



IFLA Section Cataloguing

Minutes of Cataloguing Section
Business Meeting
Teleconference (Zoom),
20 May, 2022 4-5 PM CEST

In attendance: Vincent Boulet (Chair), Trine Adolfsen, Christian Aliverti, Renate Behrens, Gordon Dunsire, Karina Esman, Merideth Fletcher (note taker), Susan Morris, Rania Osman, Angela Quiroz, Ricardo Santos, Marja-Liisa Seppala, Katarina Synnermark, Miki Yamaguchi, Deanna White, Jenny Wright

1- Welcome and adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was approved.
- There was consensus that the meeting could be recorded for internal purposes only, to facilitate note taking.

2- Position of secretary

- Karin Lodder has a new job and has had to withdraw from the Cataloguing Section and her secretarial duties. Vincent confirmed the procedure for electing a new secretary with IFLA HQ.
 - Interested Section members were asked to nominate themselves by sending an expression of interest to [IFLA HQ](#) (copying Vincent). The deadline was May 31th, at noon CEST. The secretary will be selected by acclamation or email election, as required.

3- Update on WLIC 2022

- ⇒ **Agenda and sections' meetings**
- ⇒ **Open session**
- ⇒ **Other WLIC events**

The next IFLA conference is in Dublin, July 26-29, 2022. Vincent noted that he looks forward to seeing everyone in person for the first time since Athens three years previously. The WLIC program has been published on the [conference website](#).

- The first Cataloguing Section Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 13:45 - 15:45 UTC +1.
- The Advisory Committee on Standards will hold their business meeting on Monday July 25 at 8:30-10:30 UTC +1.
- The second Cataloguing Section Standing Committee meeting will not be held during the conference. Rather it will be held remotely via Zoom in August or the beginning of September. The date will be determined at a later point.
- The Section is planning a public session on quality control. A planning group published a call for proposals to present at this event, which was open until May 30. A working group will select the proposals in June. The form of the session will include a round table session. Papers written by speakers will be published by IFLA. The Bibliography and Subject's joint Metadata session slot will be held remotely in the autumn. The date is to be determined.
- It is anticipated that the traditional Metadata drinks party will be held during WLIC.

4- Update and next steps on section's activities

Following the action plan

I- Maintaining consistency of standards and vocabularies taking into account the evolving environment

- **MulDiCat**
 - No update provided as Mélanie was unable to attend the meeting.
- **ICP**
 - The ICP Working Group has identified the ICP elements that need to be updated. They are summarized in a draft road map. The Road Map is currently in consultation in the working group. Next step will be the decision of the Cataloguing Section on how to proceed. The main issues are:
 - Integration of IFLA LRM elements
 - Wording according to MulDiCat
 - Target Audience of the ICP
 - Principles not Rules, ICP should become a core of a high-level set of principles (less granular than the current edition)
 - A discussion about the distinction between bibliographic and other data
 - A statement about item and holding data
 - A Principle of data provenance
 - The working document (still in progress) of the ICP Working Group is [here](#).
 - Gordon asked for clarification on the scope of ICP. What is the group's interpretation of "cataloguing"? Is this going to extend beyond libraries to archives and museum? Cristian indicated that the focus is the library community, while supporting some interoperability to other standards. Gordon noted that one of the IFLA pillars is to expand description beyond libraries. Cristian suggested that we could discuss this at a later point. Gordon indicated that it might be interesting if the group extended its scope to collection data, which is of great interest to museums. The word "cataloguing" is now considered by some to be old-fashioned, and the trend is more to use the term "metadata". Vincent indicated that we could consider renaming the section at some point.

II- Towards an IFLA white paper on key-competences for metadata librarians in an evolving and technical environment

- Vincent: Susan and others formed a small working group, and held several meetings at the end of last year.
- Susan noted that the group is very quiet at this point. However during meetings the group reached a consensus that it needs to do a survey of all of the curricula for library professional associations, about 70 nations and professional associations. This survey needs to be completed before a white paper can be prepared. Susan asked for an extension until at least December to complete the survey and noted the challenge the group has faced as group membership has changed (some members

lost, some gained.) Vincent agreed to an extension, noting the difficulties in finding common schedules for group meetings. He suggested that we consider scheduling the working group within the coming weeks or months. Susan will try to schedule a meeting for June, and report back to the Section before WLIC.

