# Cataloguing Section

## STRATEGIC PLAN

### 2009-2011

### Mission

The Cataloguing Section of IFLA is the leader of international developments in cataloguing theory, activities, and standards development. The Section analyzes the principles and functions of cataloguing activities for all types of materials and media, including both bibliographic and authority information, for the benefit of all kinds of users. The Section proposes and develops cataloguing rules, guidelines, and standards for bibliographic information, taking into account the developing electronic and networked environment in order to promote universal access to and exchange of bibliographic and authority information.

The Section also provides leadership in the development of various standards and guidelines related to data modelling (e.g. FRBR, FRAD, FRSAR, ISBD), bibliographic activities, such as corporate name headings, authority entries, OPAC displays and metadata standards. Co-operation with other sections is in many of these cases needed and desired.

### Goals

1. **Promote the development and maintenance of the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles for bibliographic description and access**

    *(**Pillar:** Profession; **Professional priorities:** (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professionals; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)*

    1.1. Following the successful international agreement on the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP) and its Glossary in February 2009, encourage the rule makers of the world to follow these principles. There is already ample evidence that this is being done. Sections 5 and 6 of ICP cover bibliographic description and access points, providing the basic rules for international cataloguing codes.

    1.2. IFLA is the premier organisation for setting standards for bibliographic control. The guidance in ICP provides rule makers with the foundation for international cataloguing codes. IFLA has a major role to watch the development of a governance structure for existing rule making bodies to merge efforts that

hopefully will evolve over the next few years. It is recommended that IFLA keep a keen watch to participate in such an initiative.

1.3. Encourage further translations of the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles and Glossary; make those translations and other information available on the IFLA web site.

1.4. Conduct regular revisions, every 5 years, of the Statement of International Cataloguing Principles and Glossary to ascertain that they are kept up to date in a constantly evolving environment.

1.5. ~~In 2008, begin the work of a Working Group on an International Cataloguing Code for description and access to create a code for rule-makers. Take into account subject cataloguing as relevant. Collaborate with the Bibliography Section, the Classification and Indexing Section, and other sections as appropriate. Include review of existing and recently updated codes~~ [1]

## 2. Continue development and use of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) model and the Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD).

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2.1. Maintain and develop the FRBR model in an entity-relationship formulation.

- Assess any amendments to be recommended by the Working Group on Aggregates7;
- Review the attributes of the Group 1 entities;
- Assess other reviewing suggestions and follow through as appropriate.

2.2. Explore the preparation of a consolidated document for IFLA's conceptual models in entity-relationship formulation.

- Determine the scope and format of a consolidated conceptual model document;
- Identify areas in which the FRAD model results in revisions of the FRBR model.
- Once FRSAR is complete, identify areas in which the FRSAD model results in revisions of the FRBR model.

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[1] Proposal to postpone the creation of a new Working Group on an International Cataloguing Code, until the first regular revision of the ICP has taken place, cf. 1.4.

Reason for this: The bibliographic universe today looks different from what it was in 2003 when the IME ICC meetings started. The Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP) and its Glossary reached successful international agreement in February 2009 and have been published. The rule makers of the world were encouraged to follow these principles and there is now ample evidence that this is being done. The Sections 5 and 6 of the ICP cover bibliographic description and access points, providing the basic rules for international cataloguing codes. Besides this work we cannot close our eyes to the fact that RDA is close to being implemented and we do not know yet what impact a possible worldwide implementation of this set of rules will have on our work.

2.3. Maintain and develop an object-oriented formulation of FRBR (FRBRoo) jointly with CIDOC-CRM.

- Develop a "core" FRBRoo model for implementation;
- Support the development of an implementation prototype;
- Expand FRBRoo to include additional entities, attributes and relationships from the FRAD model;
- Encourage the further harmonisation of conceptual models by participating in joint work with the archival community.

2.4. Liaise with appropriate bodies in other communities (such as the Dublin Core Resource Description and Access Task Force) and explore opportunities to express FRBR and FRAD in other conceptual models and applications.

- Declare namespaces for FRBR entities, relationships and user tasks;
- Declare additional namespaces and/or expand the FRBR namespaces to include the additional entities, relationships and user tasks defined in the FRAD model.

2.5. Develop, update and make available guidelines and interpretative documents to assist those applying the FRBR and FRAD models.

