IFLA Cataloguing Section
ISBD Review Group
ISBD/XML Study Group

Meeting of 25 November 2009, Rovinj, Croatia

An ad hoc meeting took place during the 13. Seminar Arhivi, Knjižnice, Muzeji: Mogućnosti suradnje u okruženju globalne informacijske infrastrukture held in Rovinj, Croatia, 25-27 November 2009.

Present: Mirna Willer (MW), Boris Bosančić (BB), Gordon Dunsire (GD).

The application of Resource Description Framework (RDF) to the work of the Task Group, suggested by GD, was discussed. The meeting agreed that further investigation of the expression of ISBD element usage constraints, such as mandatory/optional and repeatability, in XML was required. BB and GD agreed to look at the use of xsd for this purpose.

GD demonstrated the utility of the NSDL Registry (http://metadataregistry.org/) for creating and maintaining RDF serializations of metadata elements and value vocabularies, using the recent work on RDA: Resource Description and Access as an example. The Registry has a sandbox area which can be used for familiarization, training and testing purposes before creating entries in the operational service. The meeting agreed to use the sandbox to identify and investigate issues arising from the application of RDF, and to draw on the RDA work where appropriate. The outcome of the work of the IFLA Namespaces Task Group would be taken into account at the appropriate time.

GD briefly discussed the specific issue of aggregated elements which had arisen during the RDA work, such as publication statement which was an aggregation of publication place, publisher name, and publication date. A paper detailing the solution adopted by RDA is expected to be published in the next issue (Jan./Feb. 2010) of D-Lib magazine (http://www.dlib.org/). GD agreed to alert MW and BB when it became available.

Gordon Dunsire
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