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Brief report: IFLA ISBD RG and JSC/RDA meeting on alignment and interoperability of standards, IFLA Project No. **D3.4.13-1/11**

JSC for Development of RDA, ISSN Network and ISBD Review Group: Harmonization issues RDA, ISSN and ISBD meeting, Glasgow, UK, 3-4 November 2011

IFLA Cataloguing Section's ISBD Review Group has considered it very important to keep a close relationship with rule making bodies and international associations. Given the relationship established with the Joint Steering Committee for Development of AACR2 in the past, the ISBD RG has intended to maintain the same relationship with the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA. In spite of these efforts the standards coming from the two parties present some differences that are not recommendable for exchange and interoperability purposes. It must be noted, though, that the alignment between the two standards is a recommendation that has been much repeated during the world wide review process of ISBD.

During the 2010 IFLA General Conference meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, the ISBD Review Group approved the meeting with the JSC for Development of RDA as action to reach the interoperability of the two standards. To meet this goal, the ISBD RG prepared the comparison table between RDA Chapters 1 to 3 and ISBD rules, and Area 0/RDA & RDA/ONIX mapping based on which the following issues for harmonization have been made. During the 2011 IFLA General Conference meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the three communities ISBD/ISSN/RDA agreed to continue to support the harmonization agreement and to meet in person, which took place in Glasgow, UK from 3 to 4 November 2011.

The prepared documentation was discussed, and following actions (excerpt) were agreed as a continuation of the harmonization process:¹

- (1) The general principal of harmonization was accepted as the one to insure that records produced by the three standards are interoperable at the practical level.
- (2) ISBD RG will present a proposal for revision of the Appendix D (update ISBD punctuation) with the addition of the National Bibliographic Agency profile.
- (3) JSC constituency will make proposals for some issues raised by ISBD such as Statements of responsibility related to Expressions.
- (4) ISBD RG member and liaison to IAML will make proposal on notated music to JSC.
- (5) ISBD RG will make a recommendation to the FRBR Review Group to reconsider the attributes on regularity and frequency of Expression as to be attributes of Manifestation.
- (6) ISSN Network: Title changes for integrating resources RDA will not consider the change, but ISBD RG will consider a proposal to align with ISSN rule.
- (7) ISBD RG will check mapping of ISBD with ROF (RDA/ONIX Framework).
- (8) ISBD RG will update ISBD-FRBR mapping.
- (9) Open Metadata Registry: ISBD RG will discuss and as necessary revise registered ISBD properties, and research the implementation of relations (links) to RDA, FRBR and UNIMARC.

Full text of the meeting's outcomes see at: http://www.ifla.org/files/cataloguing/isbdrg/JSC_ISBD_ISSN_Outcomesfinal.pdf