



IFLA Review Group International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)

ISBD Review Group

ISBD RG WLIC 2022 BM II – 14 October 2022, via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees:

ISBD RG members and liaisons: Elena Escolano Rodríguez (Chair of the Content Update Task Force), Renate Behrens (Chair of the Manifestation Task Force, RSC liaison), Dorothy McGarry (honorary member), Mikael Wetterstrom (member, ISSN International Centre Liaison), Judit Fejes (member), Gordon Dunsire (member), Irena Kavčič (corresponding member), Szabina Ilácsa (member), , Isabel Garcia-Monge (IFLA RBSCS liaison), , Flavia Bruni (member), Rehab Ouf (Chair of the ISBD RG)

Apologies: Jennifer Dimasaca (member), Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan (member), Hyejin Kim (member, Ricardo Santos Muñoz (CATS liaison), Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (corresponding member), Mirna Willer (corresponding member)

Invitees & Observers: Ngozi Osadebe (University Library of Nigeria), Antonin Benoit Diouf (IDEP, Senegal)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Agenda

Agenda approved without amendment. However, due to extended discussions, Item no 10 ISBD RG projects (continuing, discontinuing and new), was reported to a separate meeting.

3. ISBD RG membership updates

3.1. Change in membership

The ISBD RG underwent recent changes in its membership. Hollie White resigned as of July 2022 (before the congress), and Mélanie Roche stepped down as of September 2022 as a result of the IFLA rule of two units stating that no one should be member of more than 2 units at a time. The ISBD RG has now 2 vacancies; the Chair is investigating with IFLA HQ if there are procedures for RGs to fill them.

3.2. Procedures for co-opting expert advisors

Rehab informed the members that terms of reference for co-opting experts advisors to the RGs were drafted by Pat Riva, CoS Secretary. This is to solve the pending status of

experts entering the RG under the canceled corresponding member category of membership that was raised by Rehab Ouf. The ToRs passed for comments in the Advisory Committee on Standards Business meeting II in September.

Rehab gave a comprehensive hint to the members about the pre-requisites and the process of appointment, asking for comments before the ToRs pass to approval by the GB. A suggestion was made to limit the term of co-option to 2 years renewable once, so to tie it to action plans which change over the terms. Rehab stressed that the Procedures are an advantageous option for the ISBD RG to use as required by its action plans and revision mandates. This means that there is no obligation to appoint expert advisors. It is up to the RG to decide about its options to have, 1, or 2,... to 4 expert advisors, or none, in a given term, according to its action plan.

Rehab stressed again that the co-opted expert advisors – who are subject matter experts – represent a very important category of membership to the ISBD RG, moreover instrumental for the development of the ISBD Standard. She gave the example of Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi and Mirna Willer, both former chairs of the ISBD RG, and now members in the Task Forces in the two parallel tracks of the Revision.

4. Chair's update and news from CoS, GB and IFLA HQ

As most of the subjects and updates are either covered by the agenda items or have been communicated instantly through Basecamp or via emails, Rehab said that she will limit her report to couple of announcements.

IFLA Acting Secretary General: From 1 September, Helen Mandl, IFLA Deputy Secretary General, has taken on the management of IFLA HQ and of the Federation in the position as Acting Secretary General. “She will hold this position until such time as IFLA can make a decision concerning the recruitment of a new Secretary-General.” The Chair and the members praised Helen Mandl as perfectly expert in IFLA matters. Also the ISBD RG has had closed contact with Helen during the past couple of years on matters of mutual interest.

Resignation of the PC Chair: The IFLA Professional Council Chair, Adjoa Boateng, resigned from her position as of 7 September. Extraordinary elections were opened to replace her for the remainder of the term, until August 2023. Eligible to self-nominate to this position are the current chairs and current secretaries of the Professional Divisions. This may result into cascading elections for the position that will become vacant.

