

LIDATEC update on Namespaces

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Abstract:

Information about the IFLA Namespaces, which is managed by LIDATEC (Linked Data Technical Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Standards). Information about which standards are part of this website, how it operates and next steps for Namespaces and LIDATEC.

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Hi, I am Joseph Hafner, Chair of LIDATEC.

Thanks for the opportunity today to share information about our IFLA Namespaces, which launched two years ago in July 2020.

This was the culmination of several years of preparation and efforts by the members of the Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee, which is a Sub-Committee of IFLA's Committee on Standards.

The standards there now are:

- FRBR
- ISBD
- MulDiCat
- UniMARC
- LRM

For an example of the standards at work in a linked data environment, the RDA Toolkit now links to the LRM on this IFLA Namespaces site. We were really pleased when that collaboration started when we launched the Namespaces.

These standards are open access and available for any library to use around the world.

The URL is easy: [HTTPS://IFLASTANDARDS.INFO](https://iflastandards.info) – the URL on the slide

Here is the landing page for our IFLA Namespaces

We manage the site using GitHub behind-the-scenes, which makes it fairly easy to keep things up-to-date. This is a work in progress and updates are added as we have them.

Going forward this is the place where you will find the most up-to-date versions of the IFLA Standards as linked data.

In the past year, our Subcommittee has been thinking about policies around the Namespaces and how we work with the Standards Committees to keep their information up to date. In this, we have been thinking about how we can help standards committees, who keep these standards up to date, think about the best way to do this, considering in the past we did this in print and then as PDFs. Now that we have the IFLA Namespaces we can move away from that print-based thinking and use a more dynamic model.

These are all freely available on this open access website, which is currently paid for by IFLA to make this possible. As time goes by, as standards are deprecated, like FRBR, we will still keep them available there in their final form on the site.

I encourage you to visit the site and explore it and the standards.

Thanks again for this opportunity to briefly talk today about this exciting project with the IFLA Namespace.

Thanks! Merci!

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Thank you!