ISBD Review Group
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Working meeting on ISBD Revision
Friday 30 August 2019, Music Library of Greece

(Report Development for Action)

<u>Attendees</u>: Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Gordon Dunsire, Elena Escolano Rodríguez (Chair of the ISBD Editorial Group), Renate Behrens, Mélanie Roche, Irena Kavčič, **Judit Fejes**, **Flavia Bruni**, Mikael Wetterstrom, Rehab Ouf, Adelaida Caro Martín, M. Isabel García-Monge, Dorothy McGarry (online,), Mirna Willer (online), Ricardo Santos Muñoz (online).

Observers: Christian Aliverti (Swiss National Library), Mirena Mountzia (Music Library of Greece), Rinio Krysadakou (Music Library of Greece), René du Grandlaunay (IDEO, Egypt), Statratios Giannou Gayis (Cyprus University of Technology).

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

   Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Former Chair of the ISBD RG and Mrs. Elena Escolano Rodriguez, Chair of the ISBD Editorial Group, welcomed attendees, and thanked host of the meeting, the Music Library of Greece, for providing the venue for this meeting and for their warm welcome.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

   The agenda was approved without comments or amendments. However, the discussions led to a different development of the day than it was originally planned (see **Section 3** for details).

3. **Briefing About the Context and Purpose of the Meeting**

   3.1. Working Meeting of the IEG

   This one day meeting was pre-planned before WLIC 2019 by Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Former Chair of the ISBD RG, to discuss the ISBD Editorial Group (IEG) working plan as set by Elena Escolano Rodriguez, Chair of the IEG, and according to the attached agenda prepared by her.

   Based on the work of the IEG after its reconstruction, this one day working meeting was planned to focus:

   - in its first half, on discussing and working on content issues, including application to a draft of unpublished resources (mainly "manuscripts") and cartographic proposals;

   - in its second half, on discussing the LRM-ISBD mapping and its potential impact on the future structure of the ISBD (detailed agenda attached).

   3.2. Two Conflicting Interests

   During the discussions of the unpublished resources issue, two distinct concerns representing two different standpoints kept arising:

- On one hand, the consultant liaisons representing the communities of users that need the ISBD as they know it to provide a practical quick solution for the bibliographic treatment of their special materials in the form of clear rules, instructions and code of practices;

- On the other hand, the ISBD RG members expressed their concern that restricting the Revision of the ISBD on adding provisions for more types of resources would constitute a minor change that does not bring the standard up-to-date to the technological environment and to the requirements of a bibliographic universe based on conceptual models. This does not echo the original revision plan endorsed by the Committee on Standards and does not fulfil the main goal of this Revision which is aligning the ISBD to the LRM on the Manifestation level as a start, which would evolve to transforming the ISBD into a full implementation of the LRM.

  The ISBD RG members also stressed that:

  o This would necessary involve restructuring the standard to reflect this alignment and make it more explicit and visible, a work that may imply breaking down or deconstructing parts of the standard.

  o As huge, - moreover radical – change as it could be, this is a mandatory step that could no longer be ignored or postponed, in order to ensure the viability of the ISBD as a content standard widely adopted and compliant with the technological changes and the changes in the bibliographic universe.

  o Presenting the ISBD as an implementation of the LRM, represents IFLA's interest to provide a complete suite of bibliographic standards, making them compatible and compliant.

3.3. Re-Adjusted Purpose of the Meeting

As conflicting as they may seem, both interests are equally important and prioritized in the ToRs endorsed by the Committee on Standards for the Revision. However, it was obvious that the meeting could not continue as planned in the agenda as a working day for the IEG with input from the ISBD RG members attending the meeting and the consultant liaisons representing the communities of users.

From this point onward, the meeting continued as an ISBD RG meeting exploring how to proceed with an ISBD Revision that fulfils these two pressing needs, that are not contradictory, but hard to conciliate at the present moment.

4. ISBD Revision Plan – Methodology Adjusted

4.1. Two Parallel Tracks for the Revision

In light of the concerns expressed by the members of the ISBD RG and all with taking into consideration the pressing needs of the communities of users requiring the necessity of working out an emergency solution for their cataloguing problems; given also the difficulty at the time being to conciliate the work in one document and imagine the form and structure of the publication to be produced, it was decided to work in two parallel tracks:

1. **Track 1:** that will be focusing on *working out an element set for the LRM Manifestation*, a look into the future;

2. **Trak 2:** that will be focusing on *updating the content of the current ISBD* Consolidated Edition 2011, to provide for the need of its user groups, an overdue content revision of the standard since its last edition.