5. WLIC 2022 reports and feedback

5.1. CoS open session and ISBD RG presence

The ISBD RG had a strong presence in WLIC 2022. It had one open business meeting, a hybrid onsite-online closed meeting for decision making about ISBDM, and a presentation in the Advisory Committee on Standards open session titled “*ISBD: One Standard, Two revisions*”. The presentation telling the story behind the 2 tracks of revisions of ISBD and their outcomes to date, was well received by the audience in a full room session. The ISBD RG members and liaisons who attended WLIC 2022 commented that the overall CoS open session was very interesting with all the presentations including the keynote.

5.2. Relevant sessions, overall conference evaluation

The overall evaluation of members and liaisons who attended WLIC 2022 is that it was good to convene physically for the first time after the pandemic. The programme was rich, but the duration of the congress was very short making the congress very packed with session overlaps difficult to conciliate, like the CoS open session and the “Out in the Open” session by IFLA President to inform about latest developments in IFLA.

Rehab commented that the sessions were shorter, less than 2 hours and that the new formats that were introduced in the virtual WLIC 2021 interestingly made it to the physical congress this year. An observation is that, not everybody succeeded the workshop format of session. These formats are to be used by expert groups who know how to run them and what they need out of them. The successful ones are informing about how sessions could be run outside the usual presentations-session format.

6. Development of the Standard: ISBD Revisions

6.1. 2021 Update - – translations, aiding publications

Elena Escolano informed the meeting that the [Spanish translation](#) of the 2021 Update of the Consolidated Edition is almost ready. The translation team is discussing some terms that are linguistically different between English and Spanish. Concerning the Italian translation’s status, Flavia Bruni said that she is currently on leave and the Institute is now discussing who will be in charge and take over this role which might take some time.

Rehab Ouf informed the members that the [Full ISBD Examples – Supplement to the 2021 Update to the 2011 Consolidated edition of the ISBD](#) has been uploaded in the DSpace awaiting IFLA HQ’s screening and approval to be published in the repository, therefore made public. The *Supplement* includes a collection of full bibliographic descriptions in a variety of languages for the *2021 Update of the ISBD*. The *Supplement* was prepared by senior members of the Content Update Task Force under Elena’s supervision.

6.2. ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM)

Renate Behrens reported that the Manifestation Task Force talked about the proposed webinar to inform the community about the work underway. The date of the webinar is now set to 26 January 2023. The rest of the schedule for ISBDM is stable so far following the approval of the revision plan by the ISBD Review Group in the ISBD RG WLIC 2022 closed meeting.

7. ISBD vocabularies and IFLA standards namespace

Rehab said that the Policy document concerning the presentation and update of the IFLA Namespaces and vocabularies is now in the final stage of approval within LIDATEC. It will pass then to the Advisory Committee on Standards for official approval after which it can be implemented.

8. Matters arising from past minutes and past meetings

8.1. Follow-up on ISBD vocabulary in MulDiCat review

To date, Rehab Ouf did not receive any feedback about the report that was submitted by the ISBD RG in review of the ISBD vocabulary in MulDiCat. No information either about the next steps for this version of MulDiCat. Rehab has emailed MulDiCat coordinator in follow-up, but she has no reply until now. No other member has updates about the matter – even informal – to share with the ISBD RG.

8.2. Print publication for 2021 Update

This refers to the 1 hour ad-hoc meeting preceding the WLCI 2022, with the participation of Helen Mandl, IFLA Deputy Secretary General, and Megan Price, IFLA Professional Support Officer, from IFLA HQ. In follow-up on if a contact between IFLA HQ and DeGruyter took place during WLCI 2022, Rehab was informed that IFLA HQ authorizes the ISBD RG to contact the DeGruyter if they are decided to go ahead with this.

Extended discussions with participation from Elena, Gordon, Mikael, Isabel and Rehab, could not result into a final resolution to go ahead with this or not. However, it was underscored that if any move in this direction, it should be made clear to the publisher that the print publication shall be under certain terms and conditions, especially not to restrict access to, use and translation of the current online edition. Also, it is the publisher's responsibility to assess the cost-effectiveness for themselves to publish and distribute a print edition for an online freely accessible with open license standard.

