the Consolidation Editorial Group, and that would show the mapping between FRBR WEMI attributes to the new FRBR-LRM ones. This documentation will be ready by the beginning of the 2016 when the new model FRBR-LRM is planned to be distributed for the world-wide review. It was decided that ISBD RG members would review and send their comments on the LRM and the transformation tables, specifically from the point of view of the ISBD and the impact the model could have on the revision of ISBD. It was also decided that all material related to the revision process, such as notes from the ISBD 2011 revision process, comments recorded in the survey on the use of ISBD, proposals for revision of the Inclusion of unpublished resources in ISBD Study Group, ISBD LD SG comments and proposals, etc., be compiled and uploaded in the ISBD RG wiki.
- M. Willer prepared the project proposal for 2015 to fund the meeting that would produce the document required by SC, but the ISBD RG did not receive the funding: the PC consulted with the Committee on Standards and decided that during 2015, “the PC's funding emphasis will be on the FRBR consolidation”.
- The *Results of an International Survey on the Use of the ISBD*<sup>26</sup>; the *Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data* are in preparation, as well as the *Alignment of the UNIMARC/B element set with ISBD element set* and the *Alignment of the ISBD with FRBR*.
- In her chair's report, M. Willer gave an account of the expenses for the 2014 project *Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage* and its meetings in Paris in April and December 2014, then on the publications and presentations concerning the ISBD: the translation in Croatian has been published,

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<sup>24</sup> <http://iflastandards.info/ns/isbd/unc/elements/>

<sup>25</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd2rda\\_alignment\\_v3\\_1.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd2rda_alignment_v3_1.pdf)

<sup>26</sup> see <http://www.ifla.org/publications/node/9560?og=54>

Polish, Serbian and Slovenian translations are in progress; a special issue *ISBD: The Bibliographic Content Standard*, guest editors: Mirna Willer, John Hostage, and Lynne C. Howarth was published in *Cataloguing & Classification Quarterly* Vol. 52, Issue 8, 2014; an article by Mirna Willer, *ISBD: towards the preparation of the next revision of ISBD (2)* with edited ISBD revision discussion paper was published in the *IFLA Metadata Newsletter / The Bibliography Section, The Cataloguing Section, The Classification and Indexing Section* 1, 1(June 2015)<sup>27</sup>.

The meetings were concluded with the reports from the ISBD Linked Data Study Group (M.V. Bertolini), the FRBR Review Group (C. Oliver), the Permanent UNIMARC Committee (J. Weitz and M. Willer), the Committee on Standards (M. Willer), and the Joint Steering Committee for RDA (G. Dunsire).

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**Rome, September 2015**

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<sup>27</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/newsletters/metadata-newsletter-201506.pdf>

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**IFLA Cataloguing Section  
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Report on meetings held during the WLIC 2015 Cape Town**

The ISBD Linked Data Study Group held one business meeting during the conference on Tuesday, August 18th 2015.

After welcoming the attendees, Maria Violeta Bertolini thanked outgoing members and welcomed Vincent Boulet as a new ISBD LD SG member. The Study Group's has now 10 members, including one liaison: Maria Violeta Bertolini (Chair), Vincent Boulet (incoming member), Gordon Dunsire, Elena Escolano Rodríguez, Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (ISBD Review Group incoming chair), Françoise Leresche, Dorothy McGarry, Clement Oury (ISSN Network Liaison), Ricardo Santos, Mirna Willer (ISBD Review Group outgoing chair). Announcements of other meetings and open programmes during the conference were made, followed by the approval of the agenda, the IFLA Lyon 2014 minutes and the Group's meeting in Paris minutes in December 2014. The ISBD LD SG thanked Mélanie Roche, *Bibliothèque nationale de France*, for the detailed minutes of the Paris meeting.

The following topics were discussed during the meeting (**please refer to the complete minutes in the ISBD Linked Data Study Group website<sup>28</sup> for more details**):

- The *Alignment of the ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description element set with RDA: Resource Description & Access element set*, by G. Dunsire and the IFLA Cataloguing Section's ISBD Review Group, was published on 17 February 2015 (Version 3.1)<sup>29</sup>.
- The **unconstrained ISBD elements** were published by G. Dunsire in the Open Metadata Registry (OMR)<sup>30</sup> in August 2015: this allows the ISBD/RDA namespaces mapping to be done using both unconstrained element sets. As agreed in the ISBD Linked Data Study Group and the ISBD Review Group, the unconstrained version of an element has the same local URI part, label, and definition as the constrained version, but no domain (i.e. Resource) or range is declared. The URIs of the unconstrained elements are the same as indicated to SUDOC/ABES at the Paris meeting<sup>31</sup> in April 2014. Links from the constrained elements to the unconstrained versions have been added to the constrained ISBD element set, and they can be found in the Statements section of each element: <http://iflastandards.info/ns/isbd/elements/>. The ISBD LD SG thanks G. Dunsire for publishing the element set and Metadata Management Associates (MMA) for testing the uploads, free of charge.
- G. Dunsire reported that the JSC has recently published a namespace for the RDA/ONIX Framework element set and value vocabularies<sup>32</sup>. In the spirit of the protocol between the JSC and the ISBD Review

