UNIMARC STRATEGIC PROGRAMME

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2012

Permanent UNIMARC Committee

The 23rd PUC meeting took place in Lisbon, 12-13 March. Focusing especially on UNIMARC Bibliographic coded data fields, relator codes and changes to 5xx and 6xx fields. Regarding UNIMARC Authorities, topics discussed concerned relationship codes, and issues of alignment between Bibliographic and Authorities formats. It was decided that a revision of UNIMARC Holdings should be carried out in light of FRBR. The PUC met again for an informal meeting at IFLA, 13, 14, and 16 August, with most of its constituency present. This was a continuation of discussions held in March.

UNIMARC session at IFLA

The session, attended by over 50 people, was entitled *New Futures for Bibliographic Data Formats: Reflections and Directions* and provided three papers (all published, one in three languages) and one presentation:

- *UNIMARC - Understanding the past to envision future*, by Rosa Maria Galvão and Maria Inês Cordeiro (National Library of Portugal)
- *The functionality of bibliographic records of IRANMARC based on Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) for monographs*, by Saeideh Akbaridaryan, Sedigheh Shakeri (National Library and Archives of Islamic Republic of Iran) and Sayyed Mahdi Taheri (Islamic Sciences and culture Academy, Iran)
- *Linked data for libraries: benefits of a conceptual shift from library-specific record structures to RDF-based data models* (with translations in Chinese and Deutsche) by Getaneh Alemu, Brett Stevens, Penny Ross and Jane Chandler (Univ. of Portsmouth, UK)
- *Library of Congress Bibliographic Framework Initiative – update*, by Sally H. McCallum and Beacher Wiggins (Library of Congress)

Future Work

- The work on of *UNIMARC Guidelines for Manuscripts* is complete and will be made available.
- A project proposal was submitted in October to the PC, entitled Representation of UNIMARC in Resource Description Framework (RDF), to be carried out in 2013 and 2014.
- Membership of the PUC is being updated, especially to get more corresponding members.
- The 4th Meeting of the UNIMARC Users Group is being planned for 2013, articulated with the next PUC meeting, possibly in cooperation with COBISS (Co-operative Online Bibliographic System and Services). A possible theme of the Users Group Meeting could be "UNIMARC in the Worlds of RDA and RDF", including reports from the Comité français UNIMARC (CfU), the International Association of Music Libraries (IAML), and ITALE.

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