



Cataloguing Section Standing Committee (CATS SC) Business meetings minutes

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Monday 25 July, 2022 13:45 – 15:45 (Session 028, Liffey Hall 2)

I-Welcome and introductions

After the cancelation of WLIC 2020 because of the pandemic and the 2021 virtual conference, this is the first actual physical meeting of the current standing committee, with these attendees:

Vincent Boulet (Chair) (BnF- France)

Ricardo Santos (Information Coordinator and acting Secretary for this meeting) (National Library of Spain)

Marja-Liisa Seppälä (Newsletter editor) (National Library of Finland)

Ángela Quiroz (Library of National Congress – Chile)

Susan Morris (Library of Congress - USA)

Trine Adolfsen (National Library of Norway)

Mélanie Roche (BnF – Franca)

Jennifer Wright (BDS – Scotland)

Christian Aliverti (Swiss National Library)

Katarina Synnermark (National Library of Sweden)

Renate Behrens (German National Library)

Sofia Zapounidou (National Library of Greece)

Elise Conradi (Biblioteksentralen SA – Norway)

Deanna White (International ISSN Agency - France)

All the absent members had expressed their apologies: Merideth Fletcher (Secretary), Gordon Dunsire, Rania Osman, Karina Esman, Yang Wang and Yamaguchi Miki.

Following instructions from the Professional Council, the second business meeting will be held online by the end of August or in September.

With the aim of avoiding the sharing of papers and pencils, and to ensure the recommended safety distance, the traditional list of observers was not collected. The Chair thanked all of the numerous observers for their interest.

II-Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with some changes: given the packed agenda for the meeting, the liaison reports are moved to the second business meeting. Instead, two new items are included: the Officer's briefing report and the discussion on ICP topics (see below)



In the section's Basecamp space (<https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/projects/17213724>) several documents were previously uploaded to be discussed in the meeting. (See Docs/WLIC2022 folder, only for members)

III-Officers' briefing report

Earlier in the morning, the officers' meeting took place, where some relevant news was announced. A brief summary follows:

- The new chairs from the new structure were introduced: President, Professional Council, Regional Division Committees, and Professional Division leaders. The President-Elect and Treasurer positions were filled temporarily, but they are now finally filled. The special session "Out in the open" will address the events of the last year, with the current Governing Board answering questions from the audience.
- There are joint working groups discussing some new proposals about changing the functioning of Working Groups, Special Interest Groups and the so-called IFLA Networks. The discussed proposal for WGs is that they would have a 2 years lifespan, after that they can either evolve into a SIG or be closed. Special Interest Groups would have more formal terms of reference, with elections. IFLA Networks would be an informal and horizontal structure, to foster inter-section cooperation. More discussions will follow until definitive proposals are released.
- As 2023 is again an elections year, the goal is to avoid the tight schedule and problems that happened last year. The plan is to have the process finished 3 months before the next WLIC. In October, officers will receive a list of finishing terms. It is highly reminded for members finishing first terms that no automatic re-election is to happen, and that they should follow as well the election process.
- A new process for reviewing the professional units will begin in January 2023. The task group commissioned for the task will analyze what makes a unit successful. Analyzing success cases, a thorough revision of every unit will conclude with individual reports, with recommendations ranging from name changing, revision of focus or scope, goals for the future or even merging with other sections, to ensure that every unit is relevant, active, and to increase units' efficiency.

Some special projects and documents from different sections were announced, among them the open call from the Library History SIG Oral History Project looking for contributions from the sections. In the Cataloguing Section meeting it was suggested that some of the members who actively participated in the development and advancement of the flagship IFLA cataloguing standards could be invited to participate.

IV-Action plan

The next points of the agenda follow the Action Plan:

A- Strategic Direction 1 - Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries

1/ MulDiCat (M. Roche)

The consolidated spreadsheet from the Muldicat task group has been circulated among the relevant stakeholders. The comments received will have to be sorted out, analyzed and discussed by the working group in next meetings.