For these are two different tasks focusing each on a different aspects of the Revision and entailing each different terms of reference, it was decided that they will be tackled by two separate working groups.

4.2. Two Working Groups

The idea of dissolving the IEG was rejected. Instead, it was suggested by Renate Behrens to rename it and entrust it with one of the two tasks; the other task will be tackled by another Working Group to be established.

The two Working Groups proposed will be:

- **ISBD for Manifestation Working Group:** renamed from the **IEG**, tasked with completing the alignment of ISBD with the IFLA LRM Manifestation.

    Basic Terms of Reference: completing an alignment of the ISBD to the LRM on the-Manifestation level; producing a working document that will constitute the basis of the future work and reflection on transforming the ISBD into a full implementation of the LRM.

    Deliverables: a brand new document consisting of the ISBD to LRM Manifestation Elements Set; and, if possible, a set of stipulations for describing a *manifestation* according to LRM.

- **ISBD Content Update Working Group**: tasked with providing an update of the content of the ISBD according the comments and proposals by communities of interests and the users of the ISBD Standard.

    Basic Terms of Reference: Produce a draft content update to the 2011 Consolidated Edition, tackling three types of modifications: *Errata* of typos and mistakes in the current text, *Clarifications*, of ambiguities concerning some instructions or differentiations between close concepts; *Augmentations*, i.e. adding new types of resources with instructions on how to record them.

    Deliverables: an updated, corrected and augmented draft version (called Update) of the 2011 Consolidated Edition.

Actions (in chronological order):

- ISBD RG Chair to send to the members of the ISBD RG informing them of the two working groups and their basic terms of reference and calling members to express their interest to join.

- Members of the ISBD RG to express their interest to join either or both working groups.

- Appointment of Chairs of the two Working Groups.

    (Note: Present members of the ISBD RG had primary discussions about the potential chairs of these two groups but nothing was decided, leaving this to the ISBD RG complete roaster.)

5. Remaining Businesses from ISBD RG Business Meeting II – ISBG RG Action Plan 2019 – 2020

Due to the short notice and circumstances of nomination of the ISBD RG New Chair that resulted in the non-discussion of the Action Plan during Business Meeting II as planned, the ISBD RG incoming Chair suggested to conclude the discussion and finalization of the ISBD RG Action Plan 2019-2020 in a Zoom meeting by late September(or early October) 2019, after collecting ideas and proposals by all members of the ISBD RG members, then prepare a draft Action Plan.

Actions:

- ISBD RG Chair to send ASAP a Doodle Poll surveying the most convenient date of this Zoom meeting to all ISBD RG members, along with a call for expression about ideas and plans and focus areas for the ISBD RG for the next coming 2 years.

- ISBD RG Chair to collect the ideas of the ISBD RG members via email and prepare a draft Action Plan 2019-2020 to be discussed in the Zoom meeting.

- ISBD RG Chair to inform the members of the ISBD RG of the set date of the Zoom meeting (according to the poll's result) at least one week before the date of the Zoom meeting, and the draft Action Plan at least 2-3 days before the Zoom meeting to give the ISBD RG members the occasion to review it and prepare for discussion during the Zoom meeting.

(Note: Main items around which the Action Plan could revolve include but are not limited to: the new methodology of going with the ISBD Revision, the ISBD vocabulary namespace project, and the ISBD RG communication and publicizing plan. It is about to express them in the form of focus areas and break them down into projects and activities with set goals, deliverables and timeframes.)

6. Updates to the Committee on Standards

Following the changes and the discussion of the ISBD RG Action Plan 2019-2010, the Chair of the ISBD RG will contact the Committee on Standards.

Actions:

- ISBD RG Chair will write to the Chair of the Committee on Standards updating the Committee of the change in the Revision plan explaining the reasons of that change and informing the committee of the deliverables, the modified timeline and any expenses that the activities to be performed may imply.

- The Chair may also, as required, provide supporting documentation and prepare, with the assistance of the Chairs and members of the Working Groups as well as the members of the ISBD RG documents that might be required, including timeline and/or timeframe adjustment, update on the planned activities and deliverables, as well a detailed action plan enclosing request for funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the ISBD Review Group