



IFLA Cataloguing Section FRBR Review Group

Status report of activities

2006-2007

Terms of Reference

The following updated terms of reference were approved by the Cataloguing Section in February 2007. The previous terms of reference had remained unchanged since the Review Group was created in 2003.

- Review and maintain the FRBR conceptual model on an ongoing basis, incorporating revisions when needed, in both entity-relationship and object-oriented forms;
- Develop and make available guidelines and interpretative documents to assist those applying FRBR;
- Promote the model and encourage its use in all appropriate information organising communities and maintain links with relevant groups both within IFLA and in other communities.

The revision reordered and reworded the terms of reference putting first reviewing and maintaining FRBR, clarifying that both FRBR(ER) and FRBR(OO) will be maintained, and broadening the scope for outreach/advocacy activities.

Web Site

Most sections of the web site <<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/>> were revisited and updated starting in the fall. Information was rearranged to clearly separate current activities from the record of past activities. Specific pages were added giving details of each of the current working groups. Rosters of the Review Group and working groups are now routinely included. The world-wide review of the proposed amendment to the expression entity led to the creation of a section on the reviewing process. Many thanks to John Hostage for his invaluable assistance and good suggestions.

Reviewing Activities

The work on refining the expression entity revealed a need for a process to approve modifications to FRBR. This was adopted in Seoul and the *Process for the Approval and Publication of Amendments to FRBR* <<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/amend.htm>> now appears on the web

site's reviewing section. The process was put into action with the world-wide review of the proposed amendment to the expression entity.

FRBR Bibliography

Patrick Le Bœuf has continued to update the bibliography, which is now is 51 pages long. The most recent update at <http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/d_read/frbr/FRBR_bibliography.rtf> (version 11) is dated March 19th, 2007; the previous version (version 10) is also available as a PDF document from IFLANET (<<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/bibliography.htm>>), it was last updated on November 11th, 2006.

Discussion List

The FRBR discussion list <<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/frbr>>, hosted by INIST in France, currently has 716 subscribers (another year of slight growth). Pat Riva and Patrick Le Bœuf are co-listowners. The list archive is available to subscribers from <http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/d_read/frbr/FRBR_Listserv_Archive.rtf>. The list saw little activity in the early part of the year, with announcements and queries which led to brief exchanges. However, the release of FRAD for world-wide review in April sparked an intense and concentrated discussion on such issues as the nature of identifiers, authorship and work access points, stage names, and implementation issues. Other threads: LibraryThing and FRBR entities, Expressions of musical works.

Working Groups

The **Working Group on the Expression Entity**, chaired by Anders Cato, prepared an amendment proposal for section 3.2.2 of FRBR on the entity *Expression* which was issued for world-wide review from September 29 to December 31, 2006. Responses were received from 14 individuals or groups from a total of 6 countries. Further revisions resulting from the comments received are under consideration.

The **Working Group on Aggregates**, chaired by Ed O'Neill, held its first meeting in Seoul. Alternative views of the modelling of aggregate works were proposed and are to be assessed.

The **Working Group on FRBR/CRM dialogue**, chaired by Patrick Le Bœuf, and co-chaired by Martin Doerr for CIDOC CRM, held three meetings this year: October 25-27, 2006 in Heraklion (Crete, Greece); March 14-16, 2007 in Paris; and July 9-11, 2007 in Edinburgh (Scotland). The October meeting was preceded by a 2-day workshop *Exploring the limits of global models for integration and use of historical and scientific information*. The CRM was adopted as an ISO standard (ISO 21127) in 2006. The latest draft definition of FRBRoo is available from the FRBR website (version 0.8.1c, May 2007). This year work has focussed on extending the modelling to the performing arts.

Further details in each working group's specific activity reports.

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