



## **IFLA Cataloguing Section**

### **Annual report 2007**

#### **Scope Statement**

The Cataloguing Section is the centre of international developments in cataloguing theory, activities, and standards development within IFLA. The Section analyses the functions of cataloguing activities for all types of materials and media, including both bibliographic and authority information, for the benefit of all users. The Section proposes and develops cataloguing rules, guidelines, and standards for bibliographic information, taking into account the developing electronic and networked environment in order to promote universal access to and exchange of bibliographic and authority information. The Section also provides leadership in the development of various standards and guidelines related to bibliographic activities, such as corporate name headings, authority entries, and OPAC displays.

#### **Membership**

The section has 161 members.

The standing committee consists of 20 members and five corresponding members, representing 16 countries. One member and two corresponding members are from Asia. Europe (with Russia) and North America are well covered but we are still eager to have participation from the remainder of Asia and from Africa, Central America, and South America.

| <i>Standing Committee members as of August 18, 2007</i> |  |                     |
|---|--|---------------------|
| <b>Ana Barbaric</b>                                     | University of Zagreb, Croatia                            | 1st term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Caroline Brazier</b>                                 | British Library  | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Anders Cato</b>                                      | Kungl. biblioteket, Sweden                               | 1st term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Elena Escolano Rodríguez</b>                         | Biblioteca Nacional, Spain                               | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>William A. Garrison</b>                              | Syracuse University, USA                                 | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Renate Gömpel</b>                                    | Deutsche Nationalbibliothek,<br>Germany                  | 2nd term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Ben Gu</b>   | National Library of China,<br>People's Republic of China | 1st term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Mauro Guerrini</b>                                   | University of Florence, Italy                            | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Bodil Gustavsson</b>                                 | Stockholm University Library,<br>Sweden                  | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>John Hostage</b>                                     | Harvard Law School Library, USA                          | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Ulrike Junger</b>                                    | Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin,<br>Germany                   | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Judith A. Kuhagen</b>                                | Library of Congress, USA                                 | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Cristina Magliano</b>                                | ICCU, Italy  | 2nd term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Eeva Murtomaa</b>                                    | National Library of Finland                              | 2nd term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Erik Oltmans</b>                                     | Koninklijke Bibliotheek,<br>Netherlands                  | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Pat Riva</b>   | Bibliothèque et Archives<br>nationales du Québec         | 1st term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Margaret Stewart</b>                                 | Library and Archives Canada                              | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Erik Thorlund Jepsen</b>                             | Danish Library Agency                                    | 1st term, 2005-2009 |
| <b>Jay Weitz</b>  | OCLC Online Computer Library<br>Center, USA              | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| <b>Elena Zagorskaya</b>                                 | National Library of Russia,<br>Russian Federation        | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |

| <b>Standing Committee corresponding members as of Oct. 31, 2007</b> |   |                     |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Catherine <b>Argus</b>  | National Library of Australia             | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| Elena <b>Gorodiskaya</b>  | Russian State Library, Russian Federation | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| Minoru <b>Inahama</b>   | National Diet Library, Japan              | 2nd term, 2007-2011 |
| Jaesun <b>Lee</b>   | National Library of Korea                 | 1st term, 2007-2011 |
| Françoise <b>Leresche</b>   | Bibliothèque nationale de France          | 1st term, 2007-2011 |

| <b>Outgoing Standing Committee members in August 2007</b> |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Natalia <b>Kulygina</b>                                   | Russian State Library, Russian Federation            | 1st term, 2003-2007                                   |
| Jaesun <b>Lee</b>   | National Library of Korea                            | completing an existing 2003-2007 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Cristina <b>Ramos</b>                                     | Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Art Library, Portugal | completing an existing 2003-2007 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Marit <b>Vestlie</b>                                      | Project Director, IFLA 2005 Oslo, Norway             | 2nd term, 2003-2007                                   |
| Marcia Lei <b>Zeng</b>                                    | Kent State University, USA                           | completing an existing 2003-2007 1 <sup>st</sup> term |

