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**Meetings and Programs held in August 2018**

The 2018 IFLA Conference was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from August 24-30, 2018.

On August 23, immediately prior to the IFLA Conference, there was a free one-day pre-conference organized by the RDA Board, entitled: Diversity of Data: RDA in the international context. Participants from different parts of the world shared their experiences on RDA implementation. The slides are available [here.](https://www.rdatoolkit.org/ifla)

The IFLA Subject Analysis and Access Standing Committee (SA&A) held its meetings on August 24 and 28. In 2019, there will be at least 2 vacancies on the SA&A. The nominating deadline was January 2, 2019.

SA&A held a two hour open session during the 2018 Congress: “Transforming Libraries via Automatic Indexing: The Impact on Metadata Creation, Discovery, and Staffing Decisions.” This session was attended by 110 persons. Athena Salaba moderated the program. Presentations included:

1. JUNGER, Ulrike [*Automation first – the subject cataloguing policy of the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek*](http://library.ifla.org/2213)
2. GOH, Rachael [*Using Named Entity Recognition for Automatic Indexing*](http://library.ifla.org/2214)
3. GHORBANI, Mahboubeh and TORKASHVAND, Fattaneh [*Lessons learned from Automatic Indexing Projects regarding to Persian Language Specifications*](http://library.ifla.org/2215)
4. BRYGFJELD, Svein Arne and WETJEN, Freddy and WALSØE, André [*Machine learning for production of Dewey Decimal*](http://library.ifla.org/2216)
5. HLAVA, Marjorie M. K. and RUSSELL, Judith C. and HANSEN, David “Win” [*Inverting the Library Cataloguing Process to Streamline Technical Services and Significantly Increase Discoverability and Search for Special Collections*](http://library.ifla.org/2219)

All IFLA Conference presentations are freely available in the [IFLA Library](http://library.ifla.org/).

The Bibliography, Cataloguing, and SA&A Sections held a joint session entitled “Metadata Reports” on August 28. Chris Oliver, chair of the group formerly known as the FRBR Review Group, reported that the group’s name has been officially changed to the Bibliographic [Conceptual Models Review Group (BCM Review Group)](https://www.ifla.org/node/2016), to better reflect the scope of its work. The group is working on aligning the object-oriented version of *FRBR, FRBRoo 2.4*, with the IFLA *Library Reference Model*, published August 2017. There will be a collaborative version done with the museum community, which must be approved by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and IFLA. The new version will be named *LRMoo*. A draft document should be ready in 2019.

Massimo Gentili-Tedeschi, chair of the ISBD Review Group, reported that his group had just received permission from the IFLA Standards Committee to start revision of the ISBD standard, basing it on the LRM model. It will first focus on the manifestation entity. More information on this revision is available on the [IFLA Cataloguing Section webpages](https://www.ifla.org/node/61873?og=54).

Agnese Galeffi reported that the latest revision of the *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP)* is almost ready for publication on the IFLA web site, incorporating new entities in the conceptual model; the 13 principles will remain unchanged. It will retain LRM terminology, and try to explain the relationship between nomen, name, and authorized access points. (As of January 3, 2019, the latest version publicly available is still the [2016 version](https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11015)).

The *Multilingual Dictionary of Cataloguing Terms and Concepts (*[*MulDiCat*](https://www.ifla.org/publications/multilingual-dictionary-of-cataloguing-terms-and-concepts-muldicat)*)* is a tool in 26 languages for translators for translating library texts. Melanie Roche, chair of the MulDiCat Review Group, reported that the group has finished consolidating a final list of new terms. (The August 2012 version is still the latest one publicly posted).

Clement Oury, member of the PRESSoo Review Group, stated that there have been no recent changes to PRESSoo, an extension of FRBRoo designed to represent bibliographic information about continuing resources, and more specifically about serials. It will be revised once FRBRoo has been revised as LRMoo. The latest version is [PRESSoo1.3.](https://www.ifla.org/node/10410)

A 2 hour session on August 25 was held on “Metadata Specialists in the Machine Age”, a collaboration between the three metadata sections and the Information Technology Section. The ideas generated from this session will be the starting point for a satellite conference being planned by the four sections at the 2019 IFLA WLIC. We hope to get 80-100 attendees willing to participate, not just attend. The call for papers will be posted [here.](https://2019.ifla.org/calls-for-papers-for-satellite-meetings/)

**Upcoming Meetings and Programs in August 2019**

The next IFLA Conference will be held in Athens, Greece, from August 24-30, 2019. As usual, The Subject Analysis and Access Standing Committee will have two meetings during the conference.

SA&A will also be holding a 2 hour open session jointly with the Art Libraries Section. The title of the session is: “Libraries, Archives and Museums in Dialogue: Improving Access to Complementary Collections.” Lucile Trunel (Chair of the IFLA Art Libraries Section) and Andreas Oskar Kempf (SA&A) are co-chairing the open session. February 15, 2019 is the deadline for submitting a 500 word abstract and full author information. The [full call for papers](https://2019.ifla.org/cfp-calls/art-libraries-subject-analysis-and-access-sections/) is available on the IFLA Conference web site.

Information on the SA&A Section is available [here](https://www.ifla.org/subject-analysis-and-access). The Section also has its own [blog.](https://blogs.ifla.org/ci/)

There will be another joint session of the Bibliography, Cataloguing, and SA&A sections entitled “Metadata Reports”, held during the 2019 conference (date to be determined).

**IFLA Metadata Newsletter**

The Subject Analysis and Access Section publishes the *IFLA Metadata Newsletter* jointly with the Cataloguing and Bibliography sections. The [June 2018 newsletter](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/newsletters/metadata_newsletter-20181217.pdf.pdf) is the latest available.

**Working Groups**

The Genre/Form Working Group is a joint working group of the Cataloguing and SA&A Sections. It continues its work under the leadership of co-chairs Ricardo Santos Muñoz, a member of the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee, and Ana Stevanovic, a member of the Subject Analysis and Access Section Standing Committee. It currently has 16 members, about half of whom are interested colleagues not currently serving on an IFLA standing committee. The WG held a meeting on August 28, and discussed what should be its next project. It decided on gather a list of existent vocabularies, thesauri, etc., related to, or useful for G/F, and also collect bibliographic references about this topic. The earlier genre/form survey completed by the WG could be used as a source to collect ongoing vocabularies. A shared document has been created in Google Drive for this project. The group hopes to have a meeting in Belgrade in early 2019 to revise the results, depending upon funding, and most likely will meet in Athens.

Additional information about the working group is available from its [web page.](https://www.ifla.org/node/8526)

A new working group on Automatic Indexing was formed during the 2017 conference, chaired by Harriet Aagaard, Information Coordinator of the Subject Analysis and Access Section.

**IFLA Global Vision Workshops and Discussions**

In 2017, IFLA held a Global Vision Discussion through a series of high-level meetings and workshops throughout the world. To facilitate participation, an online voting platform was made available in August 2017. In total, IFLA received 22,000 votes from 213 countries, from 190-193 of the United Nations member states. IFLA published its first report in March 2018. This report is intended as a roadmap for the future of the united library field. IFLA is currently soliciting contributions of ideas that help to implement the roadmap. An online platform for collecting ideas is available in all 7 IFLA languages at the [IFLA Global Vision Ideas Store.](https://ideas.ifla.org) More information on the Global Vision is available on the [Global Vision web page](https://www.ifla.org/node/11900).

**New IFLA Web Site**

A new IFLA web site was started in 2017, and will be unveiled in July 2019 just before this year’s conference.