



IFLA Review Group International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)

ISBD Content Update Task Force

WORKING REPORT

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The Task Force was officially established in 2019 November 21st with the challenge of updating the content of Consolidated ISBD 2011, due for 2021 as established by the ISBD Review Group in its Terms of Reference.

The release of the 2021 Update to the 2011 Consolidated Edition of the ISBD in 25th of May, 2022 (<https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/1939>) is the result of two years of intensive work by the Content Update Task Force. Consequently, it can be considered that the Task force has met the schedule and goals established by the ISBD Review Group.

CONTENT OF THE UPDATE

Among the main modifications are:

The content of the ISBD has been extended to include unpublished resources of any kind, especially manuscripts. The ISBD, therefore, is no longer a standard only for published resources. The scope of this extension was agreed on during the ISBD Review Group meeting in Lyon in 2011

The ISBD as an international standard provides internationally agreed on stipulations for the different granularity needed by different types of libraries. This is the reason that there are general stipulations and specific ones in the ISBD, to make the descriptions compatible. Including unpublished resources has resulted in the need to add specific stipulations for this type of resource under the general ones. Some adjustments to other parts of the ISBD and some new elements have also been needed, for example, the new element Production process in Area 0 to facilitate categorization and retrieval; the new element Unpublished statement in area 3; and the extension of area 2 to cover the typology of unpublished resources.

The revision of cartographic resources has clarified stipulations and distinguished elements already existing in the Consolidated ISBD concerning the description of celestial cartographic resources. It was necessary to move some of the elements into Area 3 that were in notes before. In addition, some more notes have been added for a more in-depth description of this kind of resource. These changes have resulted in the reorganization of Area 3 for more consistency and to provide for the same treatment of all types of cartographic resources

The ISBD is a standard that allows for different levels of granularity in description. Stipulations for description of component parts have been added to the Consolidated ISBD to standardize the practice, allowing for the application of different levels of granular description of component parts in the same catalogue. The structure of this description that had been dealt with in chapter A, includes stipulations: to describe the part itself, to identify the host resource in which it is contained and to provide details on the exact location of the part within the host, with the linking element connecting the two descriptions.

The table of contents, Appendix A and the final Index were revised.

DELIVERABLES:

According to the ISBD New Revision Plan and Terms of Reference 2019-11-21 the Task Force had to prepare the revision of the standard, and a document indicating all of the modifications that have taken place.

Decision was made by the Task Force to deal with both objectives indicating the modifications in the full document. It was decided to indicate the modifications in red, to draw the attention of the reader quickly to the changes introduced.

Among the copy edits requested to be made by Headquarters in March 14th, 2022, in order to be published was that text colour should be black with no red.

Is for this reason, that the decision made on keep a text indicating the modifications was not maintained and the final text published is in accordance with the above requests.

TRAINING MATERIAL

The Task Force also updated the *Full ISBD Examples* document, update 2021, working since March 2021 collecting different examples from many colleagues representing different countries and languages for promotion purposes and to support the implementation of the new version.

It was sent to the ISBD RG chair on April 12, 2022, to be published jointly with the updating of the standard.

With this last document, the Task Force considered has accomplished with the accepted charges for the Task Force of updating the Consolidated ISBD and the deliverable training material.

RECENT WORK

In April 7th, 2022 the Task Force, virtually met to discuss the ISBD Review Group Draftaction plan 2021-2023.

PROMOTION

News about the release of the 2021 Update to the ISBD 2011 Consolidated Edition has been publicized on IFLA's website and IFLA's relevant mailing lists (<https://www.ifla.org/es/news/release-of-the-2021-update-to-the-2011-consolidated-edition-of-the-isbd/>).

It was advertised in IFLA Metadata Newsletter.

Kindly, Jay Weitz announced in OCLC distribution list thank and also in a about a dozen cataloging-related discussion lists.

Presentations have been made:

Update of ISBD: fulfilling the needs of communities of users, at the WLIC2021 ISBD inTransition program, on August 2021 August 18th.

ISBD: Actualización y transformación, presentation at the IV Coloquio sobre RDA en América Latina y el Caribe “Innovaciones en la RDA e implicancias para su implementación en las bibliotecas de América Latina y el Caribe”, October 27 – 29th

Article: Escolano Rodríguez, E. (2022). The Updating of ISBD and its transformation. *JLIS.It*, 13(2), 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.36253/jlis.it-448>

TRANSLATIONS

The translations to the following language are on course

- Italian
- Spanish

NEXT STEPS:

The Task Force has met its charges at large and now can be disbanded.

If the ISBD RG do not consider this suggestion feasible, the chair of the Task Force recommend the Review Group to select among the members another person to take theresponsibility of chairing the group.

As chair of the Task Force, I only can stress my big thanks to the members of the Task Force for their constant work during these past years and good answer to my busy workschedules. The Task Force has made much more than was charged when it was established and has accomplished the objectives.

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