Regarding the place Muldicat plays in the IFLA standards environment, it seems clear that Muldicat is the document guaranteeing the consistent use of terms and concepts across the different documents and standards, and key to the subsequent translations. Nevertheless, the relationships with these other documents (whether Muldicat reflects other documents' terms and concepts or if it is the other way around) is something to be addressed in the general ongoing discussion of standards integration.

2/ ICP (International Cataloguing Principles) (C. Aliverti)

The report on the ongoing revision can be accessed at <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/FB4dmYVPNzVRErFLDBkkQi7A> . In this report there are some highlights about the road map for the revision and some open questions, which were discussed at the meeting:

- LRM and Linked data. ICP should fully embrace LRM entities in the text. Some linked data requirements and persistent identifiers importance should be mentioned.
- Wording should be according to Muldicat.
- ICP should be applicable to every kind of resource, avoiding being “text-centric”. Nevertheless, its target audience remain libraries, not all kinds of heritage institutions.
- ICP should be principles, not rules. Therefore, mixing instructions in the final text has to be avoided.
- Keep the distinction between bibliographic and authority data or remove it. It was discussed that it is still a functional distinction in many library databases and practices. However, ICP should be agnostic as to the data model, so an entity-driven approach is more favored than a BIB-AUT division.
- Next ICP should include statements about holdings/item/collection data.
- Next ICP should also consider data provenance issues.
- While ICP should not include reference to concrete models, rules or standards, it may refer to LRM and to ISBD, as both are IFLA documents.
- When/if revised, “Foundations for search capabilities” should keep in mind current technology capabilities.
- “Introduction” should include:

- A stronger focus on the present (no long historical review)
- Explain why there is still a need for ICP
- Explain that ICP is a statement and contains only basic principles
- Emphasize the reference to LRM
- Emphasize the reference to Linked Data
- Mention that ICP is about descriptive/bibliographic metadata, not administrative or structural metadata

3/ Towards IFLA advisory document on description of entities (V. Boulet)

The entity Working Group drafted two documents distributed to CoS that were specifically discussed in a special meeting before WLIC. The document *The strategic orientation of the IFLA metadata standards* [...] “(<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/h3SkwZQUKUEFUsCm4FHVKzWS>) recommends to CoS and the IFLA Professional Committee the initiation of the development of a Statement of principles on the role of libraries in entity and identifier management. This Statement of principles could announce the intention to publish a “white paper” or best practices guideline devoted to these issues. In this perspective, The Cataloguing Section recommends setting up a working group including representatives from CoS, its review groups and from the metadata sections (Cataloguing, Bibliography, Subject Analysis and Access) in order to propose a first draft of this Statement of principles by the next WLIC.

On the other hand, the document *Coordination of IFLA bibliographic metadata standards* (<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/h3SkwZQUKUEFUsCm4FHVKzWS>) highlighted the lack of a overall strategy or plan to maintain and develop these [LRM, ISBD, Muldicat, UNIMARC] standards as an IFLA bibliographic ecosystem, to ensure consistency between IFLA metadata standards, especially for vocabulary and definitions, taking into account that Review Group reports to CoS and Muldicat to Cataloguing Section. An appendix to that document (<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/EKFd13nyfRZvED3eQqJexrz7>) proposed, in order to overcome this issue, a temporary coordinating committee for the harmonization of IFLA bibliographic standards, the aim of which would be to progressively steer IFLA towards a fully integrated suite of standards. This committee would produce a roadmap document in August 2023.

B- Strategic Direction 2 - Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

1/ Towards an IFLA white paper on key-competences for metadata librarians in an evolving and technical environment. (S. Morris)

The deadline is extended until the end of the year. The working group wants the guidelines to be within the framework of the [IFLA Guidelines for Professional Library and Information Science \(LIS\) Education Programmes](#), released in April 2022, and to be based on a survey for cataloguing requirements all over the world.

2/ Maintaining Names of Persons as an online and continuously updated standard. (R. Santos)

3/ Maintaining Anonymous Classics as an online and continuously updated standard (R. Santos)



Both projects has been introduced to new regional divisions for Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia-Oceania officers. Also they were presented to Iran representatives. The anonymous classics was also specifically presented to representatives from Japan, and in a Zoom session to staff from Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

There are two new files envisioned for the Names of Persons webpage: one from National Library of Poland, through the intercession of Priscilla Pun, which is in editorial modification stage, and one for Persian authors from National Library and Archives of Iran (for Ancient, post-Islamic and modern authors), already submitted.