8.3. Use of ISBD in OCR

This refers to document that was developed by the ISBD RG in response to OCR request (a group looking at Open Cataloguing Rules) to make use of the ISBD to build open cataloguing rules, that was forward by IFLA HQ to the Chair of the ISBD RG. The document consolidates and organizes all views and opinions shared by the members on how to address such requests, all with answering HQ basic questions about this group and their aim. In follow up with IFLA HQ if they have replied to this request, Rehab got as answer to draft a brief response to their request to be sent by IFLA HQ.

Gordon Dunsire informed the members that the group seems inactive as it shows from their webpage and wiki with the last post since 2 years. The aim of the initiative seems to be primarily against LRM and RDA for complication and subscription-based of RDA reasons. Gordon noted and members seconded that LRM is an IFLA Standard, moreover that ISBD is moving to implement it in its next edition. Members agreed that the aim, the membership and the content responsibility of OCR are not clear. They also agreed that the statements against other standards on OCR website could reflect a political bias. They noted that it should be made clear - in case IFLA would give them permission - that attribution of rights to IFLA and its ISBD RG should be without statements against other standards or entities.

All this took into account, including the observed inactivity of the OCR group, their request dating back to one year ago and never followed-up, does not provide evidence the group is still interested.

9. ISBDM subgroups: Aligning the ISBD to IFLA LRM - call to express interest

The Chair sent out calls for nomination on IFLA mailing lists as well as to targeted relevant contacts, and published on the website, to join 2 Task & Finish subgroups to the Manifestation Task Force. The first [call to express interest](#) was sent out and published on 4 October 2022. The call enclosed terms of references for a [Prescriptiveness and Granularity](#) subgroup and an [Examples](#) subgroup.

Elaborating on the remits of the two subgroups, Gordon said that the focus of the Granularity and Prescriptiveness subgroup will be on the concrete implications of ISBDM to be prescriptive as possible, which have to be fully explored before making decisions about them. For the Examples subgroup, the Examples are a difficult area as the ISBDM is different in scope and stipulations than the current ISBD, and it is important that proper Examples be developed to illustrate the stipulations and assist the applications in the real-world cataloguing. The Examples will be a significant tool to orienting people to the ISBDM.

Gordon added that the Manifestation Task Force is looking for people strictly fulfilling the pre-requisites in the Terms of reference, to be actively contributing to the work in the ISBDM, all with representing the different national regions. A level of expertise in LRM and knowledge of what ISBD is used for operational implementations are essential; some knowledge of linked data principles is highly desirable.

Renate added that she encourages members of the ISBD RG to join the subgroups and to pass the word to colleagues they know fulfil the pre-requisites. Encouraging the members to join, Rehab emphasized that the ISBD RG is the best poll of experts for this mission. People joining will have an orientation session guiding them through all the ISBDM documentation and deliverables so far. Rehab added that this is a big chance to get involved in the making of the new ISBD, to take ownership of the standard and to carry on the knowledge to the next and future ISBD RG committees. She informed the meeting that so far we got 4 self-nominations, including one member of the ISBD RG, and stressed that it is a mandate for all the members to contribute in this recruitment process.

10. ISBD RG projects (continuing, discontinuing and new)

This item of the agenda was postponed to a brief meeting to take place in late October - early November.

11. Annual Report 2021-2022 – due 1 November 2022

Rehab informed the members that the Annual Report 2021-2022 is on Basecamp for their review and approval within one week from this meeting, for a final submission to IFLA HQ.

12. Action plan 2021 – 2023 update

Rehab explained the color codes in the updated [Action Plan 2021-2023](#) centralized on Basecamp, marking actions that are achieved (light green), canceled (strikethrough), on track (normal font), added or timeline adjusted (red). She invited the members to review and amend the updated AP as needed within one week as a deadline.

The meeting was adjourned.