



**IFLA Committee on Standards
Meeting (via Skype), February 10, 2012
9:30 – 11:15 (CET)**

Minutes

Chair: Patrice Landry
Division I: Tay Ai Cheng (via e-mail)
Division II: Françoise Pellé
Division III : Anders Cato
Division IV : Marian Koren (absent)
Division V : Chih-Feng P. Lin
Permanent UNIMARC Committee Chair : Alan Hopkinson
CDNL representative : (TBA)
IFLA HQ: Joanne Yeomans

1. Welcome and introduction

The Chair, Patrice Landry, welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Committee. Protocol instructions on conducting the meeting via Skype were given and two items were added on the agenda (see 6.4 and 6.5). Apologies from Marian Koren.

2. PC Project proposals – Advice from the Committee

Joanne Yeomans explained that the Professional Committee received too many project proposals to fund in 2012 and wished to receive advice on projects proposals from the Cataloguing Section. The Committee supports the FRBR Consolidation of the conceptual models (additional 3000 -6000 total) and the IFLA Namespaces for bibliographic standards. The Committee considers namespaces as a fundamental tool in ensuring IFLA branding for standards used in the semantic web. The Committee proposes that the PC advise the Cataloguing Section to develop a strategic plan to address the maintenance and development of ISBD so that the PC have a clear understanding of the priorities, resources needs and outputs. This plan should be submitted to the PC by August 2012.

The issue of financing standards initiatives by the Committee was discussed and will be put on the Committee's August meeting agenda.

3. Review of the Terms of Reference & defining the scope of the work by the committee

The "terms of reference" document was reviewed and it was agreed that the Committee should concentrate on the task (second bullet point) of ensuring the maintenance of IFLA standards. To do this it would be necessary for the Committee to define "IFLA standards" and to survey what exists and who is involved. Comments received from the Cataloguing Section officers are taken into account in the terms of reference.

4. Initiatives for 2012

Action 1: State of IFLA standards: a list of IFLA standards (to be defined) will be compiled from the Report on IFLA Bibliographic Standards and from the IFLA

website (P. Landry) and will be used to survey the IFLA sections on their standards activities. Dateline: 13-24 February.

Action 2: Namespaces project: the Committee will liaise with Gordon Dunsire to monitor the project and its use for IFLA standards.

Action 3: IFLA 2012 Helsinki open programme proposal: The Committee will hold a 2 hours open programme to discuss issues relating to IFLA standards. The results of the survey will be presented and issues such as the Namespace project will be presented.

5. Meetings, including during IFLA 2012 in Helsinki

The Committee will request rooms for two business meetings during the Helsinki 2012 Congress. Another Skype meeting will be organized before August if needed.

6. Any other business

6.1 LoC Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative

The Committee was asked if IFLA will collaborate in the Library of Congress's Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative (new format to replace MARC).

Action: Chair will contact LoC to see if such a collaboration is planned.

6.2 ALTO

The Committee received a request for IFLA to host the ALTO web pages currently hosted by the Library of Congress. Chair will contact Frederick Zarndt for additional information on this request.

6.3 Announcement of the Committee in the News Column of Cataloging & Classification Quarterly

Chair received a request from Robert Bothmann, News editor, Cataloging & Classification Quarterly to publish the Terms of reference document in the next issue of the publication. The Committee accepted this offer.

6.4 European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)

Françoise Pellé reported that at the meeting of EURIG in Paris, on January 27, a proposal was made that a list of IFLA bibliographic standards should be made available as a source of information to RDA. Chair will contact Alan Danskin, Chair of EURIG. This point will also be on the next meeting of the Committee (August 2012).

6.5 Relationships with other standards organizations

Françoise Pellé asked if the ISO/ TC 46 IFLA liaison person could be a corresponding member of the Committee since IFLA is collaborating with ISO / TC 46. J. Yeomans will consult with IFLA Secretary General. Relationships with other standards organizations will be discussed further at the Committee's August meeting.