For Anonymous Classics, the Hebrew works is again in development, after it had to be stopped during the pandemic, from National Library of Israel, and one commitment to begin working on a new file for Japanese works, from National Diet Library, still in the very preliminary stages.

C- Strategic Direction 3 - Connect and Empower the Field

1/ Continuing the Metadata newsletter in cooperation with other metadata sections (MJ. Seppälä)

The June issue was ultimately published in PDF as usual. Initial efforts to explore its release in a more web-friendly did not lead to a positive conclusion, as IFLA does not have at this time a proper framework or tool to accomplish that.

2/ Promoting key-documents related to cataloguing standards to ask for translations to the community (A. Quiroz)

A joint meeting with the Bibliography and SAA section was held in January about this issue. It was agreed that translations are voluntary, and not necessarily the work of any of the sections, and that they are accomplished thanks to institutional or personal volunteers. It was suggested in the meeting, as a first task, to identify and list the most prominent documents from each section and check the translations available.

D- Strategic Direction 4 - Optimise our Organisation

1/ Updating the SCAT webpages and maintaining the social networks (R. Santos)

After a general revision of the new website, (with cooperation from K. Synnemark and A. Quiroz), there are no more broken links in the new webpage. Some old links actually lead to Internet Archives stored versions, as the older pages have not been migrated into the new environment. Other links could not be retrieved. Webpages calling for global review of old documents have been removed, as there is no actual information in them. Other content have been move to the “Section archive”: <https://www.ifla.org/g/cataloguing/section-archive-2/> . It could be argued that some of the content of this webpage could be moved to the Basecamp space

The Section’s Twitter account has 558 followers.



2/ Making clearer the opportunities to cooperate with the Wikidata/Wikibase working group (V. Boulet)

No more news has come from this group in the last months, despite e-mails sent to their officers.

At 15:45 the session is dismissed. 2nd business meeting will be held virtually by the end of September.

Cataloguing Section Standing Committee (CATS SC) Business Meeting II

Friday, September 30, 2022 2:30-4PM CEST / 12:30AM-2PM UTC (Virtual, via Zoom)

I- Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the membership, along with Iris O'Brien, an observer from the British Library, to the second Business Meeting under the framework of WLIC 2022 (Dublin).

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Rania Osman (Bibliotheca Alexandrina)
Miki Yamaguchi (National Diet Library - Japan)
Deanna White (International ISSN Agency - France)
Jay Weitz (OCLC, USA)
Karina Esman (National Library of Russia)

II- Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III- Follow-up of the 2022 WLIC

a/ Outcomes of the open session



The Chair thanked Jennifer for chairing the open session, which presented a lot of important content and interesting use cases. Susan said that she thought the session was excellent and she mentioned that her colleagues who attended virtually agreed with her assessment. The Chair also thanked the planning committee and Ricardo for their work on the event.

b/ Outcomes of the proposal submitted to CoS on the future of IFLA standards and next steps

Terms of reference to be written and submitted to CoS / PC by VB

2/3 volunteers from cataloguing section to participate to the transitional working group

The Chair has received positive feedback from the other sections and working groups about CAT SC's proposal to create a transitional WG on the integration of IFLA standards. There is consensus among the groups to create this WG. The Chair is working on the Terms of Reference (ToR). The Chair hopes to organize the first meeting of the WG by the end of October.

The Chair will ask for volunteers from the other sections and 2-3 members from CAT SC. Gordon and Sofia volunteered to represent CAT SC along with The Chair. Mélanie will also be on the group, but as the Bibliographic Conceptual Models (BCM) Review Group representative. As Renate is an Advisory Expert on the Committee on Standards (CoS), she did not feel it would be appropriate to volunteer for this WG.

The Chair will send the first draft ToR to CAT SC in the coming days.

c/ Section's action plan for next year

The action plan is part of IFLA's 2-year planning cycle. The October update was completed by The Secretary and The Information Coordinator based on the discussions at the first CAT SC Business Meeting in Dublin. The membership reviewed the draft content and the suggested revisions were added to the plan.

