

Bibliography Section Standing Committee Meetings
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Members Attending: Carsten Andersen, Vincent Boulet, Françoise Bourdon, Charlene Chou, Grazyna Jaroszewicz, Karin Kleiber, Natalya Lelikova, Sinikka Luukkanen, Kari Mathisen, Anke Meyer-Heß, Miriam Nauri, Tadahiko Oshiba, Federica Paradisi, Glenn Patton, Barbara Tillett, Neil Wilson

Observers: Anders Cato, Hanne Hørl Hansen, Pat Riva, Miriam Säfström, Heba Mohamed Ismail, Amany El Sayed, Tuula Haapamaki, Eeva Murtomaa, Alexandra Teplitskaja, David Reser, Ricardo Santos, John Hostage, Unni Knutsen, Julianne Beall, Angela Green, Beacher Wiggins

1. Welcome and introduction (Carsten, all)

Carsten Andersen, chair of the standing Committee welcomed members and observers and asked those present to introduce themselves.

Carsten then provided an introduction to the Standing Committee's recent work, including the *Guidelines for National Bibliographies in the Digital Age*. He described the [blog](#) that was established as a replacement for the previous Newsletter.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was amended to include a discussion about the open session in Helsinki.

3. Open Session

Françoise Bourdon regretted that due to a familiarly emergency she wouldn't be able to chair the open session as planned to be held on August 16th in Helsinki. Carsten agreed to chair the session on behalf of Françoise.

Further she reported on behalf of the organizing group for the session. The session topic will be: *What is a national bibliography today and what are its potential uses?* The session will include 3 presentations from the German, Polish and French National Library and especially cover the aspects of the future of national bibliographies, linked data and user needs. The Session will end with an overview of the outcomes of the Satellite Meeting on August 9th held in Warsaw.

4. Section financial report (Anke)

Each section has been initially allocated 400 Euros (total 17,200 Euros) for "admin funds" from the total amount of 50,000 Euros which the PC has at its disposal.

Anke reported that IFLA had allotted the section €133.10 for administrative expenses. This money was spent on four items of the "Guidelines". The section did not request project funds for the 2012 financial year. The current balance is Current balance: 0,0 €.

Project funds:

Projects have been allocated a sum of about 26,000 Euros, leaving a small reserve that has been held back for disposition in April. Application for project funds have to done by by 31st of October → Allocation takes place in December.

The section decided that for the financial year 2013 no project funds were needed.

5. Information from Divisional brief (Carsten, Anke)

Carsten shared information of general interest from the Division Leadership Brief held on Saturday 11th which was mainly about the budget rethinking mentioned in the financial report.

6. UBC statement (all)

Barbara Tillett and Carsten introduced the final draft of the UBC statement to the standing committee members and observers' members and the observers.

It was discussed to add the goal of open data to the statement and to enter some more interpunctuation for understanding.

[new version]

The next steps will be

- forwarding of the statement to the Classification and Indexing Section for feedback
- Endorsement by the Professional Committee in December.
- Translation into all official IFLA languages

7. Satellite meeting evaluation (all)

The Bibliography and the Cataloguing sections collaborated on arrangements for the satellite meeting at the Polish National Library in Warsaw on August 09, 2012, prior to WLIC 2012 with the topic: *Bibliography in a Digital Age*. All in all there were 70 attendees to the satellite meeting.

All attendance to the satellite meeting in Warsaw praised the very good support of the Polish National Library with a website, catering, special merchandise, videotaping and including a cultural event which all could be offered at not charge.

The purpose of the event was to share: experiences, techniques and challenges in the creation and management of national bibliographic services and to identify new themes and best practice for the creation of a new web based resource to replace the current IFLA work 'National Bibliographies in the Digital Age: Guidance & New Directions (2009)'.

Full details of the event together with presentations and films are [available](#) online at the Polish National Library's homepage.

In this context it was mentioned that the Bibliography Blog also is a very good possibility to share experiences: <http://blogs.ifla.org/bibliography>.

8. National Bibliography in the Digital Age – guidelines

Carsten reported on the efforts to provide open access to the existing publication' National Bibliographies in the Digital Age: Guidance & New Directions (2009)'. However despite of the existing open access policy of the IFLA so far there was no visual result in discussions with the publisher. It was decided that the section will continue to ask to publish parts of the Guidelines as open access.

Neil Wilson reported on behalf the working group for the "new" guidelines.

Content

So far the main outline (found in the annexes) and the form of publication has been decided.

The new publication form will be online, open access in a heavily interlinked way including a lot of links to other online platforms or to further objects, ensuring a current update of the links and contents.

It is planned to build a site around the already existing outline and constantly filling it up. Although there will be some introductory texts the publication will not be meant to read from top to bottom but to jump into the needed parts.