- Update the FRBR Bibliography semi-annually;
- Prepare new FAQs for the FRBR pages on IFLANET, starting with those on the expression entity;
- Provide interpretive text on the treatment of aggregates within FRBR.

2.6. Continue representation on the IFLA Working Group on Functional Requirements of Subject Authority Records (FRSAR).
2.7. Maintain liaisons between the Conceptual Models Review Group and the ISBD Review Group and with rule-makers in order to have the main principles of FRBR and FRAD reflected in cataloguing codes.
2.8. Liaise with other IFLA units, vendor groups (such as the ALA FRBR Implementers' Group), and with other relevant groups to assure widespread awareness and use of FRBR and FRAD.
2.9. Monitor and publicize translations of the FRBR document and encourage, monitor and publicize translations of the FRAD document.

## 3. Continue ISBD revision

*(**Pillar**: Profession; **Professional priorities**: (f) Promoting resource sharing; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines, and best practice)*

3.1. Policy recommendation on formulation and use of material designators in bibliographic records for publication in 2009.
3.2. Continue the work on the first revision to the consolidated ISBD for publication in 2009-2010.
3.3. Develop a supplement of examples to submit to publishers in 2009.

3.4. Research the possibilities of building an ISBDXML schema and evolving the standard into a tool open to the semantic web and services, for results publication in 2011.

3.5. Provide leadership in encouraging harmonization of existing cataloguing rules with the ISBD through communication with rule-making bodies internationally by consulting the liaison of the Review Group~~, and with the new Working Group on an International Cataloguing Code that is to be formed in 2008.~~ [2]

3.6. Liaise with ICADS, the Permanent UNIMARC Committee, the ISSN Network, and the International Association of Musical Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML), with other IFLA units, and with other relevant groups to assure widespread use of the ISBD as a metadata content scheme.

3.7. Encourage translations of the consolidated ISBD.

3.8. Develop training material centred on definitions, structure and use of ISBD for rule making bodies and in general for teachers, cataloguers, etc.

**4. Develop additional approaches, standards, rules, and lists for information that provide access to bibliographic and authority data in all languages.**

*(**Pillar**: Profession; **Professional priorities**: (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)*

4.1. Publish *Anonymous Classics, Part 3, Africa*. Distribute *Part 4, Asia*, for review. Develop contacts for work on *Part 2, Latin America*.

4.2. Monitor Unicode activities and keep the Section members informed of new developments via the Section newsletter.

4.3. Support the work on the Virtual International Authority File (VIAF) project and share information about the project.

4.4. Continue updating *Names of Persons*. Invite comments, additions, and updates. Possible new edition in first half of 2010.

**5. Explore opportunities for promoting cataloguing activities, especially for developing countries.**

*(**Pillars**: Society, Members, Profession; **Professional priorities**: (c) Promoting literacy and reading; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professional; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)*

5.1. Ensure that the section standards, guidelines and reports are available in print and/or on IFLANET.

5.2. Continue to promote bibliographic standards and information about cataloguing developments around the world via documents from Standing Committee groups, the Section newsletter and information in *International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control*.

5.3. Provide updated information for IFLA's listing of standards.

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[2] See comments under 1.5

**6. Provide information about the work of the Section and Standing Committee.**

*(**Pillars**: Members, Profession; **Professional priorities**: (a) Supporting the role of libraries in society; (d) Providing unrestricted access to information; (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professionals; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)*

6.1. Assure distribution of all relevant documents to all Section members.
6.2. Continue communication of Section and Standing Committee activities through the Section newsletter, the open programme of the Section, IFLA website, ICBC, CATSMAIL (the Section list), etc.
6.3. Post the strategic plan of the Section on the IFLA website and encourage translations.
6.4. Encourage translations of Section documents and of open programme papers.

**7. Promote membership in the Section, emphasizing a broader geographic representation on the Standing Committee.**

*(**Pillars**: Members, Profession; **Professional priorities**: (f) Promoting resource sharing; (h) Developing library professionals; (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices)*

7.1. Involve more representatives from existing institutional members in attending meetings of the Standing Committee and in participating in the various Working Groups of the Section by emphasizing opportunities in the Section newsletter and via CATSMAIL (the Section list).
7.2. Send information on the activities of the Section to library associations in underrepresented regions of the world, to IFLA offices for Asia and Latin America, and to chairs of sections in IFLA Division III.