Miki asked Ricardo a question about the copyright for the Anonymous Classics text provided by the National Diet Library. Miki to email Ricardo after the meeting to discuss separately.

The Secretary will inform the Division H Chair Camille Callison that the action plan is ready for her review and approval, and will ask IFLA HQ to update in the name of the secretary in the action plan.

The action plan for October 2022 was adopted by the membership.

IV- Liaisons' reports

The Chair said that the role of liaisons is not really clear and that a discussion should had about their role. He suggested that perhaps this could be done in the transitional WG.

The CAT SC liaisons presented their reports.

ISSN (Deanna White)



Deanna provided some highlights from her written report.

- ISSN has launched their new web-based tool to replace Virtua
- ISSN is working to develop the global interoperability of the ISSN Portal by improving the management of ISNIs within the ISSN Portal
- ISSN opened three new national centres this past year. Negotiations to open a new centre in the United Arab Emirates are also underway
- ISSN are working with OCLC, trying to make it easier to assign ISNIs to publishers in an automated process for authority control purposes. (All data ISSN currently receives is in bibliographic records. There are therefore many variations in names.)
- ISSN is also working on an approach to cluster related serial or other continuing resources together, called the History ISSN. Their Briefing Paper on Cluster ISSNs has been sent to publishers and integrated library system providers for feedback on a new MARC tag. They welcome all feedback and would be happy to have conversations with anyone having any special interest.
- The seventh version of the ISSN standard was published in August. It includes small editorial changes, and new types of continuing resources.

Ricardo asked whether data producers are required to send ISNIs with their metadata. Deanna indicated that it is not yet required for publishers to have ISNIs. ISSN receives data from 93 centres, and not all assign ISNIs. There is limited interest in libraries to assign ISNIs to publishers. And international publishers are very complex to analyze.

The Chair asked whether there would be value in creating a working activity to determine how to distinguish publishers from imprints within ISNI and mentioned that problems can arise with the merging of data. Deanna said that relationship hierarchy is not really available in ISNI, and this would be hard to maintain. There is a question of how many resources we would want to expend on this.

Cataloging: Description and Access: CC:DA and MARC Advisory Committee: MAC (Jay Weitz)

Jay submitted reports for CC:DA and MAC (June and January) and provided verbal highlights.

- CC:DA did not meet during the usual “midwinter” 2022 time, but did meet in July 2022. The CC:DA July 18 portion of the report was prepared by Jay’s colleague Hayley Moreno as Jay was unable to attend. Jay prepared the July 19 portion of the report. Jay plans to retire June 30, 2023. Hayley will replace him on CC:DA.
- LC MARC policy statements have been added to the RDA Toolkit. The Program for Cooperative Cataloging was supposed to implement new statements no earlier than March 2022; however, they have announced they will not be implementing official RDA Toolkit policy statements before June 2023. Libraries will be given at least 6 months’ notice before implementation. For now, cataloging continues using the original RDA toolkit.
- All LCSH multiple subdivisions related to religion have been cancelled and will be re-created as they are needed.
- Expanded subject access for comics and graphic novels has been added. For more information see the LCSH Subject Cataloging Manual [H1430](#) instruction sheet.



- The PCC made the decision to not record gender in the 375 MARC field in authority records. This decision was made on the recommendation of their Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Now that RDA3R work is finished, CC:DA will return to its original mandate.
- A new MARC21 bibliographic field was added for equivalent descriptions

RDA Liaison (Renate Behrens)

The Secretary's internet connection went down during Renate's verbal presentation of her report, so no notes were taken. Apologies from the Secretary.

ISBD Liaison (Ricardo Santos)

The ISBD RG has been working in two separate taskforce working groups:

ISBD Update Task force, whose task goal was to produce an update to the 2011 consolidated edition to include stipulations covering more resources, especially unpublished resources. In May, after the approval of the Committee of Standards, the update to the 2011 edition was released including additional instructions for non-published and integrating resources (see <https://www.ifla.org/news/release-of-the-2021-update-to-the-2011-consolidated-edition-of-the-isbd/>). Although it is considered a minor update (thus, not going through worldwide revision) some important new elements and stipulations has been introduced, such as the *method of production* in Area 0. As this task has been completed, the task force has been concluded. The document is available for translation.