There shall be more examples from other places and use cases as for example a linking to the guidelines for subject access in national bibliographies. It is planned to attract attention to pages and open them for comments and feedback.

All in all it shall be more a descriptive than a prescriptive text with a part of failed use cases or lessons learned.

Process

The way the publication will be set up shows that the text production will be an ongoing process without a specific starting and end point.

Where possible information of the already existing guidelines that are still valuable will be reused, however not a whole copy paste of the wording, but only a reuse of the gist of information.

It shall be started on the most pressing topics and then open the first pages for comments.

The contributions shall be from different experts all over the world and not be limited to the standing committee members.

Name:

It was discussed whether the name should be changed to "Current best practices", "lessons learned" or eventually even "Toolbox for national bibliographies".

9. National Bibliographic Register

It was possible to increase the number of listed countries through a circular email in French, Spanish and Portuguese.

There are still some countries missing, especially from Africa. The next steps will be the production of an Arabic translation of the templates and especially contacting this area.

Further it was agreed that not only national libraries but also national bibliographic agencies should be added to the register. Further the focus should be widened to all national bibliographic services.

10. Other Action plan 2011-2012 stuff (all)

Carsten asked all members to review their information on the sections homepages and to send in photos and updates in their contact information.

Carsten provided an introduction to the section's action plan (http://www.ifla.org/files/bibliography/action_plan_2011-2012.pdf) and its relationship to IFLA's Priority Activities for 2010-2011 (<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/professional-committee/documents/priority-activities-2010-2011.pdf>).

The discussion of new items for the action plan were postponed to the 2nd meeting.

Any other business:

Members of the Cataloging standing committee reported on the ISBD review group and the planned National Bibliography Agency Application Profile of ISBD.

SC meeting II (Wednesday 15 August 8.00-9.30)

Members Attending: Carsten Andersen, Vincent Boulet, Charlene Chou, Grazyna Jaroszewicz, Karin Kleiber, Natalya Lelikova, Sinikka Luukkanen, Lobel Machala, Kari Mathisen, Anke Meyer-Heß, Miriam Nauri, Tadahiko Oshiba, Federica Paradisi, Glenn Patton, Barbara Tillett, Neil Wilson

Regrets: Françoise Bourdon Francisca

Observers: Hanne Hørl Hansen, Alexandra Teplitskaja, Dorota Chłopkowska

1. Welcome and introduction

Carsten Andersen, chair of the standing Committee welcomed members and observers and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was amended to include a discussion about the UBC and the ISBD review group.

3. UBC

Carsten reported, that the revised UBC is currently discussed at the classification section.

4. Information from Divisional forum (Carsten, Anke)

Carsten reported that he asked again for the current status of the open access discussion with de Gryter at the Divisional forum. So far no decision has been made and it was stated to be an ongoing process.

Further all Standing Committee Members were reminded, that some of the members came to an end of term and eventually had to apply for a second term.

5. ISBD

Hanne and Barbara reported from the ISBD Review Group. An effort has been discussed during IFLA WLIC. This project has been called the "National Bibliographic Agency Profile", but the name is misleading and has led to some confusion. The project and resulting report is about an ISBD/RDA application profile, right now a spreadsheet showing the JSC national libraries and their choices regarding ISBD/RDA. This is still a work in progress, but the application profile will soon be finished. The Bibliography Section will be informed, as they can give input to the application profile, even though it is not, as was originally perceived, a national bibliographic agency profile.

6. WLIC 2012 section program (Thursday 16 August 13.45-15.45, session room 5)

The section open program will be the same day in the afternoon. It was decided to change the agenda a little bit and to give more speaking time to the speakers instead of doing a round table.

7. National Bibliography in the Digital Age – guidelines (revisited)

The following topics were to be added to the outline of guidelines:

- Who are the users of the National bibliography?
- Who will support the production of a national bibliography?
- What could add value to NBs?
- How does a national bibliography integrate into bibliographic services?

Next steps will be

- Blog Warsaw event
- Further comment on the outline
- Derive information from the current text
- Call people of existing text to provide updates
- Take new reviews of the topic to draft
- Clear the copyright for the reuse of the emerging text
- Completion of some chapters of original concepts + principals
- Establish the micro website structure
- Enhance adoption of existing text with description of one new area (suggestions: lessons learnt, linked data, survey of usage)

Title: It was decided to use the phrase "Best practice" instead of "Guidelines".

Barbara Tillet, Karin Kleiber, Anke Meyer-Heß and Lobel Machala joined the working group for the next year and will also work on possible use cases or lessons learned.

8. National Bibliographic Register (revisited)

It was decided that the national bibliography registry will open to all bibliographic agencies or institutions that performs the functions of a national bibliographic agencies.

Further the form will be translated into Arabic and forwarded to the Africa section in order to add more African countries to the registry.

