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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

**ISBD Review Group**  
**ISBD/Linked Data Study Group**

<http://www.ifla.org/en/node/1795>

**Meeting: Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 (Conference Room C) 16.15-16.45**

**Minutes of the meeting<sup>1</sup>**

**Attendees:**

**Members :** Vincent Boulet, Gordon Dunsire, Elena Escolano Rodríguez, Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, Françoise Leresche, Dorothy McGarry, Clément Oury, Mélanie Roche (chair), Ricardo Santos Muños, Mirna Willer

**Observers:** David Aymonin, (Abes, France), Viktoria Lundborg (National Library of Sweden), Eva-Karin Annemark (National Library of Sweden), Katarina Synnemark (National Library of Sweden), Chris Oliver (University of Ottawa Library), Dorota Swecka (University of Wrocław Institute of Information and Library Science), Jenny Wright (BDS), Magdalena Seppola (National Library of Finland), Irena Kavčič (National and University Library of Slovenia), Miriam Safrstrom (National Library of Sweden), Evviva Weinbraub (Northwestern University), Jay Weitz (OCLC, USA)

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Mélanie Roche welcomed the members and the observers.

**2. Announcements (Other meetings relevant to the group before and after this meeting)**

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

08.00-10.00 SC I Cataloguing Section (Conference Room D)

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

12.30-14.30 Committee on Standards business meeting I (IASE 101)

13.45-15.45 Committee on Standards open session (Main Court SI)

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

10.45-13.15 ISBD RG I (Conference Room B)

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<sup>1</sup> Note that these minutes do not necessarily reflect the chronological order in which each topic was discussed.

16.15-18.45 Committee on Standards business meeting II (Conference room D)  
Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
08.00-10.30 ISBD RG II (Conference Room C)  
11.45-12.15 Open session, IFLA metadata reports (IASE Conference Room)  
13.30-16.00 FRBR RG I (IASE 1/51)  
Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
08.00-10.30 SC II Cataloguing Section (Conference Room B)  
13.30-16.00 FRBR RG II (IASE 1/51)  
Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
08.30-10.30 LIDATEC I (IASE 1/51)  
10.30-12.30 LIDATEC II (IASE 1/51)  
Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
9.00-16.00 ISBD-RDA-NUKAT business meeting (Wrocław University Library,  
Fryderyk Joliot-Curie 12 St.)

### **3. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved without change.

### **4. Approval of the Minutes of the ISBD/Linked Data SG Meeting held in Columbus, August 2016<sup>2</sup>**

The minutes were approved without change.

### **5. Approval of the ISBD Linked Data Study Group Annual Report 2016-2017<sup>3</sup>**

The report was approved without change.

### **6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Columbus meeting and Action list 2016<sup>4</sup>, updated August 2017:**

#### **6.1. Alignment between ISBD and RDA namespaces (Status update)**

##### **6.1.1. Alignment of the ISBD element set with RDA element set**

Due to the ongoing restructuring project known as the 3R project, RDA is effectively frozen. The issue of the alignment with the ISBD element set should be revisited next year, because a significant amount of changes is to be expected once the 3R project is completed.

##### **6.1.2. Map of ISBD to RDA namespaces**

##### **6.1.3. Mapping of ISBD area 0 vocabularies to RDA/ONIX Framework vocabularies**

The compound terms were published in the OMR, but maybe the mappings were not.

**Action 1:** G. Dunsire will check that the mappings were also published, and publish them if they weren't.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes\\_2016.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-minutes_2016.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-activities\\_2016-2017.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-activities_2016-2017.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-action-list\\_2016.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrg/isbd-ld-action-list_2016.pdf)

## **6.2. Alignment between ISBD and FRBR namespaces (Status update)**

### **6.2.1. Alignment of the ISBD element set with FRBR element set**

The week before the WLIC, M. Roche distributed a proposal for a revised wording of the introduction: this revision has no impact on the alignment itself, but clarifies some of the major decisions that presided over the alignment. Since the group had too little time to properly examine the proposal, comments will be collected after the WLIC.

The ISBD/FRBR alignment was prepared based on the ISBD/RDA alignment (which used unconstrained properties for both ISBD and RDA), but there are no unconstrained properties for FRBR in the OMR; it is therefore incorrect to keep the “URI” column, because unconstrained properties cannot be used, and constrained properties do not match (ISBD “resource” is different from FRBR “WEMI entities”).

The removal of the URI column means that there will be no direct link to the OMR anymore, which is unfortunate because it served as a useful source for documentation. The introduction should therefore mention explicitly the OMR and provide a direct link to it. M. Roche believes that the introduction already mentions the OMR, but the mention may need to be more explicit.

**Action 2:** M. Roche will remove the URI column in both the FRBR and LRM alignments, and check that the OMR is quoted in the introduction. She will also make sure the ifla.standards.info is quoted, so that the users of the alignment know where to look up for documentation.

**Action 3:** the group will send comments on the revised introduction of the ISBD/FRBR alignment by October 1st, 2017.

### **6.2.2. Map of ISBD to FRBR namespaces**

There will be no mapping between ISBD and FRBR, because FRBR is now a superseded standard.

