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**IFLA Cataloguing Section's ISBD Review Group**

**Report**

**Meetings:**

Thursday, 12 August 9:00-11:00

Friday, 13 August 8:00-10:00

Saturday, 14 August 13:45-15:45

**Attendees:** Elena Escolano (Chair), Renate Gömpel, Mauro Guerrini, Tuula Haapamäki, John Hostage, Lynne C. Howarth, Natalia Kasparova, Irena Kavcic, Françoise Leresche, Dorothy McGarry (Examples Study Group, chair), Glenn Patton, Mirna Willer (ISBD/XML Study Group, chair)

**Apologies:** Ben Gu, Jaesun Lee, Glenn Patton for the second meeting and Renate Gömpel for the second and third meetings

**Consultant members:** Anders Cato, Gordon Dunsire, Cristina Magliano, François-Xavier Pelegrin, Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Margaret Stewart

**Observers:** Ana Barbaric, Vincent Boulet, Marta Crippa, Agnese Galeffi, Gabriele Gamba, Christel Hengel, Patrizia Martini, Sirje Nilbe, Daniel Paradís, Pat Riva, Sandy Roe, Marja-Liisa Seppala, Leszek Sniezko, Daniel van Spanje, Barbara Tillett, Kristel Veimann, Elena Zagorskaya

The Review Group met three times, but it was not possible to address all the agenda topics. The order of the Agenda was changed twice and approved. The meeting time assigned to the Examples Study Group was kindly offered to the ISBD Review Group. The conclusions of the issues addressed are as follows in the order in which they were considered:

1 – 3 Opening of the meeting, apologies and adoption of the agenda

4 - Approved the minutes of the meetings held in Milan, 2009

5 - Finances: confirmed expenses and all were reimbursed.

6 - Reports from Study Groups:

a. ISBD/XML Study Group

During the Milan meetings in 2009 the redirection of the Study Group to the Resource Description Framework (RDF) was approved, and the approval of the minutes of that meeting was confirmed.

Mirna Willer reported on the activities including all the documentation produced and sent previously to the Review Group, by email of July 19. In this documentation there were some issues to be approved and recommendations for the ISBD Review Group to consider.

In the paper with the title, *Proposed work schedule for ISBD/XML SG*, three approaches were presented to the ISBD Review Group to be approved. These are summarized as:

1. Express ISBD as RDF elements sets and vocabularies.
2. Express the metadata record structure, as a Dublin Core Application Profile (DCAP).
3. Express metadata output formats, including punctuation, using XSLT (Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations).

Decision: Approved

Some recommendations presented to the Review Group in the documents, *Analysis of content and carrier designators in ISBD document*, and *Comments on the ISBD draft*, were considered, as follows:

Include a mapping from Resource Description and Access (RDA) to ISBD content designators in ISBD, or refer from ISBD to separately published mapping.

Decision: To publish it separately. Reason: One goal is to reach as much interoperability as possible. The ISBD should also map other codes and formats and should be maintained according to the updating of the ISBD. Our Liaison with UNIMARC, Françoise Leresche, reported on proposals for adding new fields to UNIMARC to include Area 0.

Actions: The mapping should be included in the Vocabulary Mapping Framework (VMF). This framework will be shared with the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. This action was charged to the ISBD/XML Study Group.

Decision: In order to promote the ISBD better in the Semantic Web, the Review Group approved that Gordon Dunsire could publicize and share the documentation and freely speak in other lists and with the W3C media, sharing the information with other groups. The Review Group should be informed by G. Dunsire of all these activities.

This decision was reported to the second meeting of the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee.

(9) - After the report of the meetings held during the general conference by the ISBD/XML Study Group, during which it worked on the list of ISBD elements for representation in RDF, the ISBD/XML Study Group made a recommendation to the ISBD Review Group to accept the concept of super-properties as links to other domains or external namespaces as far as it will not influence the original ISBD document that was approved.

Decision: It was decided the list of elements will be included in the ISBD and also published independently after approval of the ISBD by the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee, for more speed and in order not to delay the work of the ISBD/XML Study Group.

Decision: Consequently an extension of the ISBD/XML Study Group was agreed for another year in order to include the realization of the technical part of the project, finalize the representation of the ISBD consolidated edition (to be published in 2011) in RDF, and subsequently update the application format and the XSLT for punctuation for display format.

Other recommendations from the ISBD/XML Study Group related to Area 0 were dealt within the last day during revision of comments on the area, reported below.

b. Examples Study Group

Dorothy McGarry, chair, reported on the work done. Mainly three issues related to the display of the examples were addressed:

Display of examples, labeled or in ISBD bloc: it was decided to display some examples both ways in ISBD paragraph format and some in labeled format.