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<sup>28</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/1795>

<sup>29</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd2rda\\_alignment\\_v3\\_1.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/isbd2rda_alignment_v3_1.pdf)

<sup>30</sup> <http://iflastandards.info/ns/isbd/unc/elements/>

<sup>31</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes\\_042014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_042014.pdf)

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.rdaregistry.info/rgAbout/rof.html>

Group, the JSC has also published the **alignments and RDF maps between the ISBD content form and media type vocabularies, and the RDA/ONIX Framework**, agreed on by the ISBD Linked Data Study Group and the ISBD Review Group.

- The alignment from **ISBD content form compounds** does not have a corresponding map, because the compounds have not been assigned URIs; they are not individual concepts in the ISBD content form vocabulary. Aggregation of two terms cannot be mapped: that is the reason why they have to be published individually as compounds. This was discussed in the ISBD RG meeting and in the ISBD LD SG meeting, and it was decided to publish the ISBD content form compounds with specific URIs, and to use the ones needed in the mapping with ROF.
- The SG discussed that the **ISBD/FRBR alignment** is in process, and there was a question as to whether the draft version of FRBR Library Reference Model would have an impact on this mapping. It was decided that the mapping will be done to FRBR current namespaces, and another mapping will be produced when the final consolidated model is published. The ISBD LD SG worked on the ISBD/FRBR mapping during the IFLA WLIC in Lyon (August 2014), virtually via email after the meeting, and again at the Paris meeting (December 2014), where the group went through the existing alignment table and discussed every element that had raised comments. A detail of the issues that arose can be found in the *Minutes of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group's Meeting Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, December 9th-10th 2014*<sup>33</sup>. The comments were examined and discussed, and the final decision was documented. The group stopped right before the "Notes" area. M. V. Bertolini agreed to work with M. Roche on editing this document before circulating it again to the group. However, some decisions remained to be made that were discussed during the IFLA WLIC in Cape Town in August 2015. M. Roche and F. Leresche reported one of the main issues before the conference that the "C" alignment had to be discussed again. The decision of adding an alignment seemed like a good idea at the time of the Paris meeting in December 2014, but it actually complicates the mapping and creates inconsistency. It was recommended that "C" should be removed. The ISBD LD SG discussed this issue, and confirmed the decision to remove the "C" alignment. Pat Riva explained that when there are questions regarding what FRBR means, the FRBR appendix expands the interpretation and needs to be taken as correct. If there are some errors in FRBR or if the term in the text doesn't match the definition, the group will need to make a comment in the mapping.
- **ISBD Revision Process:** The ISBD LD SG will continue to compile issues to be considered for the ISBD revision process, that have been raised during the ISBD/FRBR mapping, as well as other activities.
- **Other mappings and alignments:** ISBD and the FRBR Library Reference Model: will be considered in the future, after final publication of the LRM. ISBD and UNIMARC/B: was done by Françoise Leresche and M. Willer to a certain extent, but it is not finalized. The team will continue to work on it, and expects to have results by August 2016. The document will be distributed also to the Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (LIDATEC) for comments. MARC21 to ISBD: Ricardo Santos mentioned the possibility of doing a mapping from MARC21 to ISBD. The ISBD LD SG reminded Ricardo Santos that the group works on mappings from ISBD to other standards. However, if Ricardo Santos is willing to work on this mapping, the ISBD LD SG will be glad to review it and publish it on the website.
- The diagram of *Alignments between the namespaces of ISBD, other IFLA standards, and external standards*<sup>34</sup> was published in the ISBD LD SG's site (version 1, July 2013). There are no changes to be included in this diagram yet, but it is expected that this diagram will be updated regularly, when needed.
- The *Guidelines for translations of RDF representations of ISBD* were compiled by the ISBD Linked Data Study Group, approved by the ISBD Review Group, the former IFLA Namespaces Technical Group, and the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee, and were published as version 1.0 in May 2015<sup>35</sup>.

