



**IFLA Cataloguing Section
ISBD Review Group
Study Group on Examples Supplement**

Activity Report

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After the Quebec meeting, the ISBD Full Examples were sent to all contributors of examples for confirmation and responses were received by October 12, 2008. These confirmation sheets included comments and data needed re-checking. All comments were shown in the ISBD Review Group wiki. Reflecting the results of this confirmation, most of the examples were selected and edited. The newly edited draft was distributed on October 27, 2008.

For more in-depth discussion, examples were posted to the wiki and corrected with comments again. In this process some examples that were leading to confusion and misunderstanding were deleted. Most of examples, however, were adopted and included.

Main issues in the comments were as follows:

- In area 4, how to deal with place of publication and name of publishers in the case of an unpublished resource. Unpublished resources are out of scope here.
- Abbreviations appearing in the designated information source in area 1 are transcribed as they appear in the resource.
- How to deal with punctuation appearing in the resource to differentiate from ISBD prescribed punctuation. The punctuation is transcribed as it appears in the resource.
- “Notated Music Resource” in GMD is changed to “Notated Music”.
- “Full stop, space, dash, space” is used or not before frequency in area 7.
- Multilevel description is included.

In addition, correction was made to word spacing, GMD and SMD, dimensions, ISBN, and currency codes. It looks like the endless task required a delicate sense and perseverance.

In result, the final draft contains over 200 examples in 16 languages of cataloguing – Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean,

Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. It is evidence that ISBD is a veritable international standard.

It was decided to publish this draft separately in a supplement named *Full ISBD Examples: Supplement to the International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)*. About the structure of the supplement, at first, the study group intended the supplement to consist of two parts: part 1 as full examples in alphabetical order of language and part 2 as full examples in GMD order. However, considering the advanced notice of GMD change, it was decided to make part 2 an index to GMDs in order to avoid more labour intensive work (changing the captions) and too many pages.

This work had already been finished, and was going to be published in 2009 before the IFLA meeting. But as it conforms to the structure that includes the GMD, and was completed prior to finalization of Area 0, the decision was made to wait until approval of the area to update all the examples and ensure that the ISBD text had been carefully studied and corrected before including examples in the publication.

Through this work, although we realize that differences of culture, language and publishing mode cause great diversity, taking into account these differences in cataloguing is another great story.

During the ISBD Example Study Group meeting in Milan on August 25, 2009, many members of ISBD Review Group participated in the meeting and decided to publish *Full ISBD Examples: Supplement to the International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)* online only as the first step. It is compiled on the basis of the preliminary consolidated edition of ISBD.

Then the next step will be *Full ISBD Examples* reflecting “Area 0” and “Area 5” with revision.

In addition, Jaesun Lee announced her decision due to the personal reasons, not to continue as chair with the second stage of the work including Area 0. According to this, Dorothy McGarry was chosen to chair the Study Group. The new chair will work to prepare the next edition of examples in collaboration with Material Designation Study Group. The group consists of five members: Dorothy McGarry, chair; Elena Escolano, John Hostage, Jaesun Lee, Mirna Willer.

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