

Informal Meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee

2019 August 27, IFLA Congress, Athens, Greece

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On 2019 August 27, IFLA's Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC) gathered during the IFLA Congress in Athens, Greece, for an informal meeting. In attendance were Ms. Saeedeh Akbari-Daryan (National Library and Archives of Iran); Ms. Nijolė Bliūdžiuvienė (Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania); Ms. Flavia Bruni (Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico, Italy); Mr. Gordon Dunsire (Independent Consultant, Scotland); Mr. Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi (Biblioteca Nazionale Braidense and ICCU, Italy); Mr. Ben Gu (National Library of China); Ms. Irena Kavčič (National and University Library of Slovenia); PUC Chair Ms. Gordana Mazić (IZUM, Slovenia); Ms. Mélanie Roche (Bibliothèque nationale de France); Ms. Maria Stegaeva (Russian Presidential Library); Ms. Yang Wang (National Library of China); Ms. Jenny Wright (Bibliographic Data Services Limited, United Kingdom); and Mr. Jay Weitz (OCLC, USA), PUC Secretary and rapporteur.

The minutes of the May 2019 PUC meeting in Maribor, Slovenia were approved and are available on the PUC website (https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/uca/puc-meetings/29_puc_minutes_2019_maribor.pdf).

PUC Elections and Membership

Trying to fit the PUC into the general organizational structure of other IFLA entities has been difficult, particularly regarding its leadership and membership. The unique PUC role of maintaining UNIMARC demands both expertise and continuity in ways that most other IFLA groups do not require. To that end, Ms. Mazić was re-elected as PUC Chair and Mr. Weitz was elected to the new position of PUC Secretary, which is actually the role he has been playing as Vice Chair since 2000. Unless the IFLA Committee on Standards decides otherwise, the PUC will need to elect a new Chair in 2021.

Ms. Akbari-Daryan is now a full PUC member. Ms. Bliūdžiuvienė is representing her Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania colleague and new PUC member Ms. Genovaite Rutkauskiene. Ms. Stegaeva is representing her Russian Presidential Library colleague Ms. Olga Zhlobinskaya. Ms. Roche, who serves on the French UNIMARC Committee, is representing new PUC member Ms. Héloïse Lecomte (ABES, France).

Ms. Branka Badovinac (IZUM, Slovenia) has become a corresponding member because of her diligent work on the online UNIMARC format documents. Ms. Bruni remains as PUC Web Editor.

PUC Action Plan

The PUC's Action Plan must be submitted by 2019 October 15.

The Action Plan Focus Area 1, to increase UNIMARC visibility, Key Initiative 3 is to establish a model for maintaining the UNIMARC Namespaces. The PUC will need to work with the Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee (LIDATEC) to determine the exact process and the need for funding the maintenance of the PUC Namespaces.

The Action Plan Focus Area 2, to harmonize UNIMARC with IFLA models and descriptive rules, parallels that of the Cataloguing Section regarding the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM). The RDA Steering Committee (RSC) has been waiting for waiting for the RDA to UNIMARC mapping do that it may be included in the new RDA Toolkit. Work on that can begin now so that when the UNIMARC Namespaces are ready, the PUC can create a formal mapping. The RSC will do the actual work on the mapping once they know which versions of UNIMARC/Authorities (U/A) and UNIMARC/Bibliographic (U/B) to use. Ms. Mazić will send the current Word versions of the two documents to Mr. Dunsire. The mapping is the first stage, and the second stage is the creation of an application profile. The mapping itself could be ready for IFLA 2020 in Dublin, Ireland, but the application profile could take longer.

The joint Library of Congress (LC), International Association of Music Libraries (IAML) and PUC project to consolidate the two Medium of Performance vocabularies and possibly Japanese translated terms will also need to

be loaded to the Namespace. Because of Mr. Gentili-Tedeschi's retirement, a new IAML/PUC liaison is needed for the consolidation project to continue. Mr. Joseph Hafner (McGill University), former chair of the IAML Cataloguing and Metadata Section, is the new Chair of LIDATEC.

UNIMARC Online Edition Editorial Group

The UNIMARC Online Edition Editorial Group has a deadline of 2019 October 15 to have the first version ready, looking forward to have the fully harmonized and linked final document online around the end of calendar 2019.

Bibliographic Standards in Linked Data Study Group

Ms. Roche is chair of the newly formed Bibliographic Standards in Linked Data Study Group, which reports to LIDATEC and aims to support the publication of any documents regarding the diffusion of IFLA bibliographic standards onto the Semantic Web. The Study Group will include members from the Bibliographic Conceptual Models Review Group (BCM RG), ISBD Review Group, PUC, and LIDATEC. Members will serve four-year terms that may be renewed once. The chair will be elected for two years, renewable once, and will be the LIDATEC liaison. Other liaisons will be chosen, as appropriate. The PUC must choose one to three members as representatives once the Committee on Standards (CoS) approves the new study group, probably in mid-October. Ms. Roche will forward the full Terms of Reference to Ms. Mazić for dissemination to the PUC.

Upcoming UNIMARC Work, Meetings, and Other Activities

The PUC will hold a conference call probably on 2019 October 2, particularly to discuss the PUC Action Plan and other IFLA follow-up.

The newly renovated Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania has invited the PUC to hold its 30th meeting in Vilnius in 2020. IZUM in Maribor, Slovenia, has also invited the PUC to return in 2020. The committee will discuss and decide soon on the location of its meeting, tentatively in March 2020.

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