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**Meetings – August 2007, Durban**

The Section's Standing Committee met in two sessions during the Durban conference, attended by 37 and 29 persons respectively, observers included. Main topics of discussion included the following:

- reports of projects (see table below)
- reports of working groups and review groups (see table below)
- report of the fifth and last IFLA Meeting of Experts for an International Cataloguing Code (IME ICC): Pretoria in August 2007
- update of the strategic plan for 2007-2009
- Eeva Murtomaa reported on the Daisy Cataloguing Workshop in which she participated in June.2007 at Celia Library for the Visually Impaired, Helsinki. The Standing Committee agreed to work with the IFLA Section for the Blind on establishing guidelines for bibliographic control of such resources for the visually impaired

Judy Kuhagen and Ben Gu participated in the first session of the Coordinating Board, Division

IV (Bibliographic Control); Judy, Ben, and Anders Cato participated in the second session of the Coordinating Board. Judy Kuhagen was the Secretary of the Coordinating Board for 2005-2007; Anders Cato is the Secretary of the Coordinating Board for 2007-2009.

**Projects and Working Groups**

| Title  | Chair                    | Status  |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| ISBD Review Group  | Elena Escolano Rodríguez | <p>The preliminary consolidated edition of the International Standard Bibliographic Description was published in August 2007 as an updating loose-leaf; the publication was prepared by the Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs. The first update to the consolidated edition will be released in 2009. A separate compilation of full examples in at least the seven official IFLA languages, being prepared by the Examples Supplement Study Group, will be posted on IFLA's Web site in 2009. The Material Designation Study Group will be preparing recommendations for a mandatory content and carrier component to replace the GMD (general material designation).</p> <p>The Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs and the ISBD(A) Study Group were disbanded.</p> <p>List of translations of the superseded ISBDs available:<br/> <a href="http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/nd1/isbdtran.htm">http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/nd1/isbdtran.htm</a></p> |
| Working Group on Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing Terms and Concepts |                          | <p>Patrice Landry, Chair of the Classification and Indexing Section, reported at the first SC meeting in Durban that the SC of his section preferred to delay work on this project until other related tasks were completed.</p>  |

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|---|--|---|
| Working Group on <i>Anonymous Classics</i>                            | Nadine Boddaert<br>(liaison from Standing Committee to be named) | Neither task (posting of African epics as a finished section; release of Chinese classics for review) planned for 2007 was accomplished. N. Boddaert has been consulted about ongoing interest in this project.   |
| Section liaison to Working Group on FRANAR (a division working group) | Glenn Patton   | Glenn Patton reported that the working group had resolved the eight major issues from the 2007 worldwide review. After editorial work has been completed, the final draft will be submitted for division approval. It is anticipated that work will be completed by May 2008.   |
| FRBR Review Group   | Pat Riva   | <p>The review group will develop a namespace for FRBR entities/elements in RDF; the work will be done by consultants to the review group. The FRBR Working Group on the Expression Entity forwarded its recommendations on proposed changes to the Expression Entity text (FRBR Chapter 3) to the FRBR Review Group for its approval and comments; the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee approved the amendment (the first amendment to the FRBR model). The FRBR Working Group on Aggregates prepared a discussion paper on the issues related to applying the FRBR model to aggregates. The Working Group on FRBR/CRM Dialogue completed a draft of an FRBR object-oriented model for museums.</p> <p>Listing of translations of FRBR report:<br/> <a href="http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/finalreport.htm">http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/finalreport.htm</a></p> |

