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Report of the IFLA Committee on Standards to CDNL

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Chair, IFLA Committee on Standards

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CDNL and the IFLA Committee on standards (CoS)

- Long tradition of CDNL commitment to IFLA standards activities (UBCIM, ICABS, ICADS)
- CDNL involvement in IFLA standards is important for IFLA
- Many challenges in the coming years on the renewal of IFLA standards and support from national libraries is important
- As member of CoS, CDNL is informed on standards development and can advice on the strategic direction of IFLA standards



Committee on Standards

- **Chair:** Patrice Landry, Swiss National Library
- Division I: **Tay Ai Cheng**, National Library Board of Singapore
- Division II: **Françoise Pellé**, ISSN International Center
- Division III: **Anders Cato**, BTJ, Lund, Sweden
- Division IV: **Marian Koren**, Netherlands Public Library Association
- Division V: **Chih-Feng P. Lin**, Shih Hsin University, Taiwan
- Permanent UNIMARC Committee Chair: **Alan Hopkinson**, Middlesex University, United Kingdom
- CDNL representative: **Anita Goldberga**, National Library of Latvia



Terms of reference

Purpose

- To provide advice to the Board and IFLA units on the strategic and ongoing management of the Association's professional Standards.
- To form the central focus for standards in order to raise the visibility of standards within and beyond IFLA
- To manage the development, maintenance, storage and access for all kinds of IFLA standards documents.



Main activities 2012-2013

1. Definition and scope of IFLA standards
2. Establishing a WG on developing an IFLA standards procedures manual
3. Supporting IFLA Professional Committee
4. Report on IFLA Review/Working/Tasks Groups
5. Promoting and communicating IFLA standards



Definition and scope of IFLA standards (1)

IFLA generally uses the term “standards” to refer to the following types of documents:

- Conceptual models
- Rules for resource description
- Digital format codes
- Guidelines (documents consisting of instructions, advice and models of preferred practices)
- Best practice (documents consisting of procedures and techniques based on experience and research)



1. Definition and scope of IFLA standards (2)

Draft definition submitted to IFLA professional units in April 2013

- IFLA standards are internationally reviewed, published and regularly updated documents that reflect agreement on rules, principles, guidelines, best practice, models and recommendations for a particular activity or service.
- They aim to provide optimum benefit for the international library community.
- Standards are established by IFLA professional units who work in collaboration and by consensus.



2. Establishing a WG on developing an IFLA standards procedures manual (1)

- IFLA standards definition
- Initiation of standards: proposing a new standard / guideline
- Setting up a standard WG
- Funding and sustainability
- Work process: writing and validating a standard
- Revision agenda
- Managing translations
- IFLA publishing options
- Communication (how to promote standards)



WG members (2)

Chair: Winston Roberts, National Library of New-Zealand

Members:

- Abraham Azubuike
- Margaret Tarpley
- Elena Escolano
- Agnese Galeffi
- Jan Richards
- Lisa Hinchliffe
- Albert Boekhorst
- Patricia Wand
- Sanjay K Bihani
- Zarndt Frederick



3. Supporting IFLA Professional Committee

- Responding to funding issues for standards projects
- Ensuring liaison with IFLA Namespaces Technical Group
- Defining standards and guidelines as one of IFLA's Key Initiatives for 2013-2014
- Responding to standards issues within IFLA and with external agencies



4. Report on IFLA Review/Working/Tasks Groups

- Mandate from PC to identify long standing groups involved in sustaining on-going standards (in addition to UNIMARC)
- Four groups: ISBD Review Group, FRBR Review Group, FRBR WG on FRBR/CRM Dialogue and IFLA Namespaces Technical Group
- Recommendations:
 - funding programme dedicated to standards
 - reporting to Committee on Standards
 - improving visibility in the IFLA professional structure
- Report to PC after WLIC 2013



5. Promoting and communicating IFLA standards

- 2013 open program at Singapore 2013 WLIC (session 177) will discuss procedures, cooperation, requirements and competences in developing standards
- Committee issued its first annual report to ISO TC 46
- IFLA receives report from ISO TC 46



Committee's work agenda for 2013-2014 (draft)

- Implementing WG's procedures manual
- Supporting IFLA Key Initiative on standards
- Project proposal: Impact of IFLA standards in the international library community
- Improving communication and promotion of standards



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Comments / Questions?

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