Existence of Area 0: it was decided this issue was already agreed and approved, and the location is before all other areas.

Display of Area 0 as an independent paragraph or as the first area in a paragraph block preceding Area 1: it was decided to display Area 0 as an independent paragraph.

Decision and action: In addition to the inclusion of Area 0 in the examples, the Study Group will revise the examples to update them and show the changes after approval of the ISBD. Its publication will be simultaneous with the ISBD publication.

7 – Organization of the WWR comments revision:

- a. Organization: Because there was not enough time during the conference to discuss all the comments, it will be necessary to work by wiki. Nevertheless some important issues could require a face-to-face extra meeting. If needed, this extra meeting will be held in Madrid, at the National Library of Spain, 18-20 of October, or in November. Date to be confirmed.

Work by wiki: during all the time of the ISBD revision, as well as during the WWR process, consulting members have had the opportunity to participate in debates and present new issues and suggestions. Now it is time for the official ISBD Review Group members to make decisions. This is the reason why consulting members are requested not to intervene in the debates in the wiki. If consulting members wish to make some comments, the comments should be sent to the chair of the Review Group, who will organize how to forward them.

Many issues could be considered an editorial decision. John Hostage (editor) will add such decisions in the wiki to the issues so considered. Other members can express opposition if the issues are considered to require more discussion.

- b. Decision on comments coming from the WWR that had already been decided by the ISBD Review Group. Decision: Do not discuss them again.

- c. Publication (previously 9.2 and 10 in the agenda).

Decision: It was decided not to publish the marked up version; only the clean version will be published. The marked up file will be distributed for translators in order to facilitate their work in updating translations..

8 - Revise the time-line for the ISBD publication (wiki information)

This program of work was decided on at the extra meeting in Frankfurt on February 6, 2010, but it has been necessary to update it as follows:

February 20, 2010: deadline for additional comments on the draft of January 5 to be entered on new wiki pages designated (2010)

February 27, 2010: end of discussion of additional comments

~~March 27~~ May, 2010: draft of ISBD ready for 2-month worldwide review

~~May 31~~, July 20, 2010: end of worldwide review was extended 15 days as requested; start of revisions based on worldwide review.

October 15, 2010: ISBD/XML Study Group to send list of ISBD elements to the ISBD RG.

October 15, 2010: Material Designations Study Group send revised Area 0 to the ISBD RG.

~~June 30~~, End of October, 2010: completion of revisions to ISBD based on worldwide review

End of November, 2010: draft ready to be sent to Cataloguing Section for approval, 1 month.

~~August~~ December, 2010: approval by the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee, and ready to be sent for publication. It has to be sent to the ISBD/XML and Examples Study Groups to update their work. Publication online of ISBD elements list.

End of December, 2010 – Françoise Leresche will send a list of issues to discuss with the JSC, for approval of ISBD RG

June 2011 Meeting with JSC for Development of RDA

July, 2011 – ISBD/XML Study Group finalizes the representation of the ISBD consolidated edition (to be published in 2011) in RDF, and subsequently updates the application format and the XSLT for punctuation for display format.

July, 2011 – Examples Study Group finalizes the updating of the publication.

August, 2011 – Presentation at the IFLA General Conference

10 - Possibility of an ISBD mailing list or distribution list requested in an email.

Decision: The ISBD Review Group has at the moment much work on course. This request for an ISBD mailing or distribution list will be addressed in the future.

Technical issues:

### 11 - Inclusion of unpublished resources in the ISBD

This request has been expressed repeatedly in the past and now in the world wide review. It is necessary to investigate the possibilities of integrating the description of all types of unpublished resources in the ISBD.

Decision: Establish a Study Group, for one year, to investigate the repercussions in the ISBD, prepare a draft showing what changes in the ISBD would be necessary, trying to keep the standard clear and simple and keeping in mind the principles and objectives that are in the introduction to the standard. It will not be included in this next edition of the ISBD; it would be an objective to study the issue for the subsequent update. The Study Group will consist of Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Mauro Guerrini, Tuula Hapamaki, Cristina Magliano (will choose representative), representatives from BnF and another from BNE (to be determined), a representative from the IFLA Manuscripts and Rare Books Section (to be determined) and Irena Kavčič as chair.

### 12 - Relationship of ISBD-RDA "communities" and actions to get the ISBD and RDA to move closer to each other and facilitate interoperability of the two standards.

Conscious of the importance of the issue, the ISBD Review Group requested in the past a close alignment. It was suggested by the JSC that the Review Group wait until the release of RDA. Marg Stewart, liaison from the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA, informed us at the Gothenburg meeting that now is the right time to talk, as RDA was published in June 2010. A meeting of a representative from the ISBD with the JSC was offered, coinciding with the JSC meeting in Glasgow in late June 2011.