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| IME ICC planning committee   | Barbara Tillett      | To explore the ground for further harmonization of cataloguing rules internationally and a new Statement of International Cataloguing Principles. The report of the 4th meeting of Asian experts (Seoul, 2006) was published in August 2007 in four languages (Chinese, English, Japanese, and Korean). The 5th and last meeting was held in Pretoria, South Africa in August 2007. Voting by all participants on the latest revision of the draft statement of principles began before the end of the year; the draft will be submitted for worldwide review in 2008. |
| Working Group for an International Cataloguing Code                    | Barbara Tillett      | Work on an international cataloguing code (i.e., a code for rule makers) is postponed until after the worldwide review of the draft statement of principles in 2008.   |
| <i>Names of Persons</i>  | no chair             | No further work was accomplished on this publication.  |
| Working Group on Metadata Guidelines for Digital Objects               | Erik Thorlund Jepsen | The working group met in Copenhagen in February. Recommended guidelines will be distributed for review in 2008.  |
| IFLA World Digital Library Working Group on Digital Library Guidelines |                      | Jaesun Lee and Marcia Zeng, along with nine other members from nine countries, have been appointed to this working group. Claudia Lux, now the current IFLA president, convened the group and chaired the first meeting held at the Library of Congress in May 2007. The members of the group organized their work and established subgroups to work in the areas of content selection, metadata (Marcia Zeng and Jaesun Lee), technology, service, and organization. The group will produce a set of recommendations and guidelines by mid-2008.                      |

For more detailed information, please refer to the Standing Committee's minutes of sessions for the Durban 2007 conference posted on IFLANET.

## **Publications**

Two issues of the Section's newsletter, *SCATnews*, published: no. 26 in January 2007 and no. 27 in June 2007.

*ISBD : International Standard Bibliographic Description. – Consolidated Edition.* Munich: Saur, 2007. ISBN 978-3-598-24280-9 (IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control; vol. 31).

*IFLA Cataloguing Principles : Steps towards an International Cataloguing Code, 4 : Report from the 4th Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, Seoul, Korea, 2006.* Edited by Barbara B. Tillett, Jaesun Lee, and Ana Lupe Cristán. Munich: Saur, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-3-598-24281-6 (IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control; vol. 32).

For further information on publications related to the work of the ISBD Review Group and the FRBR Review Group and their own groups, see the following:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/isbd-rg.htm> and <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/wgfrbr.htm>.

## **Conference programmes**

The Section reported on its activities in a handout distributed at the Open Forum of the Division of Bibliographic Control and a short presentation highlighting the two main activities of the year: publication of the consolidated edition of the ISBD and the fifth International Meeting of Experts for an International Cataloguing Code in Pretoria just prior to IFLA.

The section's open programme theme was "Cataloguing partnerships: principles, standards, and projects." The five presentations are listed below. More than 250 people attended this programme; simultaneous interpretation was not available this year. Translations of the first and second papers in Chinese, French, German, Russian, and Spanish, prepared by members of the Standing Committee and their colleagues, are available on IFLANET.

"Consolidated ISBD: a Step Forward" – Elena Escolano and Dorothy McGarry

"Cooperative Cataloguing in South Africa with Special Reference to the Gauteng and Environs Library Consortium [including their participation in NACO]" – Hester Marais (University of South Africa)

"Implementing Online Catalogues in African Academic Libraries" – Mary Adwoa Arkorful (University of Education, Winneba, Ghana)

"5th IFLA Meeting of Experts for an International Cataloguing Code" – Barbara Tillett

"Cataloguing Section Activities" – Judith Kuhagen

### **Relationships with Other Bodies**

The Section officers work with officers of the other sections in the Division of Bibliographic Control, meeting as the Coordinating Board of the division. John Hostage is a non-voting representative from the Section to the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access. Marg Stewart, the Canadian Committee for Cataloguing's representative to the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC), was named as the liaison between the JSC and the Cataloguing Section; she will be an ex officio member of the ISBD Review Group and the FRBR Review Group. The Standing Committee will invite other rule-making bodies to name liaisons to the Cataloguing Section

### **For the Cataloguing Section:**

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Incoming Chair (2007-2009)

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