## **6.3. Alignment between ISBD and the LRM (Status update)**

### **6.3.1. Alignment of the ISBD element set and the LRM element set**

As chair of the Task Force that undertook the preparation of the ISBD/LRM alignment, E. Escolano reported on the work done so far. In order to respect the state of ISBD as it is now, “Manifestation” was understood to mean “a published resource”, although it is almost certain that the future ISBD will include non-published resources as well.

The task force decided to include Areas and Encoding Schemes because they are a part of the standard. It was also decided to maintain the granularity of ISBD (when LRM is more high-level), most of which fitted into the Manifestation statement. As a result, unlike the ISBD/FRBR alignment, no “n/a” alignment was found. However, multiple alignments were deemed relevant, particularly when one ISBD element could be aligned both to an LRM entity or a relationship.

The task force received confirmation from Pat Riva (chair of the FRBR Editorial Group) that LRM has a broader definition than ISBD of the term “transcribed” and is used in a very

general sense to mean “record”.

### **6.3.2. Further work and impact on the ISBD revision process**

The alignment prepared by the Task Force will be useful as a working document to determine future orientations of the ISBD, but it cannot be published as is, because several members of the SG who disagree with some of the choices made have yet to send their comments.

The SG discussed whether ISBD “resource” should be a sub-class of LRM “Res”. G. Dunsire explained that declaring Resource as a sub-class of Res is a tautology that actually says nothing. “Res” is purposely as broad as it could be because LRM has recovered the subject relationships. The word “resource” is used in LRM in Chapter 3 (Users and user tasks), to mean any LRM entity, but there is no otherwise formal definition of “Resource” anywhere else in the text. Although the principle of LRM is to have refinements, “Resource” cannot be one of them because it is a domain-free alignment.

The solution is either to collapse the entire ISBD down to Manifestation Statement, or opt for a full-on ISBD that aligns to all LRM entities. The issue echoes that which was raised during the ISBD Review Group earlier this day, where a working group was tasked to investigate these two options and submit their appraisal to the CoS, who will take the final strategic decision. Until they have done so, the work on the alignment has reached a standstill and is now dependent on the decision from the CoS.

**Action 4:** the SG will send their comments on the draft ISBD/LRM alignment by September 25th.

### **6.4. Other alignments and mappings**

All matters of alignment have to be frozen until the CoS has reached a formal strategic decision.

### **6.5. ISBD Unconstrained namespaces (Status update)**

### **6.6. Guidelines for use of ISBD as linked data (Status update)**

The *Guidelines for use of ISBD as Linked Data* were approved by the Professional Committee on Friday, August 18th.

### **6.7. ISBD Application Profile (Status update)**

## **7. Liaisons**

### **7.1. Permanent UNIMARC Committee (Jay Weitz)**

F. Leresche suggested that the PUC meeting on Thursday should address the issue of standards and alignment with the LRM, as well as establish formal procedures for updates and proposals.

G. Dunsire informed the SG that the Unimarc Authorities can be expected to be published in the OMR by Autumn 2017. This is another issue for the IFLA namespaces: it is crucial that all IFLA bibliographic standards act together on that matter.

## **7.2. DCMI (Gordon Dunsire)**

As for the four previous years, there is nothing to report since the DCMI has decided that the Dublin Core will not be amended.

## **7.3. RDA/ONIX Framework WG (Gordon Dunsire)**

There is nothing to report on that front either.

## **7.4. ISSN Network (Clément Oury)**

PRESSoo, a conceptual model for the description of continuing resources, was endorsed by the Professional Committee in March 2017. The next step for the PRESSoo Review Group is to declare the classes and properties of the model in the OMR.

The ISSN standard is currently under revision, and will have to define what an ISSN is assigned to (a work, a manifestation, etc.?).

As chair of the PRESSoo Review Group, C. Oury will support the other IFLA bibliographic standards regarding the namespace issue.

## **7.5. Other liaisons**

## **8. Chair's report**

As a consequence of the transition process from the Cataloguing Section to the Committee on Standards, Review Groups will have to produce terms of reference as well as transparent nomination processes. Does the same apply to a Study Group such as this one? The question should be asked to LIDATEC, who should address the issue in their own terms of reference. Presumably, the ISBD LD SG will have to be renewed every two years since it now depends on a two-year action plan.

G. Dunsire suggested that the ISBD Linked Data Study Group could expand to the other bibliographic standards and turn into a united Bibliographic Standards Linked Data Study Group reporting to LIDATEC (whose purpose is broader than just bibliographic standards). The chair fully supports this proposal, that would help carry the interests of all IFLA bibliographic standards in a Linked Data environment. The SG discussed whether the extension of the group should take place within the next two years or as soon as possible, and agreed that as soon as possible seems the better option, because the transition process provides a real chance for the SG to be heard by Diane Beatty, the incoming chair of the Cos who is very sensitive to Linked Data issues.

**Action 5:** M. Roche will email the chair of LIDATEC (and cc Diane Beatty) to add the issue of the status of the ISBD LD SG on the agenda of the LIDATEC meeting on Thursday.

**Action 6:** the Review Groups chairs (ISBD, FRBR, PRESSoo, Unimarc) and the ISBD LD SG chair will consult their respective groups regarding the proposition of a Bibliographic Standards Linked Data Study Group