



**IFLA Cataloguing Section (CATS)  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2017-2018**

**CATS progress and activities**

Objectives	Project or activity	Progress
1. Further common understanding of the IFLA UBC standards (Universal Bibliographic Control)	1.1 Put together a short report, building on a common understanding within the CATS SC about the IFLA UBC standards. What should be considered a bibliographic standard, how does it differ from e.g. a guideline? How do they interrelate, what dependencies are there among them?	1.1 The working group has put together a report, which will feed into the work of the IFLA Committee on Standards (CoS).
2. Ongoing work with development and maintenance of IFLA standards	2.1 Align and update ICP according to the approved IFLA LRM 2.2 PRESSoo 2.3 Name of Persons files (NoP) 2.4 Anonymous classic (AC) 2.5 Preparing the revision of Guidelines for Authority Records and References (GARR) 2.6 MulDiCat	2.1 The revision of the ICP following the publication of IFLA LRM was carried out after WLIC 2017. The work was a “soft revision”. The final draft was sent to CoS on July 6 and forwarded to the Professional Committee for the final endorsement. The most important issues discussed among the Task Group was related to the terminology and the definitions in the Glossary. In this sense, the relationship between ICP and LRM (and other IFLA standards) is crucial and deserves a more in-depth analysis in order to verify if it is possible to establish a kind of hierarchy of abstraction among standards of different nature. The Task Group has also had some contact with the MulDiCat Editorial Group (MEG) about the degree of consistency among definitions in different IFLA standards.

2.2 The PRESSoo Review Group has not done any modification to the PRESSoo model during the past year. As PRESSoo is an extension of FRBRoo, it is waiting for the release of LRMoo, the new version of FRBRoo.

However, PRESSoo has been used as a specialized model in order to work on the implementation of IFLA-LRM for serials and other continuing resources.

A specific task group has been set up within the RDA Steering Committee/Aggregates Working Group, called the Serials Task Force (STF), in order to discuss these issues. The STF has largely used PRESSoo in order to figure out how to align the rules and instructions of the new RDA toolkit with LRM. The STF activity may also influence the work of the ISBD revision group. The objectives, methods and outcomes of the STF have been presented during the open session of the IFLA Committee on Standards: <http://library.ifla.org/2235/1/074-dunsire-en.pdf>.

2.3 The Arabic names file have been revised: there is now an “Arabic names” file uploaded, replacing the original Egypt file. From now on, all the Arabic-speaking countries will redirect to this file.

A new updated file came from Israel, concerning Hebrew names. An agreement was made, that the file could be used for Hebrew names everywhere you want to use it, posted as “Hebrew names”, in a similar way as the Arabic names. There has been more attempts to reach more countries from the Asia and Oceania and Africa Section’s Standing Committees.

Finally, during the year new files from Lithuania and Turkey have been received, reviewed and finally uploaded. The Brazil NoP from 2016 has now been uploaded.

2.4 As agreed in Wrocław, a proposal for a new revision on Anonymous Classics (European literature) was distributed in January.

The goal is to create an updating process similar to that of the NoP, with one entry per language. A key for submission of updates would be distributed. The new files should be submitted as a mark-up version of the published 2004 version, with the additions and modifications being clearly distinct from the original text.

An editorial board is needed in the future with a minimum of three people to prepare the individual files, build the new web page, announce and make visible the task, receive and edit the files, and prepare the definitive versions.

All news will be distributed to the Section list for comments and approval, after the WLIC conference. If accepted, a call for an editorial board volunteers will be launched.

2.5 GARR: the activity has been discontinued (see minutes from the 2018 WLIC CATS SC II). The action point will be omitted from the work plan.

#### 2.6 MulDiCat tasks (MulDiCat Editorial Group/MEG)

2.6.1 Support collaborative work: A PBwork space was settled so as to share documents easily and provide a common workspace.

2.6.2. Compile terms from standards glossaries to provide an updated version of the dictionary: A draft version of the final spreadsheet was produced, which needs to be revised in light of the latest revision of the ICP.

