



## IFLA Cataloguing Section's FRBR Review Group

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/wgfrbr.htm>

### Status report of activities 2005-2006

#### **Overall Activity**

In August 2005 Pat Riva was elected as Review Group chair, taking over from Patrick Le Bœuf, this required some behind the scenes activity to effect the transition, as the new chair had to get up to speed in a number of areas. As work to revise sections of FRBR, particularly for the expression entity, neared completion, it became clear that a procedure to approve modifications was required. This project was begun by the chair.

#### **Vendor Survey**

The desire to understand ILS vendor's awareness of and needs in relation to FRBR implementation had been previously identified and was endorsed as a project after the Dublin, Ohio workshop in May 2005. Alan Danskin undertook the project, under the sponsorship of ICABS, designing the survey which was sent to all ILS vendors identified, with a final response deadline of Sept. 30, 2005. Returned questionnaires were received from 12 vendors from 7 countries. The results were compiled and distributed in early February 2006.

#### **FRBR Bibliography**

Patrick Le Bœuf has continued to update the bibliography which is now is 50 pages long. The most recent update at <[http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/d\\_read/frbr/FRBR\\_bibliography.rtf](http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/d_read/frbr/FRBR_bibliography.rtf)> is dated June 6th, 2006; the version available from IFLANET (<<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/bibliography.htm>>) was last updated on December 10th, 2005.

#### **Discussion list**

The [frbr@infoserv.inist.fr](mailto:frbr@infoserv.inist.fr) listserv, hosted by INIST in France, currently has 669 subscribers (a slight growth from last year). Pat Riva joined Patrick Le Bœuf as co-listowner. The listserv archive is available from <[http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/d\\_read/frbr/FRBR\\_Listserv\\_Archive.rtf](http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/d_read/frbr/FRBR_Listserv_Archive.rtf)>. Although discussion is sporadic, the last year has seen postings on FRAR, analytics and edited works, series, RDF schemas, as well as a number of meeting and project announcements of interest to the community.

#### **News and Web site**

An update on the Review Group activities was contributed to *SCATNews* no.24 (Dec. 2005); the Working Group on FRBR/CRM Harmonization also contributed two updates to issues no.24 (Dec. 2005), and no. 25 (July 2006). Sections of the Web site were updated in October 2005 and others in February 2006.

#### **Working Groups**

The bulk of this year's progress has been through the activity of the Working Groups.

The **Working Group on the Expression Entity**, chaired by Anders Cato, has made major progress in preparing revised wording for section 3.2.2 of FRBR on the entity *Expression*. This proposal makes the interpretation of the expression more practical and implementable in a variety of contexts, and is an

important step towards a “middle implementation model” for FRBR. The Working Group is still continuing with its other tasks of gathering examples and FAQs for the website.

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: November 16-18, 2005 in Nuremberg, Germany; March 27-29, 2006 in London; and June 26-29, 2006 in Trondheim (Norway). On March 30, 2006 members also presented at the workshop *Semantic Interoperability for e-Research in the Sciences, Arts and Humanities* held at Imperial College London. The WG has made great progress in its primary task, preparing a reformulation of FRBR as an object-oriented (OO) model, drawing from the existing structures defined in CRM. Just prior to their June meeting, the first draft of the object-oriented formulation of FRBR was released via the FRBR listserv for comment. This document covers the group 1 entities and seeks to clarify the semantics hidden within the entity definitions. Further work is planned on group 2 and 3 entities, relationships and in extending the modelling to the performing arts. Patrick Le Bœuf also completed and distributed the mapping from the UNIMARC Bibliographic format to the semantic model CIDOC CRM, that was initiated as part of the European project named SCULPTEUR, at the initiative of C2RMF (Centre de recherche et de restauration des musées de France, Christian Lahanier).

The **Working Group on Aggregates** was approved at the Oslo conference. It is chaired by Ed O'Neill, who has spent the first year gathering information and preparing background documents.

The **Working Group on Teaching and Training**, chaired by Maja Žumer, has come to the conclusion that there does not seem to be a need for international co-ordination regarding the ways to teach FRBR. As a result the group is proposing to disband with the recommendation that materials for teaching continue to be included in the FRBR bibliography as a way to share ideas and methods. The bibliography's present section on teaching FRBR is four pages and includes resources in many languages.

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