ISBD Review Group

ISBD RG Pre-WLIC 2022 Meeting – 24 June 2022, 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), Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (corresponding member), Dorothy McGarry (honorary member), Mikael Wetterstrom (member, ISSN International Centre Liaison), Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan (member), Flavia Bruni (member), Szabina Ilácsa (member), Irena Kavčič (corresponding member), Christopher Holden (liaison from IAML), Rehab Ouf (chair)

Apologies: Hollie White (member), Isabel García-Monge (IFLA RBSCS liaison), Mélanie Roche (member, Chair of the Bib-Linked Data Study Group), Judit Fejes (member), Mirna Willer (corresponding member)

Invitees & Observers: Pat Riva (Advisory Committee on Standards), Ricardo Santos Muñoz (Cataloguing Section), Jenny Wright (Cataloguing Section), Ahava Cohen (Cataloguing Section), Bonnie A. Dede (University of Michigan Library), Daniel Martinez Avila (Subject Analysis and Access Section), Bernhard Schubert (Austrian Representative to RDA Interest Group)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Agenda

   Agenda approved without change.

3. ISBD RG membership – co-opted members

   Rehab Ouf proposed to the ISBD RG to co-opt, Antonin Benoit Diouf from Senegal, who was a tied candidate in the Advisory Committee on Standards in last elections appointment for nominated members, for his strong profile and his potential to add to the geographic distribution of the RG. Members approved the principle; they would need to see his complete profile to agree officially.

   Action: Rehab Ouf to send the profile of the candidate to members via email to vote for his co-option. Update: 10 members voted for his co-option (Elena, Gordon, Renate, Szabina,
Saeedeh, Jennifer, Hollie, Judit, Flavia, Kim). Rehab Ouf sent to IFLA HQ for procedures of co-opting members in the RG, still waiting to be informed about the formalities.

4. Chair’s update
Rehab Ouf said that there is nothing new to update the RG about since last meeting. All news and updates have been communicated instantly through Basecamp or via email. Update regarding action plan progress will be an item on the agenda of the Dublin business meeting.

5. Development of the Standard: ISBD Revisions

5.1. 2021 Update - publishing, translations, aiding publications
Elena Escolano, Chair of the Content Update Task Force, began by giving a briefing about the Content Update TF and its mandates for observers who are attending for the first time. The 2021 Update of the ISBD Consolidated Edition was published officially on 25th May 2022 and properly advertised to mailing lists and interested communities. Content wise, the modifications brought to the 2021 Update were to: include unpublished resources, a decision made back in 2011. This required to introduce some new elements to the ISBD elements set; revision of cartographic resources elements and stipulations, esp. celestial cartographic resources. This included reordering Area 3 for more consistency and to enhance the description of this type of resources. Looking for more granularity in the description, the description for component parts was included. Finally, the appendix and Index were revised.

The TF has been working from March 2021 through April 2022 on updating the “Full ISBD Examples” publication to enclose additions and changes made in the 2021 Update. The ISBD RG got two translation requests from institutions and teams in Italy and Spain to translate the 2021 Update into their languages. Rehab Ouf remarked that this a mark of a success in the mission. It shows a great interest in the ISBD and is rewarding for the ISBD RG who took the decision 2 years ago to make this updating revision, and to the Content Update TF that had 2 years of intensive work in the pandemic to accomplish it.

Elena suggested to make proposals to MARC 21 Advisory Group and to IFLA’s Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC) to include the new elements in their MARC formats. Elena observed that the TF has met the objectives set by the ISBD RG for this revision and it can be disbanded. In case the RG sees that the TF should continue, Elena would consider stepping down as chair, and recommends that the TF continues under a new chairmanship. Elena thanked warmly the TF members for all their efforts that made this work outstandingly accomplished in time. Taking note of Elena’s recommendation, Rehab Ouf observed that disbanding the Content Update Task Force or giving it additional tasks is a topic for discussion in the WLIC 2022 business meeting.

5.2. ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM) – revision updates, WLIC 2022
Renate Behrens, Chair of the ISBD for Manifestation Task Force, gave a brief overview of the mandate to align the ISBD to IFLA LRM, in a first step only, at the Manifestation level. The TF works on monthly meetings, next meeting will be in July to plan for its activities in Dublin. All basic documents for the further work have been prepared, several basic decisions were taken, an elements set for the ISBDM was worked out. The Task Force is planning a
webinar in Fall 2022 to update about the developments of its work, a half-day presentation sessions with Q&A.

6. ISBD Vocabulary in MulDiCat - TG revision and feedback, next steps

Elena Escolano, Chair of the TG formed to review the ISBD vocabulary in MulDiCat, said that the group received from Ricardo Santos background documentation about the selection criteria of terms. The TG checked ISBD vocabulary in MulDiCat comparing it with original terms in ISBD glossary in the 2011 Consolidated edition and the 2021 Update, all with considering the selection criteria and editorial choices of the MulDiCate WG.