9. Suggestions for the next action plan (all)

The committee shall focus on the review of the guidelines and putting forward the publication. One new item may be endorsement of National Libraries' RDA policy decisions.

10. Open Program 2013

The topic for 79th IFLA General Conference will be: "Future libraries: Infinite possibilities".

The theme for the open program will be: "Opening up the national bibliography for the future" and shall focus on the users, building services on bibliographic data, mash ups etc.

The open program will be organized by Charlene, Anke, Karin and Lobel.

11. Major developments (all)

Have you been involved in major developments, which you would like to share with the rest of us?

Croatia:

The newly established national bibliography for Croatia was launched in newly webbased bibliography with the integration of six year updates. It shall open up even more to allow web 2.0 mash ups. The bibliography was set up by just two people and soon will also include articles of the serials. <http://iks.nsk.hr/bibl/a/>

Sweden:

Sweden introduced an e-legal deposit in 2011 and plans to have it fully implemented in 2015. The library will use data from different sources and apply different levels of control.

Japan

The National Diet library of Japan published its authority data and will publish Japanese National Bibliography as linked data: <http://blogs.ifla.org/bibliography/2012/01/06/web-ndl-authorities/>; <http://conference.ifla.org/past/ifla77/149-tadahiko-en.pdf>

Further Japanese translation of "National Bibliographies in the Digital Age" was finished and published. <http://www.ifla.org/files/bibliography/publications/national-bibliographies-digital-age-ja.pdf>

Great Britain

The British Library also published the bibliography in Linked Data. The data was published in two different versions one more basic form in basic rdf xml and one elaborated form.

<http://www.bl.uk/bibliographic/datafree.html>

Further a linked data special interest group was founded.

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Norway

In Norway the Library Consortia Bibsys cancelled its cooperation with OCLC and moreover decided to move into Marc 21.

United States

The Library of Congress continues to work on the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative (bibframe) and will open the report for comments in September. The work on the framework is open to participate.

Annex 1

IFLA Professional Statement on Universal Bibliographic Control

During the 1970's IFLA established an office for Universal Bibliographic Control following several years of discussion about the importance of international sharing of bibliographic data to help reduce costs and to encourage greater cooperation worldwide. That office became known as UBCIM (Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC). At that time the philosophy was that each national bibliographic agency would catalog the works published in its own country and establish the names of its authors, and that data would be shared and re-used around the world.¹ However, in the 1990's it was recognized that having data in a language and script users can understand is extremely important, so respecting the cultural diversity of users around the world should be addressed as well. These are not necessarily mutually exclusive conditions, as has been demonstrated in the subsequent Virtual International Authority File (VIAF) initiative. Web technologies offer new possibilities of sharing data at a global scale and beyond the library domain, but also show a need for authoritative and trusted data. Thus, the concept of UBC is still valid and worth IFLA's continued support and promotion.

IFLA therefore reaffirms the following principles:

- A National bibliographic agency (NBA) has the responsibility for providing the authoritative bibliographic data for publications of its own country and for making that data available to other NBAs, libraries, and other communities (for instance archives and museums) through appropriate and timely services;
- NBAs, as a part of the creation of authoritative bibliographic data, also have the responsibility for documenting authorized access points for persons, families, corporate bodies, names of places, and authoritative citations for works related to its own country and for making that authority data available to other NBAs, libraries, and other communities (for instance archives and museums);
- IFLA has the responsibility for maintaining and promoting the *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP)*, published in 2009, as the foundation for the sharing of bibliographic data;
- IFLA has, through the work of its relevant professional units and advisory committees, the responsibility for creating, maintaining and promoting bibliographic standards and guidelines to facilitate this sharing of bibliographic and authority data (e.g., ISBD, the FRBR family of conceptual models, etc.) ;
- IFLA works collaboratively with other international organizations (e.g., ISO, ICA, ICOM, etc.) in the creation and maintenance of other standards in order to ensure that library standards developments including compatible data models are coordinated with those of the wider community.

¹ Readers interested in the UBC history are directed to the following resources: Dorothy Anderson, "Universal Bibliographic Control: a long term policy, a plan for action" Pullach/Muenchen : Verlag Dokumentation, 1974. 87 p. There is also a report from IFLA for the Unesco Intergovernmental Conference of 1974 that includes a chapter more briefly describing UBC (pages 10-12: "IFLA and the role of libraries" published by IFLA in 1974. 38 p.

In 2003 the UBCIM core activity was closed and the coordination of bibliographic standardization was moved to the IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards (ICABS), which was later changed to the IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Digital Strategies (ICADS). In 2011 it was decided to discontinue ICADS. During the 2011 WLIC conference the idea arose of revitalizing UBC and the Bibliography Section took on this task.