



The 17th Meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee 2006 March 22-24, National Library of Portugal, Lisbon

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On 2006 March 22-24, IFLA's Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC) gathered at the National Library of Portugal in Lisbon for its Seventeenth Meeting, hosted by UNIMARC Core Activity Director Fernanda Maria Campos. In attendance were all current Standing Members of the PUC, except for Philippe Le Pape (Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur, France), who was unable to attend because of illness: Liubovė Buckienė (National Library of Lithuania), Joanna Demopoulos (National Library of Greece), Rosa Galvão (National Library of Portugal), Alan Hopkinson (Middlesex University, UK, Chair), Cristina Magliano (Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico, Italy), Vladimir Skvortsov (National Library of Russia), and Jay Weitz (OCLC Online Computer Library Center, USA, Vice Chair and Rapporteur). In addition, the PUC was joined by guests Françoise Leresche (Bibliothèque nationale de France, representing Mr. Le Pape), Alain Roucolle (ISSN International Centre, France), Mirna Willer (National and University Library, Croatia, Honorary Member and Special Consultant), and Olga Zhlobinskaya (National Library of Russia).

During the three days of meetings, the PUC discussed twenty-five UNIMARC/Bibliographic (U/B) and UNIMARC/Authority (U/A) change proposals, several issues concerning U/B, the Web version of UNIMARC/Holdings (U/H), changes to U/A to align it with recommendations from the FRANAR Working Group, the use of UNIMARC for archives and manuscript materials, the UNIMARC Guidelines for Continuing Resources, future developments of the UNIMARC formats, the just-completed UNIMARC and Friends conference and UNIMARC Users Group meeting, upcoming UNIMARC representation at various meetings, and the continuing evolution of the online UNIMARC Forum and the UNIMARC Registry.

UNIMARC Formats

The UNIMARC change proposals were discussed in the order in which they had been submitted. Unless otherwise noted, the proposals were accepted or accepted as amended.

- Two proposals made changes to ISBN field 010 in U/B to accommodate the ISBN-13 and multiple qualifiers.
- Six proposals made various changes to both U/B and U/A fields to accommodate data related especially to dates and places associated with the provenance of a resource. The definitions of subfield \$5 (Institution to which Field Applies) in fields 012, 141, 316, 317, 318, 702, 712, and 722 were harmonized in their wording, the recording of shelf marks, and the preference of International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations (ISIL) codes over MARC Code List for Organization codes. Adjustments were made to U/B 6-- (Subject Analysis Block), broadening its scope to include bibliographical history. U/B field 620 (Place and Date Access) and U/A field 260 (Heading -- Structured Place Access) were changed, and U/B fields 617 (Hierarchical Geographical Name Used as Subject) and 621 (Place and Date of Provenance) created, for provenance data.
- A new code "k" for works published and printed in different years was defined for U/B field 100, position 8 (Type of Publication Date). The UNIMARC Guidelines for Antiquarian Materials will also be updated to include this change.
- U/B field 316 (Note Relating to the Copy in Hand) was revised to broaden its use beyond older monographic publications and to add subfields \$u, \$5, and \$6.

- U/B fields 421 (Supplement) and 422 (Parent of the Supplement) were revised to include new examples for monographic publications and illustrating the embedded fields technique.
- New U/B field 560 (Artificial Title/Not Editorial Title) was defined to record titles of artificial collections that differ from the title proper.
- U/A field 106 (Coded Data Field: Use as Subject Heading) was changed to add subfields \$b (for use in subject heading as base heading or as subdivision) and \$c (for use with a geographical subdivision).
- U/B fields 600, 601, 602, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 615, and 616 were revised to allow for a repeatable subfield \$3 (Authority Record Number).
- A second indicator (Primary Entry Indicator) was defined for U/B field 503 (Uniform Conventional Heading).
- U/B 604 (Name and Title Used as Subject) was aligned with U/A 240 to allow for both the standard subfields technique and the embedded field technique.
- Subfield \$4 (Relator Code) in the U/B 7-- (Responsibility Block) was revised to allow for the use of three-character alphabetic codes for performers in musical works for the type of orchestra, the singer's voice range, or the musician's instrument.
- U/B field 500 (Uniform Title) had its subfield \$w renamed as "Additional Elements (for Music)" with the addition of two examples.
- Four proposals were rejected or postponed, pending revisions or clarifications: revisions to the second indicator of U/B field 327 (Contents Note); proposed U/B field 511 (Half Title); proposed U/B field 550 (Title of a Work Subordinated to the Title of the Main Work); and the taking into consideration of ISO 15924 four-character codes for scripts in U/B and U/A.

UNIMARC/Bibliographic Update 5 was published in June 2005. It is likely that instead of a sixth update, there will be a U/B third edition, with a projected publication date of June 2007. After that, updates in electronic form are expected, beginning in June 2009 at the latest.

UNIMARC/Holdings draft versions currently on the Web will be replaced by the revised version, which will be designated as "First edition / approved by the Permanent UNIMARC Committee."

UNIMARC/Authorities will be changing radically in light of the recommendations of the IFLA UBCM Working Group on FRANAR, headed by Glenn Patton, after FRAD (Functional Requirements for Authority Data) is completed.

UNIMARC Guidelines

- **UNIMARC for manuscripts and archival materials.** Applications of UNIMARC for manuscripts and archival materials are underway in various places, including Italy and Russia. Those involved will confer in order to suggest appropriate changes and additions to UNIMARC/B to better accommodate these materials, with an eye toward creating formal guidelines in the future.
- **UNIMARC Guidelines for Continuing Resources.** UNIMARC Guidelines for Continuing Resources, in draft form, was extensively discussed.

Upcoming UNIMARC Meetings and Other Activities

Both the UNIMARC and Friends Conference and the UNIMARC Users Group Meeting, which preceded the PUC meeting, were discussed. All the available PowerPoint presentations from the two meetings have been made available on the UNIMARC Web site (<http://unimarc.bn.pt/html/apresentacoes.html>). Saur will likely publish the proceedings of the conference. The consensus was to hold the next international conference and Users Group meeting in two years.

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/8/up.htm>

UNIMARC Forum, a Web site for UNIMARC users that will include a password-protected working space for members of the PUC, is still under development.

Plans are underway for a possible UNIMARC training workshop at the 2007 IFLA meeting in Durban.

As it is not expected that there will be many members of the PUC attending the IFLA General Conference in Seoul in August 2006, it is unlikely that any meeting of the PUC will be held then. The 18th meeting of the PUC is scheduled for Lisbon, 2007 March 12-14.