



IFLA Review Group International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)

ISBD Content Update Task Force

WORKING REPORT

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BACKGROUND

The Task Force was officially established on 2019 November 21st with the challenge of updating the content of Consolidated ISBD 2011, in the timeline established by the ISBD Review Group in its Terms of Reference, that is, for 2021.

The Group has met the schedule and goals established by the ISBD Review Group.

The nearly final version was sent in February to the chair of the ISBD RG to forward to the Committee on Standards. Some suggestions for changes were received, mainly with respect to presentation and title page, with the request to send it in the final form in the publishing format. The revised text according to the requests was sent on the 9th of March.

The answer from the Committee on Standards was received on July 9, with a list of suggestions for revision in the content, required for approval. The timeline established was to return the revision in 15 days.

A summary of the revisions: typos, the request to include more examples in non English languages and revision of the Introduction and title page. All the suggestions for changes in stipulations were considered by the specialists and applied when possible.

The final revision and answer to some suggestions was sent on July 23.

CONTENT OF THE UPDATE

Among the main modifications are:

The content of the ISBD has been extended to include unpublished resources of any kind, especially manuscripts. The ISBD, therefore, is no longer a standard only for published resources. The scope of this extension was agreed on during the ISBD Review Group meeting in Lyon in 2011

The ISBD as an international standard provides internationally agreed on stipulations for the different granularity needed by different types of libraries. This is the reason that there are general stipulations and specific ones in the ISBD, to make the descriptions compatible. Including unpublished resources has resulted in the need to add specific stipulations for this type of resource under the general ones. Some adjustments to other parts of the ISBD and some new elements have also been needed, for example, the new element Production process in Area 0 to facilitate categorization and retrieval; the new element Unpublished statement in area 3; and the extension of area 2 to cover the typology of unpublished resources.

The revision of cartographic resources has clarified stipulations and distinguished elements already existing in the Consolidated ISBD concerning the description of celestial cartographic resources. It was necessary to move some of the elements into Area 3 that were in notes before. In addition, some more notes have been added for a more in-depth description of this kind of resource. These changes have resulted in the reorganization of Area 3 for more consistency and to provide for the same treatment of all types of cartographic resources

The ISBD is a standard that allows for different levels of granularity in description. Stipulations for description of component parts have been added to the Consolidated ISBD to standardize the practice, allowing for the application of different levels of granular description of component parts in the same catalogue. The structure of this description that had been dealt with in chapter A, includes stipulations: to describe the part itself, to identify the host resource in which it is contained and to provide details on the exact location of the part within the host, with the linking element connecting the two descriptions.

The table of contents, Appendix A and the final Index were revised.

DELIVERABLES:

According to the ISBD New Revision Plan and Terms of Reference 2019-11-21:, the revision of the standard, last edition, would address three types of modifications and a document indicating all of the modifications that have taken place.

Decision was made by the Task Force to deal with both objectives indicating the modifications in the full document. It was decided to indicate the modifications in red, to draw the attention of the reader quickly to the changes introduced.

The final version of the *ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description. Update 2021 to the 2011 Consolidated Editions*, was sent to the Committee on Standards on July 23, and on July 24 to Head Quarters, in Word and PDF formats

The Task Force has been also working since March 2021 to update the *Full ISBD examples* publication for promotion purposes and to support the implementation of the new version..

Deliverable was sent on July 30.

Presentation of *Update of ISBD: fulfilling the needs of communities of users*, at the WLIC2021 ISBD in Transition program, on August 2021 August 18th.

NEXT STEPS:

After publication, a request should be made to the LIDATEC Sub-Committee for the updating of the Namespace to accommodate these revisions/additions of the new elements, while the Manifestation Task Force finishes its set of elements.

Many thanks to the members of the Task Force for their constant work during these past years.

Also many people have been consulted and have contributed during all of the process. They are from many different countries and institutions. They are recognized in the Introduction to the publication

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