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<sup>33</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes\\_122014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_122014.pdf)

<sup>34</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/namespace-alignments\\_v1\\_20130725.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/namespace-alignments_v1_20130725.pdf)

<sup>35</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla\\_isbd-namespaces-translation-v.1.0\\_april2015.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla_isbd-namespaces-translation-v.1.0_april2015.pdf)

- The *Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data* were reviewed during the IFLA WLIC in Lyon (August 2014) and in the Paris meeting (December 2014). Several issues were discussed during the latter, a detailed account of which can be found in the *Minutes of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group's Meeting Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, December 9th-10th 2014*<sup>36</sup>. The text is almost ready: only the examples and a final review are pending. M. Gentili-Tedeschi, E. Escolano Rodriguez and Mélanie Roche agreed to undertake the task, working virtually via email. The team is considering adding different examples with different levels of granularity conversion, and showing different ontologies. There was an idea of providing examples in all official languages but this was discarded due to complexity and the lack of vocabularies in some languages. The SG decided that these *Guidelines* will serve as a state of the art document, so that libraries can use them as a guide. Examples taken from different sources will be corrected in syntax to show best practices.
- G. Dunsire submitted a draft Word document for the **ISBD application profile and an updated version of the ISBD description set profile in XML**. Publication of the unconstrained namespace allowed G. Dunsire to add the URIs to the description set and application profiles in place of the constrained versions, which are not really suitable for the components of an ISBD record below Area level (because their domain is Resource, not the part of the resource being described). The text version of the description set profile is embedded in the application profile document, so it doesn't need to be published separately.
- **Liaisons: Permanent UNIMARC Committee:** M. Willer reported that there are plans to publish UNIMARC/Bibliographic namespaces in OMR by the beginning of 2016 and the work on UNIMARC/Authorities will proceed in 2016. **DCMI:** G. Dunsire mentioned he was going to investigate whether the DC architecture group initiative has worked on sequencing issues in the context of its database of use cases for application profiles at fine-grained levels, but there is still no agreement regarding sequencing of elements and parsing. The situation is similar to last year. **ISSN Network:** The ISBD LD SG welcomes Clément Oury as the new ISSN Network liaison. C. Oury reported that the ISSN Network comprises 88 national centres that carry on both cataloguing and registry duties; it is a very diverse network in terms of institution's size and technical facilities. The centres ingest ISSN records in the general registry either by direct cataloguing, transfer of MARC records, or use of Excel worksheets. It is a very diverse network and only few of its members are involved in linked data issues.
- **Status of projects: Project 2013: ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Publication as Linked Data:** As the result of the project funded in 2013, *ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Publication as Linked Data* (G3.13.2-1/13), the ISBD Linked Data Study Group published<sup>37</sup> the *Guidelines for translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF*, based on the *Guidelines for translations of IFLA namespaces in RDF (2013)*<sup>38</sup>. The *Guidelines* were compiled by the ISBD Linked Data Study Group, approved by the ISBD Review Group, the former IFLA Namespaces Technical Group, and the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee, and were published as version 1.0 in May 2015<sup>39</sup>. **Project 2014: Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage:** The second meeting of the project *Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage* (ID: 3-13-2-14) was carried out by the ISBD Linked Data Study Group, at the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, 9-10 December 2014 (Funding approved for 2014 for the two meetings under this project: 1800 €). The meeting continued the work on the *Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data* and ISBD to FRBR namespaces alignment. Specific issues that were identified can be found in the meeting's draft minutes<sup>40</sup>. The ISBD LD Study Group will prepare both documents for comments and approval after the meetings in Cape Town.

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<sup>36</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes\\_122014.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_122014.pdf)

<sup>37</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla\\_isbd-namespace-translation-v.1.0\\_april2015.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla_isbd-namespace-translation-v.1.0_april2015.pdf)

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/5353>

<sup>39</sup> [http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla\\_isbd-namespace-translation-v.1.0\\_april2015.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbd/OtherDocumentation/guidelines-ifla_isbd-namespace-translation-v.1.0_april2015.pdf)

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- **Other issues:** LIDATEC<sup>41</sup> will have a meeting on Wednesday, August 19th. M. Willer and G. Dunsire, members of the ISBD LD SG and of LIDATEC will raise the issue of the need for an IFLA space in GitHub.
- **Financial Report:** The ISBD LD SG Financial Report was part of the ISBD RG Report to the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee. M. Willer reported on Project, 2014: Development of ISBD Namespaces Alignments and Usage (ID: 3-13-2-14) and its meeting reports: April 9th, 2014 and December 10th, 2014. The project received 1.800 Euros, with the balance of 11 Euros spent over the allotted funds. The funds covered travel and accommodation expenses for M. Gentili-Tedeschi and M. Willer for the two meetings.

**Respectfully submitted by Maria Violeta Bertolini, ISBD Linked Data Group Chair  
September 2015**

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<sup>41</sup> <http://www.ifla.org/node/9428>

## **APPENDIX XII: ISO/TC46: annual report 2015**

Annual report from the ISO/TC46 (information and documentation) liaison

*[See seperate attached file]*