The TG concluded there were some missing important terms that are used in the definitions and that represent important concepts in the ISBD as related to sources of information, like the “resource itself”, “whole resource”, “variant title”. The review also encompassed checking changes in definitions of some terms and their impact on the use and meaning, as well as consistent application of selection criteria of some categories of terms. Elena observed that some term used are from ISBD 2007 edition and pointed out that if it is to be maintained, MulDiCat should explain that it is a history dictionary. Another recommendation is that MulDiCat explains how it relates ISBD to other standards. Elena stressed that the review by the TG was done in the aim to improve the final result of MulDiCat.

Ricardo Santos gave a brief overview of the purpose of MulDiCat as a dictionary of cataloguing terms and a common framework for translating cataloguing concepts for all IFLA bib standards. He briefed about how it was constructed and how it tried to achieve consistency and compliance between different standards included and to align all definitions.

Rehab Ouf reminded that the RG received this request for review from MulDiCat WG in March 2022 and that it was decided to proceed according to a 2 step review process: a dedicated TG then the ISBD RG working on the findings. The deadline of submission to MulDiCat WG was end of June 2022. She noted that, having been an observer in the review TG made her witness the several iterations the review went through to present a simplified report that summarizes the issues, despite the difficulty and workload of the task.

**Action:** Deadline to receive ISBD RG feedback on the report by the TG - necessary to complete the second step of the review -, was extended to **Tuesday, July 5, 2022.**  
*Update:* the TG report was finalized and submitted to Melanie Roche on July 12, 2022.¹

7. WLIC 2022, Dublin

WLIC 2022, July 26 – 29, 2022, is a fully in-person congress (**https://2022.ifla.org/**).

Rehab Ouf observed that is important to see who is physically coming to the congress in order to organize activities. This shall be done closer to the date of WLIC 2022, since members like Flavia and Judit are planning to come but not yet sure about the arrangements. In this regard Rehab Ouf admitted that for this year, participants in MENA region as well as in some parts of Europe struggled to get visa appointments and some countries do not have Irish embassies, which affected travel arrangements to the congress everywhere.

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¹ [Review report](https://muldicat-basecamp) submitted to MulDiCat WG on Basecamp
8. ISBD RG in WLIC 2022

The ISBD Review Group activities in Dublin will be as follows.

8.1. Closed meeting (ISBDM) – Wednesday, July 27, 8:30 – 10:30 (Ecocem)

Not visible on the congress programme. Attendance is restricted to the ISBD Review Group members. In this technical meeting the Manifestation Task Force will be presenting its work to the ISBD RG asking it for feedback that will guide future directions about specific issues. The meeting will be run according to an agenda that will be put by the TF and documents constituting various components of the ISBDM presented as drafts. The meeting is a sort of decision-making process for the continuation of the works.

Renate Behrens, Chair of the ISBD for Manifestation Task Force, added that the meeting aims at bringing everybody in the RG at the same level of information. It will start by giving an overview of developments and decisions made and questions the TF has. It will come to a discussion to settle pending decisions like the examples that should be developed, the degree of prescriptiveness and granularity of the ISBDM. It is a mix up of information and feedback. It will present a very preliminary draft of the ISBDM.

Rehab Ouf stressed that for this technical meeting that focuses on decision-making for the future ISBDM, attendance of all members is mandatory, either physically or remotely. Arrangements will be made for this hybrid setting.

8.2. Business Meeting I: Session 095 - Thursday, July 28, 14:00 - 16:00 (Ecocem)

Open to observers and visible on the congress program, with a RG business meeting agenda. Minutes of past meetings and agenda of the BM will be sent to the RG closer to WLIC 2022.

8.3. CoS open Session 144, Thursday, July 28, 11:15 - 12:45, (Liffey Hall 1)

Upon request by Victoria Owen, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Standards, to the RGs, LIDATEC and PUC, the ISBD Review Group will be giving not only a regular update in the business meeting of the committee, but a presentation in its open session. Rehab Ouf said that the presentation titled “ISBD: One Standards, Two revisions” will highlight the reasons behind proceeding to two parallel revisions of the ISBDM.

Pat Riva, Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Standards, added the open session of the committee is going to be very interesting, featuring a keynote presentation by Gaelle Béquet from the ISSN International Centre, a presentation on the development of LRMoo by herself and Maja Zumar, updates by LIDATEC and PUC and an update about guidelines for parliamentary libraries. She believe that this year’s session will be informing to ACOS and will help advance its work.

The meeting was adjourned.