III- Towards entity management

- **Coordination amongst metadata standards : report from the Entity WG (See documents attached to the email)**
 - Last autumn a small working group was set up with Gordon and others. Some meetings were held, and documents produced. The aim of the documents is to address some strategy and tactical issues to the Advisory Committee on Standards.
 - The strategy level: Gordon noted that the WG feels that over-arching control needs to be established beyond the evolution of each IFLA standard separately. We need to determine what interoperability means in today's environment. What can interoperability be best based on? How does the context of artificial intelligence influence direction of standards? The group feels that perhaps IFLA should consider a statement of principles – a high level strategic document to consider all these questions. And to determine what role all bibliographic standards should play.
 - At a more tactical level: a question should be asked about the coordination and consistency between IFLA bibliographic standards, especially the meaning of cataloguing terms. MulDiCat could play a role as a “pivot” – to ensure concrete consistency between all bibliographical standards.
 - Vincent indicated that Mélanie has proposed some concrete principles to ensure consistency between standards.
 - Gordon's opinion is that without some type of coordination, each standard is a drag on the development of other standards. Currently the various groups are communicating with each other on an ad hoc basis. However this is not a reliable and efficient way to communicate as members come and go. There needs to be a clearing house, a coordinating body, backed up by IFLA standard which focuses on the standards body to community more thoroughly.
 - Renate felt that the group needed more time to consider the documents provided and provide comments. It is clear that change is necessary. Renate asked what the group's schedule is.
 - Vincent indicated that he hoped to give the Section time to read and consider the documents, perhaps organizing a meeting to discuss in 3 weeks. Then provide the documents to the other sections to see if they would agree to support the proposals, and then put them on the table for the Advisory Committee on Standards in Dublin. This timing may be too optimistic.
 - It was suggested that the documents could also be put up on Basecamp for discussion. However, Ricardo felt that using a tool such as Google Drive

would be better to allow commenting without having to upload updated versions of the documents.

- **Names of persons and Anonymous Classics**
 - Ricardo provided the update.
 - Names of Persons and/or Anonymous Classics have been presented to selected communities: National Library of Iran (both for Persian NoP and AC), National Diet Library of Japan (for Japanese AC) and Bibliotheca Alexandrina from Egypt (for Arabic AC). As of today, a positive response has been received from Japan to work on an Anonymous Classics file for Japanese works.
 - Also, invitation emails were sent to the officers for the new IFLA regional division for structures for Asia-Oceania and Sub-Saharan African.
- **Relations with Wikidata/wikibase working group**
 - Vincent indicated that the chair of the Wikidata working group permits documents to be shared with the Cataloguing Section describing the aim of the Wikidata group, but so far he has not received anything.

IV- Advocacy and dissemination of key-documents and standardizing work on an international scale

- **Metadata newsletter**
 - Marja-Liisa provided the update. Some desired changes for the newsletter are included in the Section Action Plan. It was hoped that a separate webpage just for the newsletter could be created in order to get better statistics; It was also hoped that the format could be changed from PDF to that of an true online journal, or structured according to MailChimp.
 - Ricardo sent an email to Lukus from IFLA. Lukus answered that the desired changes are not possible, and also sent related guidance about IFLA newsletters that reiterated these same points.
 - The newsletter team also hoped that a shared email address could be used by all editors instead of using personal addresses but they were told that this also was not possible.
 - Vincent noted that the inability to make these changes was due to IFLA policy, not a lack of effort on the working group's part. He asked whether it would help for the Section to make a statement to IFLA about its concerns, to take an activist approach. Marja-Liisa did not feel that this would be beneficial.
 - Ricardo said that IFLA is aware that the discovery layer of Section websites needs to be improved. With the current structure, new content is not very visible. Lukas sent some tips on how best to publish the newsletter. Ricardo hopes that more improvement options will be discussed at the Dublin Information Coordinator's meeting.
- **SCAT webpages and maintaining the social networks**
 - Ricardo provided the update

- With the help of section members Angela Quiroz and Katarina Synnermark, missing links for the translations of the 2016 and 2009 editions of the ICP have been recovered and are now fully accessible.
- Section's Twitter account now has 517 followers.

5- any other business issues

- Vincent indicated that WLIC Dublin will be entirely in person (no virtual option). However, if he understood correctly, he believes that IFLA hopes to have both onsite and virtual options for WLIC Rotterdam 2023.
- Ricardo asked if Vincent was in agreement about posting the photo taken of Vincent for the Twitter account tomorrow. Vincent gave his assent.