Decision: To meet with the JSC in Glasgow. Some representatives (to be determined) from the ISBD Review Group will attend this meeting. Elena Escolano (chair) will attend, and Gordon Dunsire will be present as an ISBD/XML consulting member and RDA/ONIX Framework representative.

Actions: The differences existing between RDA and the ISBD will be recorded by Françoise Leresche, and sent to the ISBD Review Group for approval at the end of December. This list will be sent to the JSC previous to its meeting. Funding will be requested for this new project (Elena Escolano).

### 13 - Area 0 world wide review comments:

Before Area 0 was discussed, some general suggestions and suggestions on the Introduction were discussed, as:

RDA-ISBD. Dealt with at no. 12 of these minutes

FRBR terminology use was dismissed by the decision reached at 7 –b. The suggestion on the ISBD showing FRBR relationships remains.

Manuscripts to be included: issue dealt with in no. 11 of these minutes.

### Comments on Area 0:

One proposal suggested eliminating area 0 from the ISBD; it had been decided to keep it in and allow cataloguers an opportunity to test this and respond about its use.

Comment on alphabetization of resources cited in the definitions. This was considered an editorial matter.

Moving definitions to the Glossary: Considered an editorial matter.

Electronic vs. Computer; Tactile vs Braille: had been discussed previously. After consultation with Gordon Dunsire, it was determined: there is no inconsistency in the ISBD. It was also decided that Area 0 text should include all applicable terms rather than leaving some to be inferred. Gordon had made the case for this in the ISBD/XML SG meeting

Decision: the Material Designations Study Group will address recommendations and suggestions coming from the ISBD/XML Study Group paper, *Analysis of content and carrier designators in the ISBD consolidated edition with respect to the RDA/ONIX Framework*, and during the world wide review process. The study group will present its results to the ISBD RG by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The issues are as follow:

- Expand the ISBD 0.2 instruction to alert users to potential ambiguity if qualifiers are not added because they are assumed to be implicit in the content form term.
- Redraft the definitions of "image" and "object" for clarity and to ensure that there is no overlap.
- Add an explanation to ISBD Area 0 to show how content and carrier designators can be used in practice in an online environment to meet the needs of users.

It was recognized during the meeting that Area 0 could be very useful for users with specific needs by providing terms for resources in library collections that go beyond the human senses of sight and hearing. Such resources might include those requiring a sense of smell (olfactory), taste (gustatory), or touch (tactile). New terminology in Area 0 provides for such resources.

- Use examples in ISBD Area 0 that are not ambiguous and clearly support the utility of Area 0, or that illustrate problems when implicit assumptions are made.
- The ISBD Review Group monitors use of the media type "other media" to inform the addition of new values to the RDA/ONIX Framework for Resource Categorization attribute IntermediationTool and ISBD media types as new types of media appear in library collections to be catalogued
- Redraft the instruction concerning mixed content at ISBD 0.1 to clarify the treatment of mixed content and media resources.
- Allow the recording of any applicable content and media designators, rather than just predominant ones.

Other recommendation in the document *Comments on the ISBD arising from the preliminary registration of ISBD elements in RDF*:

- The ISBD should contain a clear, formalised list of its elements and subelements.

Decision: It was decided that the ISBD/XML Study Group will prepare the list of elements that will be included in A.3.1 by October 15th. The mandatory level and repeatability will be addressed in this list. "MA" will be used for elements that are mandatory if available. The elements title, place of publication, name of publisher, date, and extent will be marked "M" for mandatory. The following statement will be added to the table: "The number of the area and the terms 'first statement' and 'subsequent statement' denote the order of the elements in the description and have no other connotation."

- It would be useful to have a short explanation of the concept of repeatability in the ISBD.

Decision: Include an explanation on repeatability, mandatory, mandatory if applicable, and parallel elements punctuation in the previous A 3.1 Outline of the ISBD, with the list of elements, by the ISBD/XML Study Group.

14 - ISSN representative (Pelegrin) answered a question on the order of prescribed sources of information, specifically the use of analytical title page as the first source for serials after the serial title page; there is no need of a change in the ISBD.

15 - Preferred and prescribed sources of information comments from World Wide Review. There was not time to address this issue of the Agenda. It will be done by wiki if possible or in the face-to-face extra meeting.

Others:

The Manuscripts and Rare Books Section expressed interest in having a joint programme for the IFLA General Conference in Helsinki, focused on description; this was reported at the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee second meeting.

Consolidated ISBD translation into Bulgarian is on course.

It was decided to contact the Training and Educational Section for guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

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6 September, 2010