Manifestation Task force: the goal of this task force is to explore the expression of ISBD aligned with LRM at the manifestation level, and explore the publication of ISBD in a more granular and web-friendly way. In a consultation with the ISBD RG as a group, it was decided that the new ISBD should remain granular and prescriptive as it is now. A first proposal of how a web and element-based ISBD would look was outlined in the ISBD RG meeting in Dublin.

An ISBD open webinar will be announced in the winter to share all these achievements.

Bibliographic Conceptual Models - BCM Review Group (Mélanie Roche)

One of the biggest achievements of the BCM is the Object Oriented version of the Library Reference Model (LRMoo). It is a much more streamlined model to work with. It was developed in collaboration with the International Council of Museums (ICOM) International Committee for Documentation Conceptual Reference Model (CIDOC-CRM).

Pat Riva and Maja Žumer worked on FRBR and LRM alignment.

As of the last harmonization meeting in Rome, the divergent view points of LRM and LRMoo were recognized. However the classes that correspond to Manifestation and Expression are the same between LRM and LRMoo. F2 (Expression) and F3 (Manifestation) will remain disjointed just as they are in LRM. If Expression and Manifestation hadn't remained disjointed, then it would not be possible to deal with aggregates at all. This would cause a very complex situation.



The final draft version of the LRMoo model will be sent out for worldwide review this fall (between October and November). Most, but not all, of the remaining issues with the CIDOC-CRM Special Interest Group were resolved. Still they deem the draft sufficient to be presented for worldwide review. Perhaps the commenters will provide feedback on the areas remaining to be resolved, which will move the revision process along.

The group wants to start the alignment of Press And LRM. Some minor and some major updates are needed to align the two models. BCM is ready to tackle refinements of the model, to add some relationships to support the description of continuing resources and possible extensions for other specific types of material. This work is at the very early stages.

Some proposals were communicated to BCM. If any major additions are made to the model itself, they will go through CoS and other related sections for approval.

The Chair thanked all the liaisons for their reports.

V- Next meetings and events

a/ Towards the 2023 WLIC in Rotterdam, Netherlands (on an “hybrid” form)

- *Proposal to be discussed: investigating the possibilities to organize a joint satellite meeting with Bibliography section on the future of UBC (hosted by KBR in Brussels?)*
- *Open session ?*

The Chair has had some initial conversations with Mathilde Koskas (Bibliography Section) to discuss organizing a joint satellite meeting. Does the membership have any topic ideas? The Chair suggested “Today and Tomorrow, IFLA standards and ecosystem”. There was general agreement that the section wanted to pursue this idea. The Chair asked for volunteers to help organize this. Mélanie volunteered.

b/ Elections (2 out of 3 officers to end their terms)

The Chair told the membership that IFLA wants to launch the election process earlier than in previous years. It will begin at the beginning of the new year, which will come up quickly. Vincent’s term as Chair will end next year. The Chair asked the membership to think about the elections.

c/ next standing committee meetings

Proposal to be discussed:

- *in December :*
 - *review on the advancement of the transitional group on the future of IFLA standards*
 - *Provisional outcomes of the competencies working group*

The Chair proposed that the next meeting (likely in mid-December) be devoted to an in-depth discussion of the Competencies WG and its outcomes. Susan agreed. The Chair will send out a pool to find the most convenient time for all. Also at the December meeting, we will have a report from the WG on Integration of IFLA standards, and an update on planning for WLIC next year.



- *Next ones :*
 - *February*
 - *April (face-to-face meeting in Paris? With a visit of the “Richelieu” building)*
 - *June*

The Chair would like to organize a standing meeting (perhaps hybrid) in Paris, likely in April. This would also provide an opportunity to visit BNF’s newly re-opened building. There was interest in the membership with this idea.

VI- Any other issue

The Chair thanked the membership for attending, especially those who joined the meeting at night or very early in the morning in their time zones.