Report of the IFLA Permanent UNIMARC Committee Virtual Meeting, 2022 January 11

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Attendees: Chair Gordana Mazić (Institute of Information Science--IZUM, Slovenia); Miguel Mimoso Correia (National Library of Portugal); Branka Badovinac (Institute of Information Science--IZUM, Slovenia); Mirna Willer (Croatia); Flavia Bruni (Central Institute for the Union Catalogue of Italian Libraries and Bibliographic Information--ICCU, Italy); Olga Zhlobinskaya (Presidential Library, Saint Petersburg, Russia); Rosa Galvão (National Library of Portugal); Héloïse Lecomte (Bibliographic Agency of Higher Education--ABES, France); Secretary Jay Weitz (OCLC, USA).

PUC Elections for 2021-2023

IFLA has recognized the special situation and needs of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee by reappointing all of its previous members or their designated replacements. Ms. Willer and Ms. Galvão are now additional members and mentors, serving as institutional memory and advisors. Ms. Renate Behrens has confirmed that Ms. Mirna Willer has been designated by the ISBD Manifestation Task Force to be the liaison between the task force and the PUC. Mr. Mimoso Correia is in charge of general bibliographic services at the National Library of Portugal and works with digital repositories; UNIMARC will be a major part of his work now. He has already been involved in work on UNIMARC Namespaces.

Ms. Mazić will serve as chair 2021-2023, with significant assistance from Ms. Badovinac. Ms. Mazić intends her term as chair to end in 2023. Ms. Lecomte will consider the possibility of succeeding Ms. Mazić in 2023 or finding someone on the French UNIMARC Committee to do so, although she also urges other members to consider taking on the chair position. Mr. Weitz continues as PUC Secretary. Ms. Badovinac will serve as PUC Web Editor with assistance from Ms. Bruni.

Annual Report and Ongoing Work

Publication of the UNIMARC Bibliographic and UNIMARC Authorities manuals online is expected to be completed fairly soon. The UNIMARC Namespaces will not be completely usable until there is full coordination between the Namespaces and the manuals. The PUC is waiting for details on how to update the Namespaces in the new IFLA website from Mr. Joseph Hafner. Ms. Willer notes that it is not difficult to mount a new format on the new
website, but that procedures for updating an existing format such as UNIMARC Bibliographic are yet to be determined. UNIMARC documentation is now structured as instructed by IFLA, but Namespaces remains the major open task. UNIMARC harmonization with the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM) for Work and Expression is nearly ready. With the 2021 preliminary version of the ISBD Manifestation update available, the mapping of UNIMARC Bibliographic and the ISBD Manifestation is in progress, but some attribute elements still need to be accounted for.

**UNIMARC/PUC Web Page Update – Plan for 2022**

In 2021, the new IFLA web site was finally made available. Not all of the PUC’s former documents are currently available, but the plan is to accomplish that during 2022, if possible. The UNIMARC Guidelines and related resources are available. Requests for specific documents not yet available may be sent to Ms. Badovinac and she will try to remedy the situation. She has most of the contact information, including institution names and email addresses, for the PUC webpage and will share it to allow each member to update and correct.

**UNIMARC Proposals for 2022 Deadline**

The deadline for UNIMARC proposals is end of April 2022. The next PUC meeting, which will be devoted mostly to dealing with proposals, will be during the week of 2022 May 30-June 3, with the specifics to be determined.