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CATALOGUING SECTION

**ISBD Review Group**

**ISBD Linked Data Study Group**

**Activity Report, August 2016-July 2017**

- **Status of Projects:**

No ongoing project.

This document reports on the actions such as they are listed in the minutes of the ISBD LD SG meeting held in Columbus, in August 2016<sup>1</sup>:

- **Progress Report on the Activities defined in the Work Plan for 2016-2017**

**Action 1:** G. Dunsire will check the ISBD/RDA alignment and inform the SG if an update is needed following the October 2017 update of RDA.

No October update was released on October 2017, due to the ongoing 3R project.

**Action 2:** G. Dunsire will distribute the ISBD content form compounds. **Action 3:** the SG will send comment to G. Dunsire about the vocabulary.

G. Dunsire produced the ISBD content form compounds during the SG meeting in Columbus (August 2017). No comments have been received yet.

**Action 4:** G. Dunsire will draft the missing lines in the introduction explaining the use of “unconstrained” elements in the description of the table columns in the ISBD/FRBR alignment. **Action 5:** M.V. Bertolini will initiate a Google document before the end of the WLIC so that the SG can work on documenting the major decisions in the introduction, (e.g. the decision regarding “parallel title”).

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrp/isbd-ld-action-list\\_2016.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/isbdrp/isbd-ld-action-list_2016.pdf)

M. V. initiated the document during the Columbus meeting<sup>2</sup>. The alignment between ISBD and the LRM has taken priority, which is why this work was delayed. A few days before the Wroclaw meeting, M. Roche made a few formal suggestions about the outline of the document (mainly introducing a second level of headings), and drafted a paragraph to explain the decision about parallel titles.

**Action 6: M. Gentili-Tedeschi will continue to keep close contacts with the FRBR Consolidated Editorial Group in order to identify future linked data issues.**

Thanks to M. Gentili-Tedeschi's liaison with the FRBR Consolidated Editorial Group, the latest version of the LRM was distributed to the SG on December 2016, before it was submitted to the Committee on Standards and officially published online in March 2017. The document served as a basis for the alignment between ISBD and the LRM, which took place during the first semester of 2017. Saving those few months between the finalisation of the model and its submittal to the CoS proved extremely useful, since the alignment itself took longer than expected.

**Action 7: M. Roche and M.V. Bertolini will complete a project submittal to be reviewed by the ISBD RG by the beginning of October. Action 8: the SG will submit the project plan to the ISBD RG.**

A task force within the SG was created to work on the alignment between ISBD and the LRM. The task force comprised of Renate Behrens, Elena Escolano (chair), Dorothy McGarry, Clément Oury, Mélanie Roche, Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi. Pat Riva (chair of the FRBR Editorial Committee) also joined the Task Force as a liaison from the FRBR Review Group.

The task force worked online, via Skype meetings, and met a three-day face-to-face meeting on May 2017 in Paris (BnF). The task force was able to achieved most of the work, and continued working via email to . The alignment was finished in early summer 2017 and M. Gentili-Tedeschi sent it to the Committee on Standards.

For a detailed account of the work done, see E. Escolano's report (enclosed).

During the face-to-face meeting in Paris, the Task Force also updated the 2015 version of the *Guidelines for the Translations of the IFLA ISBD namespace in RDF*. M. Gentili-Tedeschi submitted the document to the CoS.

**Action 9: M. Roche will highlight all changes made to M. Gentili-Tedeschi's document and send it to G. Dunsire and M. Willer for review. Action 10: G. Dunsire and M. Willer will review the xml application profile. Action 11: G. Dunsire and M. Willer will produce a document explaining the history of the xml file and the choices made.**

Ongoing.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y6jtR6Q-fHFwzg3NnEv1nHlC1sE87I1g3vaqxpBOMOQ/edit?usp=sharing>

**Action 12: G. Dunsire will liaise with A. Danskin and inform the SG of any Linked Data issue arising with the oncoming RDA/ONIX developments.**

G. Dunsire continued to liaise with the RDA/ONIX Framework group, and no issue has arisen so far.

**Action 13: M. V. Bertolini will announce the new SG chair to the CATS second SC on Wednesday, 17th.**

M. Roche was appointed as new chair of the SG, and the CATS SC was duly notified during their second meeting in Columbus. M. V. Bertolini kept a role as co-chair up until the end of 2016, when she had to step back from her involvement in the group due to new responsibilities at the IFLA Headquarters. The group wishes her the very best for her new position, and thanks her for her inspiring leadership during her term.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mélanie Roche  
ISBD Linked Data Study Group Chair, August 2017