

Permanent UNIMARC Committee

Conference Call

2019 October 2

The conference call convened 2019 October 2, around 2:00 p.m. Maribor time and ended around 3:10 p.m. In attendance were Ms. Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan (National Library and Archives of Iran); Ms. Branka Badovinac (IZUM, Slovenia); Ms. Nijolė Bliūdžiuvienė (Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania); Ms. Flavia Bruni (Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico, Italy); Ms. Rosa Galvão (National Library of Portugal); PUC Chair Ms. Gordana Mazić (IZUM, Slovenia); Ms. Genovaite Rutkauskiene (Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania); Ms. Olga Zhlobinskaya (Russian Presidential Library); and PUC Secretary Mr. Jay Weitz (OCLC, USA), rapporteur.

PUC Election and Membership

Ms. Mazić will be Chair and Mr. Weitz Secretary for the next two years but the committee needs to begin thinking about what happens after that.

New PUC member Ms. Rutkauskiene introduced herself. She and her Lithuanian colleagues will host the 30th meeting of the PUC in Vilnius, 2020 March 24 and 25, followed by a UNIMARC users meeting on March 26.

PUC Action Plan

The PUC Action Plan, which was discussed briefly in Athens, is due by 2019 October 15, so work on it must be completed quickly. We also must determine which projects and activities will need funding. The suggestions made by Ms. Mirna Willer have been incorporated into the current draft.

- Action Plan Focus Area 1, “Increasing UNIMARC Visibility.” Ms. Mazić clarified the text regarding Namespaces. But we still need clarification on whether the PUC will make Namespaces changes itself with instructions or if someone else will do that annual maintenance for us. Ms. Mazić will submit the funding application for the UNIMARC/Authorities and UNIMARC/Bibliographic Namespaces.
- Action Plan Focus Area 2, “UNIMARC Harmonization with IFLA LRM and New Cataloguing Codes.” The Director of ABES brought us this focus area. Ms. Héloïse Lecomte of ABES has just returned from maternity leave and is quite busy. RDA may be the most important standard now, but others will be coming up. The mapping tool for the alignment task involves the formatting design of the various elements and how detailed they will be. The structure of the mapping table and the mapping outcome are interdependent. Ms. Mazić will send a letter to the RDA Steering Committee (RSC), giving them permission to begin work on the mapping, which is the RSC’s responsibility. An important product of this mapping will be a listing of missing UNIMARC fields for which the PUC will need new proposals. The goal is alignment with the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM), which enables the consequent alignment with RDA as well as with the Italian, French, and other standards, all of which are based on the same LRM

model. UNIMARC proper will serve as the generic stand-in for the entire UNIMARC family of national implementations.

Ms. Mazić requests that any additional changes to the Action Plan text be sent to her quickly, preferably using Word's "track changes." She will edit and submit the final text by 2019 October 15.

UNIMARC Online Edition Editorial Group

The Editorial Group has done a great deal of work. Ms. Badovinac has prepared list of comments and questions on UNIMARC/Bibliographic, to which Ms. Akbari-Daryan, Ms. Bruni, Ms. Galvão, and Ms. Zhlobinskaya should respond on the wiki by 2019 October 20. Following that, the Editorial Group will determine what still needs to be finalized by the end of October in order to complete the preparation of the online edition before the end of calendar year 2019, if possible, or sometime in January 2020, if necessary. The final table of fields will be revised according to the most current version of the edited fields.

Bibliographic Standards Linking Data Working Group

Ms. Mélanie Roche (Bibliothèque nationale de France) is chair of the new Bibliographic Standards Linking Data Working Group (Bib-LD), which reports to with the Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (LIDATEC). Bib-LD needs representation of up to three nominees from the PUC, although those nominees need not be PUC members. PUC Chair Ms. Mazić and the French UNIMARC Committee's Ms. Françoise Leresche (Bibliothèque nationale de France) will be two of the permitted three PUC representatives. Nominees need to be experts in both bibliographic standards and linked data, as well as have support from their institutions to attend meetings of the working group. Send suggestions for the third PUC nominee to Ms. Mazić as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted by PUC Secretary Mr. Jay Weitz, OCLC Online Computer Library Center, USA

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