IFLA Cataloguing Section
FRBR Review Group

Report of activities
2012-2013

Publications

Following IFLA WLIC in Helsinki, the FRBR RG sent a message to the GB, PC and CLM reiterating our concern that IFLA standards be made available in open access to encourage uptake and use. Permission to post the English text of the *Functional requirements for authority data* (FRAD) in open access on the IFLA website was obtained from De Gruyter in March 2013. The file being posted is an updated version including the modifications and errata published in fall 2011, as well as a small number of additional errata being published in summer 2013. These latest corrections mainly stem from the work of the Japanese translation team. A separate errata file is being issued for those needing to identify the exact changes, such as for updating translations.

Several more translations of models in the FR family were completed and published in 2012-2013. FRBR was translated into Arabic by Doaa Ali Mohamed Ali from the Department of Librarianship, Archives and Information Science, Faculty of Arts, Cairo University, this translation was published on the IFLA website. FRBR is now available in all seven IFLA languages; there are 20 translations of FRBR available. The translation of FRAD into Japanese (by the National Diet Library) was completed and published online, and the citation to the Croatian translation which was published in print in 2010 was added to the listing, bringing the number of completed translations of FRAD to eleven (including six of the IFLA languages). An additional three translations of FRSAD were completed. The Chinese translation and the Russian translation (prepared by a team from the National Library of Russia including Elena Zagorskaya) were published online, while the Croatian translation was published in print. FRSAD is available in five IFLA languages.

The monograph version of *The FRBR Family of Conceptual Models: Toward a Linked Future,* edited by Richard P. Smiraglia, Pat Riva and Maja Žumer was published by Routledge in June 2013. The collection was first published as a special theme issue of *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* v.50, no.5/7 (2012).

Consolidation of IFLA Conceptual Models

The RG held two half-day working meetings in conjunction with IFLA WLIC in Helsinki to continue the consolidation work, August 10 and 16, 2012. A draft of the entities needed in the consolidated model was completed and analysis began on the relationships.

The RG submitted a proposal for a 2-year (2013-2014) funded project to allow for the continuation of the consolidation work, particularly to permit mid-year working meetings to take place. The first year of the project titled *Reassessment of properties in a consolidated conceptual model* was approved in January 2013. The process required the submission of a multi-year planning proposal for the RG's work, this comes in a context where IFLA is seeking a model for funding ongoing standards-related work.

The International Working Group on FRBR-CRM Harmonisation held two meetings in 2012-2013, completing the extension of FRBRoo to include the entities, attributes and relationships from FRAD and FRSAD. The 20th FRBR-CIDOC CRM meeting was held at the Cultural Heritage Agency of Netherlands (Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed, or RCE) in Amersfoort, Netherlands, on November 19-22, 2012. One member of the FRBR RG was funded to attend using the balance of the 2012 project funds. The editorial work and refinement of FRBRoo version 2.0 was completed. The 21st FRBR-CIDOC CRM meeting was held at the National Archives in Stockholm, Sweden, June 3-7, 2013. At this point version 2.0 of FRBRoo is ready for formal approval and publication.

Namespaces

FRBRoo version 2.0 is currently available as an RDFS/XML file from the CIDOC CRM website. Its integration into the Open Metadata Registry is planned. This would complete the registration of namespaces for the existing versions of the FR family of models, as namespaces for FRBRer, FRAD and FRSAD were completed in early 2012.

Liaison Activities

This year the FRBR RG created a new liaison position with the international ISSN Centre. The Cataloguing Section ratified the appointment of François-Xavier Pelegrin as liaison. Gordon Dunsire (already a member of the RG) was confirmed as the new liaison with the JSC.

Pat Riva attended the second international Linked Open Data in Libraries, Archives, and Museums Summit (LODLAM) held June 19-20, 2013 in Montreal, Canada. During a discussion group on FRBR, new contacts were made which may lead to a renewal of cross-community work with the archival community.

Distribution List

The frbr@infoserv.inist.fr list currently has 802 subscribers, a slight decrease. Pat Riva and Patrick LeBœuf remain the co-listowners. The automated list archive starting in December 2010 is accessible from http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/arc/frbr.

This report is my last as chair. The years since I took over from Patrick Le Boeuf in 2005 have just flown by. My last update to *SCATNews* (#39, p.10-11) serves as a retrospective of my whole term. Much has been accomplished, although so much is still to be done. I'd like to extend personal thanks to all the members of the Review Group and its Working Groups during this time, it has been a pleasure to work together. The enthusiastic responses to the call for nominations is very encouraging, I know that the Review Group will be in good hands.

Pat Riva
Chair of the FRBR Review Group
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