In attendance: Vincent Boulet (Chair), Renate Behrens, Elise Conradi, Gordon Dunsire, Karina Esman, Merideth Fletcher (Secretary), Angela Quiroz, Mélanie Roche, Ricardo Santos (Information Coordinator), Miki Yamaguchi, Deanna White, Sofia Zapoundidou

1- Welcome and adoption of the agenda
Vincent thanked Merideth for becoming the CATS SC Secretary.

2- Update on the Open Session
Vincent provided an update on the CATS SC’s WLIC open session *Quality Control for Metadata* (Tuesday July 26 11:00-12:15). The CATS SC’s Open Session Planning WG accepted the following four papers:

- **Spot the difference: Monitoring the Data Quality in COBISS.SI** (Branka Badovinac, Institute of Information Science (IZUM ), Slovenia)
- **Quality control of metadata for whom? Turn accurate metadata and authority data into reader-centric data** (Yue Wu, Peking University Library, China)
- **Cambridge University Press and Metadata** (Concetta La Spada, Cambridge University Press, United Kingdom)
- **ISNI, a top tool for quality enhancement, smooth data flows and efficient internal processes** (Ann Van Camp, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR), Belgium and Sven Lieber, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR), Belgium)

3- Entity WG Documents for Discussion

The attendees discussed the three documents shared via email by Vincent on July 5 (now linked in Basecamp) from the Entities WG. The WG is composed of Gordon Mélanie, Marja-Liisa Seppala, Vincent and others. At the October 2021 CATS SC meeting, it was decided that this WG should be formed to:

a. develop a statement to be submitted to the Committee on Standards (COS) on the challenges of coordination among the different IFLA Metadata Sections, and
b. To launch discussions with COS and the other metadata sections (Bibliography and Subject Analysis) on the main strategic challenges faced: the interoperability of IFLA standards and metadata in general, the role of cataloguers in the changing metadata environment, and the role of identifiers in this changing environment.

**Strategic Orientation of the IFLA Metadata Standards**
Vincent summarized the content of this document and asked for feedback.

Mélanie suggested replacing the acronym “ACOS” with the currently approved acronym “COS” (in this and the other documents). She also suggested replacing “LRM” with “The IFLA LRM”, which is the official name. Renate thanked all those who provided content for the documents and developed them.
She indicated that the document provides the foundation for further development. She suggested that the last paragraph could be further elaborated with three or four sentences to include the proposed workflow, timeframe, who will work with COS, the plan for the white paper etc. The timeframe should include what can be done in the next year and years to come.

Vincent said that perhaps this document could be shared with the Bibliography Section, to determine how the plan to revise the Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC) document and the Entity WG initiative are connected or should be connected. Vincent will have a discussion with Mathilde about this in Dublin. ACTION: Vincent.

Ricardo asked whether these proposals are intended to be submitted from the CATS SC alone, or if they will be submitted to COS from all of the metadata sections. Vincent indicated that we should share them with the other sections if the CATS SC members agreed. Agreement was reached. Vincent will make the agreed adjustments to the document and send to the other Sections. ACTION: Vincent.

**Coordination of IFLA bibliographic metadata standards**

Vincent indicated that document is more concrete and outlines the challenge of coordination between the different IFLA metadata standards.

**Scenarios_entitiesWG**

Mélanie noted the role that MulDiCat is envisioned to play as a pivot between the various metadata standards. While the MulDiCat WG is happy to be wrapping up work on the dictionary, there is currently no plan for a maintenance schedule or a plan for who will be in charge of MulDiCat once it is published, which is required to ensure its ongoing relevancy. Therefore the scenarios were developed in order that COS will have a concrete proposal to consider. Mélanie’s objective for today’s meeting is to determine, from the three scenarios, which one seems both bold enough and not too bold to be presented to COS for their consideration and approval. The three scenarios are:

- Scenario 1: status quo
- Scenario 2: a fully integrated IFLA suite of standards (considered the boldest option)
- Scenario 3: a coordinating committee

Elise indicated that this work was excellent. She asked whether scenario three could be considered to be the first step towards implementing scenario two. Mélanie thought that that type of progressive process might be less daunting for COS. Renate agreed with Elise and also suggested that the document would have a more strategic drive if “status quo” were not considered to be an option but rather as the reason why the current situation doesn’t work and we are proposing an alternate approach. Renate suggested that we combine two and three as the recommendation that is submitted to COS. Mélanie and the members agreed with this approach. Gordon suggested that content that was recommended for inclusion in the first document (timescale etc.) also be added to this document. We do not want to be in scenario three indefinitely. It should be a temporary bridge between the status quo and a fully integrated IFLA suite of standards. Mélanie will take Gordon’s comments into account.

Vincent - will update the “Strategic Orientation of the IFLA Metadata Standards Coordination” and the “Coordination Bibliographic Standards” documents and Mélanie will update the “Scenarios_entitiesWG” document. Action: Vincent and Mélanie. Due date: Thursday July 14. The documents will then be sent to the CATS SC, the other two metadata sections and the two review groups as the next step.
Merideth will send notes from meeting to everyone. ACTION: Merideth