The final list of terms is expected to be submitted to the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee by the end of 2018.

2.6.3 Communication: To IFLA professional units:

detailed reports of the group's activities were given at the Cataloguing Section's Midterm meeting in Copenhagen, at the Standing Committee meeting and the IFLA Metadata reports session in Kuala Lumpur.

2.6.4 Clarify the status of MulDiCat in the IFLA suite of standards: in progress. The follow-up of the paper given at Kuala Lumpur will need to be further explored with the Cataloguing Section and the CoS

		2.6.5 Find a suitable place for the publication of the dictionary: on hold. This is dependent on the progress of the namespaces issue with the IFLA Governing Board
3. Continue to strengthen the cooperation with other IFLA UBC Sections	<p>3.1 Joint metadata newsletter</p> <p>3.2 Joint metadata reports session at IFLA WLIC 2018</p> <p>3.3 Joint satellite 2018 with SAA and IT?</p>	<p>3.1 The fourth volume of the joint newsletter is published. As usual, we have published two issues since the last WLIC: 1 December issue and 1 June issue.</p> <p>The editors take turns in being the main editor, but cooperate extensively in planning. In the past year, we have tried to work on the arrangement of articles into sections. The newsletter by now has found its form, but we can always improve.</p> <p>We want to create a new, joint webpage for the newsletter. As of now, all three sections publish the newsletter separately. Due to the reconstruction plans of the IFLA web platform, we have not succeeded so far. We will follow this up. We will also try to get statistics on use. Thanks to all contributors in producing 40-50 pages of text!</p> <p>3.2 Done. The session was well-attended and regarded a success.</p> <p>3.3 The satellite was postponed to 2019 and replaced with a discussion slot in the open programme of IFLA WLIC 2018. About 300 person attended and the discussion will feed into the satellite planning work.</p>
4. "Business as usual"	<p>4.1 Minutes, annual report and action plan</p> <p>4.2 Newsletter (2 issues per year)</p> <p>4.3 Maintaining website</p> <p>4.4 Recruitment of corresponding members</p> <p>4.5 Midterm meeting spring 2018</p> <p>4.6 Open session at IFLA WLIC 2018</p>	<p>4.1 Delivered with delays</p> <p>4.2 Done</p> <p>4.3 Done</p> <p>4.4 Not done</p> <p>4.5 Done (see below)</p> <p>4.6 Done</p>

## Standing Committee membership

Standing Committee members' names	Role on the Standing Committee (if any) and contribution made to the work of the Professional Unit over the year	Comments on position
1. Abdel-meguid, Nesrine		
2. Behrens, Renate		
3. Björkhem, Miriam		
4. Boulet, Vincent		
5. Drobiková, Barbora		
6. Dunsire, Gordon		
7. Fog, Henriette		
8. Galeffi, Agnese		
9. Gentili-Tedeschi, Massimo		
10. Knutsen, Unni		
11. Leonard, William		
12. Milanova, Milena		
13. Morris, Susan R.		
14. Muñoz Gómez, Alejandra		
15. Oury, Clément		
16. Roche, Mélanie		
17. Santos, Ricardo		
18. Seppälä, Marja-Liisa		
19. Shibata, Yoko		
20. Wright, Jennifer		

Names of any other reporting persons	Role	Comments on position
1. Barsukova, Victoria	Corresponding member	
2. Binti Abdul Wahid, Anisatul-Wahidah	Corresponding member	
3. Marais, Hester	Corresponding member	
4. Pun, Priscilla	Corresponding member	

### Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Meeting	Location	Main outcomes
1. CATS Midterm Meeting, 23th of April 2018	Copenhagen	See meeting report on <a href="https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes_midterm_april_2018.pdf">https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/reports/minutes_midterm_april_2018.pdf</a>
2. Global Vision discussion, June 2018	Zoom	Report submitted to IFLA HQ, 21 June 2018