



IFLA Cataloguing Section

Annual report 2008

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 152 members.

The standing committee consists of 20 members and five corresponding members, representing 17 countries. One member and two corresponding members are from Asia and one corresponding member is from Africa. 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 September 1, 2008</i>		
Ana Barbaric	University of Zagreb, Croatia	1st term, 2005-2009
Caroline Brazier	British Library	1st term, 2007-2011
Anders Cato	Kungl. biblioteket, Sweden	1st term, 2005-2009

<i>Standing Committee members as of September 1, 2008</i>		
Elena Escolano Rodríguez	Biblioteca Nacional, Spain	2nd term, 2007-2011
William A. Garrison	University of South Florida, USA	2nd term, 2007-2011
Renate Gömpel	Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany	2nd term, 2005-2009
Ben Gu	National Library of China, People's Republic of China	1st term, 2005-2009
Mauro Guerrini	University of Florence, Italy	2nd term, 2007-2011
Bodil Gustavsson	Stockholm University Library, Sweden	1st term, 2007-2011
John Hostage	Harvard Law School Library, USA	2nd term, 2007-2011
Ulrike Junger	Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany	2nd term, 2007-2011
Judith A. Kuhagen	Library of Congress, USA	2nd term, 2007-2011
Francoise Leresche	Bibliothèque nationale de France	1st term, 2007-2011
Cristina Magliano	ICCU, Italy	2nd term, 2005-2009
Eeva Murtomaa	Helsinki University Library, Finland	2nd term, 2005-2009
Pat Riva	Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canada	1st term, 2005-2009
Margaret Stewart	Library and Archives Canada	1st term, 2007-2011
Erik Thorlund Jepsen	Styrelsen for Bibliotek og Medier, Denmark	1st term, 2005-2009
Jay Weitz	OCLC Online Computer Library Center, USA	1st term, 2007-2011
Elena Zagorskaya	National Library of Russia, Russian Federation	2nd term, 2007-2011

Standing Committee corresponding members as of September 1, 2008		
Catherine Argus	National Library of Australia	1st term, 2007-2011
Elena Gorodiskaya	Russian State Library, Russian Federation	1st term, 2007-2011
Minoru Inahama	National Diet Library, Japan	2nd term, 2007-2011
Jaesun Lee	National Library of Korea	1st term, 2007-2011
Marion Chibambo	University of Swaziland Library	1st term 2007-2011

Outgoing Standing Committee member in January 2008		
Erik Oltmans	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands	1st term, 2007-2011

Officers, 2007-2009 (elected August 2007)

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Meetings – August 2008, Québec City

The Section's Standing Committee met in two sessions during the Québec conference, attended by 52 and 49 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 from the World Wide Review of the final report of the International Meeting of Experts for an International Cataloguing Code (IME ICC) leading up to International Cataloguing Principles (ICP)
- update of the strategic plan for 2007-2009
- report by Marcus Westlind from the Swedish Library of Talking Books and Braille on DAISY Cataloguing and the work being performed by the Cataloguing Group within the Libraries for the Blind Section.

No one of the officers were able to participate at the first session of the Coordinating Board, Division IV (Bibliographic Control), but Patrice Landry from the Division spoke for the section; Anders Cato participated in the second session of the Coordinating Board. 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	The definitive edition of the consolidated ISBD is supposed to be published in 2009. A workshop on the consolidated ISBD is being considered for the next IFLA conference. The Study Group on Material Designation has submitted the results of its work (substituting the stipulation 1.2) for worldwide review and approval by the SCAT with a deadline set for 30 January 2009. The new stipulation will be added to the ISBD afterwards.
Working Group on Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing Terms and Concepts		The work on this project is being postponed until other related tasks are completed. Hopefully the work can start after next year's conference.
Working Group on <i>Anonymous Classics</i>	Nadine Boddaert	The Chinese classics are now ready for publication after preparations by Ben Gu and N. Boddaert. A later version will be amended with other Asian works.
Section liaison to Working Group on FRANAR (a division working group)	Glenn Patton	The Working Group on FRAD (formerly FRANAR) has prepared the final draft of the "Functional Requirements for Authority Data", which became ready for approval by the end of the year. A paper on numbering of authority records was sent out and approved of. The document states that the idea of an international standard number for authority data will no longer be pursued.

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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 done by Gordon Dunsire, volunteer consultant to the review group. The FRBR Expression entity amendment has now been published and translated to several languages. The FRBR Working Group on Aggregates continued a lively discussion on a paper on the issues related to applying the FRBR model to aggregates, prepared by its chair Ed O’Neill. The Working Group on FRBR/CRM Dialogue completed a draft of an FRBR object-oriented model for museums, FRBRoo in January 2008, version 0.9. The Working Group has continued its hard work during 2008 and is now very close to a complete first version of the model.</p> <p>Listing of translations of FRBR report: http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/wgfrbr/finalreport.htm</p>
IME ICC planning committee	Barbara Tillett	<p>To explore the ground for further harmonization of cataloguing rules internationally and a new Statement of International Cataloguing Principles. The Working Group on IME ICC received 60 comments on the report from its last meeting, most in favour of continuing the process towards a final document, a Statement of International Cataloguing Principles. The final document was ready for approval by the Standing Committee in December 2008. Publication will be during spring 2009.</p>

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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 2008/2009.
<i>Names of Persons</i>	Judy Kuhagen	The document is currently out of print but the publisher wants to publish an updated version. Judy Kuhagen volunteered as coordinator but she needs the support of the other SC members especially in identifying responsible experts in the various countries.
Working Group on Metadata Guidelines for Digital Objects	Erik Thorlund Jepsen	The working group met in Paris in March. A final report will be issued in December 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. 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. A survey conducted by M. Zeng and J. Lee drew 400 responses.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Standing Committee's minutes of sessions for the Québec 2008 conference posted on IFLANET.

Publications

Two issues of the Section's newsletter, *SCATnews*, published: no. 28 in January 2008 and no. 29 in July 2008.

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

Conference programmes

The Section reported on its activities in a short presentation highlighting the main activities of the year: the ongoing work within the IME ICC effort on making new International Cataloguing Principles (ICP), and the continuing work within the FRBR and ISBD Review Groups.

The new Cataloguing Code Resource Description and Access (RDA) also attracted a lot of attention and a special satellite meeting on that topic was held before the conference.

The section's open programme theme was "Sharing standards: cooperation with other actors" The four presentations are listed below. More than 250 people attended this programme which had simultaneous interpretation. Almost all the papers were translated to all IFLA languages and are now available on IFLANET.

- FRBRoo: enabling a common view of information from memory institutions.
Pat Riva (Bibliothèques et Archives nationale du Québec, Montréal, Canada), Martin Doerr (Institute of Computer Science, Crete, Greece) and Maja Žumer (University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- Bibliothèques et archives: partager des normes pour faciliter l'accès au patrimoine.
Francoise Leresche (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France)
- Sharing standards and expertise in the early 21st Century: moving toward a collaborative, "cross-community" model for metadata creation
Murtha Baca (Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, USA) and Elizabeth O'Keefe (Morgan Library and Museum, New York, USA)
- Synergy towards shared standards for ALM: Latvian scenario
Anita Goldberga (National Library of Latvia, Riga, Latvia)

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 is also 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:

Anders Cato
Chair (2007-2009)

Ben Gu
Secretary (2005-2007 and 2007-2009)

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