



## ISBD Review Group

### ISBD RG WLIC 2021 Business Meeting I - 9 August 2021, via Zoom

## MINUTES

### Attendees

**ISBD RG members and liaisons:** Elena Escolano Rodríguez (Chair of the Content Update Task Force), Renate Behrens (Chair of the Manifestation Task Force, Liaison with the RDA Steering Committee) Gordon Dunsire (member, Independent Consultant to the Manifestation Task Force), Mélanie Roche (member, Chair of the Bib-Linked Data Study Group), Dorothy McGarry (honorary member), Mikael Wetterstrom (member, ISSN International Centre Liaison), Ricardo Santos Muñoz (outgoing member, Information coordinator, Cataloguing Section Liaison), Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan (member), Hollie White (member) Flavia Bruni (member), Judit Fejes (member), Irena Kavčič (corresponding member), Ben Gu (corresponding member) Rehab Ouf (chair)

**Apologies:** Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (corresponding member), Mirna Willer (corresponding member), Adelaida Caro (IFLA RBSCS liaison)

**IFLA HQ:** Megan Price (IFLA Professional Support Officer)

**Invitees & Observers:** Szabina Ilácsa (Manifestation Task Force member), Pat Riva (Advisory Committee on Standards), Joseph Hafner (LIDATEC), Christian Aliverti (Cataloguing Section), Agnese Galeffi (BCM RG), Mathilde Koskas (Bibliography Section, chair), Kathy Glenan (RDA RSC, chair), Daniel Paradis (RDA RSC, liaisons), Marja-Liisa Seppälä (Cataloguing Section), Ana Vucadin (LIDATEC, BCM RG), Peng Xiao (Advisory Committee on Standards), Mauro Guerrini (Bibliography Section), Regina Varniené-Janssen, Isabel García-Monge (IFLA RBSCS), Maria Micle (Library Theory and Research Section)

### 1. Welcome and introductions

### 2. Agenda

A motion by Elena Escolano to approve the agenda seconded by Renate Behrens and Ricardo Santos was passed.

### 3. Approval of midyear ISBD RG meeting, April 9, 2021

Minutes were approved.

## **4. Governance and membership**

### **4.1. New IFLA structure, Professional Council & divisions; ACS and RGs**

Rehab Ouf presented on screen the new professional structures, headed by the new Professional Council with 8 professional divisions in which Sections and SIGs are grouped by affinity. The Metadata Sections will be in Division H and the chair is Camille Calison. The Committee on Standards to which the RGs report and the 3 other strategic committees will be called “Advisory Committees” in the new governance, reporting all to the Governing Board. All new structures of the new IFLA Governance will come into force and the chairs will take office the following day of the General Assembly (25 August, 2021).

Invited to the floor in her capacity as current Chair of the Committee on Standards, Renate Behrens briefed about her interim chair position to fill the gap generated by former chair Diane Beattie resignation from her position following her retirement. Concluding her second term in CoS, Renate is an outgoing chair and outgoing member now as the Advisory Committee on Standards will have as chair Victoria Owen, (University of Toronto) and new appointed members. Renate thanked Mélanie Roche and Rehab Ouf for their efforts and support to keep the work of the Committee on Standards going during her interim chairmanship, esp. standards reviews. She invited attendees of the Zoom to the virtual business meeting I of CoS in two days and to CoS open session in the virtual WLIC 2021.

### **4.2. ISBD RG membership 2021-2025**

Rehab Ouf pointed out that opposite to used practices in IFLA and to what happened with standing committees this round of election, the membership 2021 -2025 of the ISBD Review Group is still unsettled, same for the other 3 affiliated groups to the new Advisory Committee on Standards (ACOS). The process and timeframe of appointment by the ACOS are still unknown. Megan Price, IFLA Professional Support Office, stated that she does not have update to share with the RG regarding this matter which is still under discussion within the Governing Board.

Showing on screen the current status of membership in the ISBD RG, Rehab Ouf pointed out that no much change is expected given the known renewals and the continuing/ongoing memberships, only Ricardo Santos is an outgoing member concluding his second term. Rehab Ouf reminded that the category of corresponding member under which experts and advisors to the RG are currently entering, has been replaced by co-opted members; and that earlier this year the question was posed to IFLA HQ if the RGs co-opted members can be selected on the basis of their expertise instead of geographic distribution like for professional sections.

## **5. Annual Report 2020-2021 (due to IFLA HQ, by October 1)**

Rehab Ouf said this year’s annual report is tied to the action plan. In the new form, projects and activities will have to be listed according to their focus areas with their completion status designated in percentage.

## 6. Development of the Standard: ISBD Revisions

### 6.1. *Update 2021*, and activities of Content Update Task Force

Elena Escolano, Chair of the Content Update Task Force, said that the TF was established in November 2019 with the objective of updating the content of the ISBD Consolidated ed. 2011. The *Update* was sent in April 2021 to IFLA HQ for approval by the Committee on Standards. On July 9, 2021 the TF received comments from the Committee on Standards with a deadline of 15 days to address the comments, these include typos and adding examples to the new stipulations in non-English languages. The TF worked within the deadline to implement all the changes requested and the new file was sent to CoS and to IFLA HQ on July 23 and July 24, 2021 respectively.

