

IFLA cataloguing section (CATS)

Annual report 2018-2019

CATS progress and activities

Objectives	Project or activity	Progress
16 Further clarifying work on IFLA UBC standards	Help define what should be considered a bibliographic standard and how it differs from e.g. a guideline	<p>The Committee on Standards provides an <u>IFLA Standards Manual for this procedure</u>. As providing and maintaining standards is an essential work of IFLA, the Committee on Standards intends to revise the IFLA Standards Manual so as to provide an update of the guidelines for IFLA standards in the near future. During the IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wroclaw, the Committee on Standards gave the Cataloguing Section the assignment to work out a first methodical approach for the revision of the IFLA Standards Procedures Manual as this section is responsible for many kinds of IFLA normative documents.</p> <p>A small working group has taken on this task and worked out a proposal that was submitted to the Committee on Standards in early May 2018." This working group was composed by Renate Behrens, Chair, Vincent Boulet, Mélanie Roche and Deanna White. The Proposal was finally agreed during the WLIC 2018 in Kuala Lumpur. The members of the working group will add examples to the proposal for this discussion to get a clear picture of how the proposed categorisation of standards can be helpful for a clearer distinction of standards and to work out an effective review process for IFLA standards. During WLIC 2019 in Athens the Committee on Standards took over the responsibility for this task and add the work of the Standards Procedures Manual Review Group to its action plan.</p>
2. Ongoing work with	ICP : Align and update ICP	The ICP needs to be updated every few years. The work launched after the 2017 WLIC

development and maintenance of IFLA standards	according to the approved IFLA LRM	was a “soft revision”, which has been completed and endorsed by the Committee on Standards. But there is a need to verify the harmonization with the new version of ICP to match the MulDiCat definitions. A structural revision is needed and included in the 2019-2021 Action Plan.
	Names of Persons: Updating and publishing of Names of Persons files	During this year several requests for new files have been sent to different countries, but no positive answers have been received yet. Currently, there is only one active member, Ricardo Santos. We agreed in Athens about making an announcement for new volunteers. We need work from African, Chinese. In the last year we have been working on Arabic, -Hebrew, Turkish. Ahava Cohen (National Library of Israel) and Priscilla Pun (University of Macau Library, China, corresponding member of the section) volunteer to work on this topic.
	Anonymous classics	There was no concrete progress this year. Ricardo Santos works on recruiting new colleagues involved in this task. Ahava Cohen (National Library of Israel, not a member of the section) and Bill Leonard (Library and Archives Canada) to work on this topic.
	MulDiCat	The working group led by Mélanie Roche is close to finalizing the list in English. IFLA is supposed to provide a translation tool to help the work.
	PRESSoo	A chair is needed and there will be a chair nominated between the members
	Genre-form	The group co-led by Ana Stevanović and Ricardo Santos is working on a list of resources relating to genre/form initiatives worldwide , aiming at making this list publicly available on the IFLA website
3. Continue to strengthen the cooperation with other IFLA UBC Sections	Joint Metadata newsletter	Since last year there have been two published numbers of the Metadata newsletter (December 2018 and June 2019), thanks to Unni Knutsen, Metadata editor until the 2019 WLIC.
	Joint metadata reports at the IFLA WLIC (3rd session of this kind in 2019 WLIC)	The joint metadata report session in Athens was broadly attended, as were the previous sessions. The out-going and in-going chairs of Cataloguing, Bibliography and Subject Analysis and Access sections presented the achievements of the sections and action plans for the next years. The chairs of BCM and ISBD review groups made a presentations, respectively, of the work in progress on LRMoo and on ISBD.
	Joint satellite meeting 2019 with Information Technology	The satellite meeting on Metadata Specialists in the Machine Age was held in Thessaloniki on August, 22 nd , 2019. In addition to reports, the attendees worked in

	Section, Subject Analysis and Access Section, and Bibliography Section	round tables in a workshop-format in order to exchange projects and ideas regarding concrete plans and impacts on the professional identity and skills needed for a “metadata librarian”.
	Joint satellite meeting 2019 with CoS and EURIG (European RDA Interest Group)	The satellite meeting on “RDA 2019” -was held in Thessaloniki on August, 22 nd , 2019. 100 people were at the meeting especially devoted to the new Toolkit and to application profiles for RDA.
4. “Business as usual”	Minutes, annual report and action plan	The minutes of the 2018 business meeting held in Kuala Lumpur and the minutes of the mid-term meeting held in Stockholm have been approved by the Standing Committee.
	Newsletter (see point 3 above)	
	Information coordination	The Cataloguing Section webpages have been regularly updated following the requests coming from Chairs, thanks to Agnese Galeffi, who was Information Coordinator until the 2019 WLIC. The CATS SC mailing list counts 502 subscribers (as of August 19 th , 2019).
	Recruitment corresponding members	Three corresponding members left the SC this year: Victoria Barsukova (Russia), Anisatul-Wahidah Binti Abdul Wahid (Malaysia) and Hester Marais (South Africa). After the WLIC one corresponding member remains: Priscilla Pun from China.
	Midterm meeting spring 2019.	The mid-term meeting was held on April, 26 th in Stockholm and was hosted by National Library of Sweden. This kind of meeting is highly valued by the section members because it gives the opportunity of having an exchange on national and local presentations. There were reports from France, Germany, Macau, Japan, Canada, LoC (USA), Norway, Spain, Finland, Sweden and Chile. Renate Behrens also made a short report on EURIG (European RDA Interest Group).
	Open session at IFLA WLIC 2019	The 2019 open session was dedicated to “The Data dialogue: Metadata collaboration in a changing world”