IFLA Cataloguing Section
ISBD Review Group
Study Group on Examples Supplement

Activity Report
2007-2008

The submission guidelines to help providers of examples were distributed to specific individuals in November 2007. The guidelines included some explanations to create examples and some instances. The specific individuals were chosen on the basis of rosters of the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee and the ISBD Review Group. Some were included from other IFLA section members and IME ICC participants for the purpose of language coverage. Coverage includes 17 languages. This work needs special attention given for solving difficulties.

Firstly, I offer my sincere apology for my e-mail troubling to all members. The examples have continuously arrived from various individuals since February 2008.

At present, as of 9 August 2008, the examples cover 15 languages - African, Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, English, Finnish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish. Unfortunately, there is no German yet. In the case of English examples, a few examples were provided by American Music Library Association. There are arrangements for providing examples in German and English.

All received examples have been uploaded to the ISBD RG wiki since May 2008 thanks to help from John Hostage. Now a confirming and modifying process is underway on the ISBD RG wiki. There have been a lot of comments. These comments will likely deepen the current ISBD and make us aware of the importance of examples. The examples will be contributed to increase the consistency of cataloguing between other countries. During this WLIC meeting in Quebec, a future timeline and tasks of the full examples supplement will be discussed and adjusted at the ISBD RG meeting.

All of this work is the result of cooperation with example providers and ISBD RG members. I appreciate all RG members and especially all example providers.

Estimated Timeline

15 – end of Sept. 2008: Study group will select and edit examples

http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/isbdrg/

the end of Sept. - 20 Oct. 2008: First draft of examples will be sent to the ISBD Review Group

1 Nov. - 7. Nov. 2008: Submit to ISBD Review Group for approval

15 Nov. 2008 : Submit the final draft to Cataloguing Section for approval

15 Dec. - 23. Dec. 2008: Review the final draft to IFLA for publication

Jan. 2009: Publish the text on the IFLA website

Discussion points

1. Optional elements

How to deal with Optional elements in the examples, e.g. dimensions in area 5?

2. GMD

GMDs were not precisely translated.

A table of GMDs all languages is needed.

3. Ambiguous examples

These examples should be corrected or eliminated?

4. German and English examples

- German examples

Actually, I sent e-mail many times to Renate but did not receive a response by now. I contacted Susanne Oehlschlaeger and Christel Hengel and asked them to provide German examples.

- English examples

Judy Kuhagen and Barbara Tillett agreed to provide English examples.

5. Correction on the wiki