



IFLA Review Group International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)

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ISBD RG January 2023 (Pre-ISBDM webinar)– 16 January 2023, via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees:

ISBD RG members and liaisons: Elena Escolano Rodríguez (Chair of the Content Update Task Force), Gordon Dunsire (member, Independent Consultant to the Manifestation Task Force), Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (corresponding member), Dorothy McGarry (honorary member), Mikael Wetterstrom (member, ISSN International Centre Liaison), Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan (member), Flavia Bruni (member), Szabina Ilácsa (member), Ricardo Santos Muñoz (Cataloguing Section liaison), Isabel Garcia-Monge (IFLA RBSCS liaison), Rehab Ouf (Chair of the ISBD RG)

Apologies: Renate Behrens (Chair of the Manifestation Task Force, Liaison with the RDA Steering Committee), Jennifer Dimasaca (member), Hyejin Kim (member)

1. Introduction

This is a closed meeting for the ISBD RG to update the members about the preparations for the ISBDM webinar to take place on 26 January 2023, and to inform about the call for nominations for IFLA 2023 elections that just opened.

2. Agenda

Agenda approved without change.

3. IFLA 2023 Elections

Rehab Ouf pointed out that the [IFLA Elections 2023](#) opened last Friday, 13 January 2023. All the links were previously communicated to the RG, including [Elections page](#), the [Nominations and Elections 2023 Guide](#) and this morning was also shared the [ISBD RG call for nominations](#). The text of the call for nomination was discussed and approved in the ISBD RG's last meeting and forwarded to CoS and IFLA HQ, basically a mix between the 2019 and the 2021 calls for nomination. The RGs are still having this restriction on nominators limiting them to associations and institutions type of members; the honorary members are not eligible to nominate either this round of elections.

Rehab said that the nominations guide developed by IFLA is very friendly and incited members to consult it and the timeline of the elections. Rest to ask IFLA about the timeline

of applying the procedures of appointment of expert advisors to the RGs. Members concluding their first term in August 2023 will be receiving individual emails from IFLA HQ with this information, also inviting them to be nominated if they consider applying for a second term. Members are encouraged to distribute the call for nominations to their circles to inform and attract qualified candidates to apply.

4. Updates from IFLA HQ, GB, CoS

Rehab said that there is nothing new to update the RG members about since last meeting. All news and updates were shared instantly on Basecamp or via email, inviting members to ask questions or make requests if there is anything unclear or unsolved.

5. Projects and working groups (continuing, discontinuing and new)

1. Disbanding the Content Update Task Force

Disbanding of the Content Update Task Force that produced the *2021 Update*, was the recommendation of its Chair, Elena Escolano, for the duty of the task force was achieved. She concluded her talk by thanking the members of the task force for their work. Ricardo and Massimo thanked Elena for her great work chairing this task force.

Rehab Ouf moved to ask the members if there are other tasks or mandates the RG wants to entrust the task force with before disbanding it. Massimo and Dorothy (members of this task force) talked subsequently ensuring that the work of this task force is done. Dorothy added that if there is something else to be done, another working group can be then set up. Gordon Dunsire moved to ask the Chair to make the decision to disband this task force since it finished its mandate.

Action: Rehab Ouf declared the Content Update Task Force disbanded.

2. Manifestation Task Force subgroups

The Manifestation Task Force has been expanded for new deployments of work. The task force has now two subgroups (Task & Finish type of subgroups), for Examples and for Prescription and Granularity, they are up and running and carrying out the work according to the terms of reference that were approved in the ISBD RG WLIC 2022 closed meeting. The newly joining members form a truly international diverse group of experts and volunteers within the Manifestation Task Force now, as people were joining from different countries and languages. The premises of the work of the task and finish groups could be seen in the webinar that will be in 10 days.

6. ISBDM webinar development and updates

As members know, registration to the [From ISBD to ISBDM: a bibliographic standard in transformation](#) webinar was opened on 15 December 2022, after an initial [Save the date](#) teaser was publicized on the website and IFLA mailing lists on 16 November 2022.

Rehab said that, 10 days from the webinar, we had a surge in the registration to the webinar from 519 to 760 at the minute of talking, after the reminder that was sent out this morning. A second reminder will be sent next week. An orientation session with IFLA HQ is planned on

24 January 2023, for the organizing team of the webinar on the webinar platform for best use during the webinar.

7. Communication and Outreach

Rehab remarked that the ISBD RG has been consistently applying a communication plan that boosted the visibility of the ISBD RG and the ISBD revision works over the past years. This was done through informational articles in the IFLA Metadata Newsletter, December issues, contributing 4 articles from 2019 to 2022, use of IFLA general and relevant mailing lists to reach out to the library community.

1. Website

The website has also been used to communicate news and updates about the RG activities throughout the year, in addition to the announcements concerning the webinar.

The Chair informed the RG members that she has made her best to organize and update the website with the latest minutes, annual reports and action plans. The agenda items were took off. There is a part in the website that still needs to be constructed. This is the section about the task forces, in addition to restoring and updating the parts that were gone with the old website. This will need coordination by a small working group to collect and organize the info with the task forces.

Rehab added that all the info and publishable documents about the task forces should be on the website for researchers and for documentation purposes of the Task Forces work also. Elena agreed that all info should be communicated and maintained. Rehab warmly thanked Ricardo, who was the ISBD RG Information Coordinator, for his consistent effort that restored in the IFLA Repository most of the documents that were missing in the migration to the new IFLA website.

8. WLIC 2023 planning

Rehab said that if the RG intends to plan something for the next IFLA congress in August 2023, like a sponsored open session, or a satellite or a daylong meeting, we should do shortly after the ISBDM webinar, to abide by the set deadlines for both the satellites and the open programme. Isabel said that last year the RBSCS had last year a talking stick session, which was a very interesting format as an interactive model allowing people to share their opinions, the situations, the problems encountered, relative to the topic of discussion.

9. Updates from other units

1. Rehab informed the members that Renate, Gordon and herself are involved in a Working Group established under CoS with as members representatives from the RGs and the metadata three sections about the integration of the IFLA bibliographic standards. This refers to initiative that came from CATS to CoS, which information about was communicated in the WLIC 2022 business meeting I. Rehab said that the WG had its first meeting in December 2022 and will keep meeting monthly. Rehab will update the members about the developments and will return to them in case of consultancy needed or something concrete to share with them.

2. Isabel, RBSCS liaison, informed the members about a joint symposium between IFLA, the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL), and the University of Uppsala at the University of Uppsala on March 16, 2023. The symposium titled [Libraries in the Time of War](#) will be a daylong, hybrid symposium.

10. Other businesses

Elena asked the Chair if any action was taken concerning the OCR (a group looking at Open Cataloguing Rules) request to make use of the ISBD instructions. Rehab said that she could not follow-up on this and that OCR did not get back again to IFLA about it. It was suggested to react if they follow-up on their request, unless the members see otherwise.

The meeting was adjourned.