The work done in the *Update* has been to enlarge the ISBD to cover unpublished resources of any kind esp. manuscripts including the electronic manuscripts produced today; extending and revising cartographic resources, esp. elements and stipulations for describing celestial cartographic resources that were not well covered in the previous edition; and to include description for component parts allowing for granular descriptions required for some types of resources. To achieve these augmentations, all areas of ISBD except area 6 were revised, as well as Chapter A (the general chapter). The TF then worked on updating the “*Full ISBD Examples*” publication to reflect the new stipulations. A presentation about updating the ISBD consolidated edition will be delivered at the ISBD RG WLIC 2021 open session. Following the official publishing of the *Update 2021* the vocabulary will be updated on ISBD namespace.

### 6.2. *ISBD for Manifestation*, and activities of Manifestation Task Force

Renate Behrens, Chair of the ISBD for Manifestation Task Force, said that the original task of this TF is aligning the ISBD to IFLA LRM, only for the first step on the Manifestation (entity) level, that is why the future version of ISBD will be called ISBD for Manifestation, ISBDM shortly. The TF is working through monthly meetings and Basecamp. Members are organizing themselves according to areas of ISBD. The base of the work is the text of the ISBD Consolidated ed. 2011 updated with the new elements from the Content Update TF.

This year the TF started in January by a 2 day workshop focusing on issues in ISBD that needed perhaps to be treated in a different way. Two basic questions as a result were passed to the ISBD RG as a whole: the granularity and the degree of prescriptiveness of ISBD, to which the RG agreed to keep. With this resolution, the TF started with restructuring the stipulations taking Area 4 as a model, answering as possible questions relating to punctuation issues, structure of the stipulations, sources of information,... A draft element template was worked out, with instructions for the shredding of the stipulations of the current ISBD.

Rehab Ouf added that these are just teasers of the work on transforming the ISBD, more is to be shared in the ISBD RG WLIC 2021 open session, on August 18, 2021.

## 7. ISBD vocabularies and IFLA standards namespace

Mélanie Roche, Chair of the BIB Linked Data Study Group (also BCM RG Chair), said that the SG meeting is to take place later this week, until then there is not much to share since the publication of IFLA Namespaces website. However things did take place like training sessions by the IT firm maintaining the IFLA Namespaces and organized by IFLA HQ and

LIDATEC, on the theoretical level. Practical side training is also desired to get to proper maintenance. Mélanie added that once developed, LRMoo will have its namespace added.

Joseph Hafner, Chair of LIDATEC, added that LIDATEC has been busy promoting the IFLA Namespaces website. One of the things to discuss in LIDATEC's WLIC 2021 business meeting is to come up with a policy document that will help managing and maintaining the namespaces. Rehab Ouf added that the policy document is for all IFLA's vocabularies, it is a policy document for IFLA to decide how IFLA namespaces will be presented, maintained and updated.

## **8. ISBD RG in “New horizons: emerging metadata standards and practices in the 21<sup>st</sup> century” Webinar**

27 May 2021 (<https://www.ifla.org/node/93730>)

Rehab Ouf briefed about the New horizons webinar as a virtual substitute of the IFLA Metadata Reports session in physical WLICs. Gordon Dunsire, ISBD RG representative in the webinar, gave a 3 min. lightening talk on ISBD that is now in a transition. Gordon added that the ISBD RG WLIC 2021 open session will be a continuation of this 3 min. talk to explain in more details what is going on with ISBD.

Pat Riva added that this webinar was the virtual replacement for the very well attended metadata session in the physical congress. The webinar had 2 parts: the reports themselves by the sections and the RGs in a very brief reporting format (3 min.) with 7 reports in 30 min. and a 45 min. panel of experts moderated by Athena Salaba, Chair of the Subject Analysis and Access Section Standing Committee, and 15 min Q&A on the reports or the panel. Good number of questions were on ISBD and where it is going showing a lot of interest. Post event the slides and the recordings were posted on Bibliography Section website and channel on YouTube. The webinar had an astonishing attendance with 1100 registrants, 600 were on the Zoom platform and another 100+ watched on YouTube during the event. Rehab Ouf praised the webinar and all the preparations, logistics and technologies behind it.

## **9. WLIC 2021 virtual congress (<https://www.ifla-wlic2021.com/>) and IFLA GA 2021**

### **9.1. General Program; relevant sessions; GA**

Rehab Ouf reminded that this year congress is fully virtual. Session topics and titles can be consulted on the congress website without registration, however the attendance of sessions live is reserved to subscribers. She drew attendees' attention to relevant and interesting sessions in the general programme and in relation to the ISBD RG, the Committee on Standards and the metadata sections. Megan Price added that the congress will be accommodating all time zones esp. for the social activities and the multiple networking opportunities with IFLA officers.

The GA is not part of the virtual WLIC 2021, it will be held Wednesday 25 August, 2021.

### **9.2. “ISBD in Transition” session (18 August 2021, session: 19:00, Q&A: 19:45 CET)**

Rehab Ouf promoted the ISBD RG WLIC 2021 open session titled “*ISBD in Transition*”, for the first time for an IFLA RG. The session will feature three presentations by Elena Escolano, Mikael Wetterstrom and Gordon Dunsire, highlighting the different aspects of

ISBD revision works. The session is chaired by Mirna Willer who will also moderate the following Q&A session.

**10. Metadata sections and standards bodies coordinated business meetings**

Rehab Ouf presented the calendar of coordinated business meetings.

**11. Reports from liaisons and other standards groups (would continue in BM II)**

Due to time constraint this part was skipped since most of the reporting have been covered by previous items of the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Note:** due to the unsettlement of the ISBD RG 2021 – 2025 membership, BM II, that was scheduled for Monday, 13 September 2021, 14:00 – 16:00 CET, did not take place.