



**IFLA Cataloguing Section  
ISBD Review Group**

**Status Report of Activities  
2006/2007**

The seven specialized ISBDs have been consolidated into a single ISBD to provide for greater harmonization in the stipulations for descriptive cataloguing of different types of resources and to make updating of the stipulations easier.

This year all the efforts of the Review Group have been concentrated on this project of elaboration of this consolidated version of the ISBD, which has had as goals:

- To prepare a consolidated, updated ISBD from the specialized published ISBDs in order to meet the needs of cataloguers and other users of bibliographic information.
- To provide consistent stipulations for the description of all types of resources to the extent that uniformity is possible, and specific stipulations for specific types of resources as required to describe those resources.

For this reason all ongoing revisions of the Second General Review Project, initiated in 1998, were postponed. The object of the “Second General Review Project”, to remind you, was to bring the ISBDs into conformance with provisions of the *Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records* that define the basic-level national bibliographic record. In addition, a more specific revision of some issues concerning the description of the kind of resource involved has been made. Of this project, to date, three ISBDs had been revised and republished, three were revised after world-wide review but not published and two more expected to be revised by the Review Group. The situation is as indicated in the table below:

<b>Name of ISBD</b>	<b>Status</b>
ISBD (M)	2002 revision published on IFLANET.
ISBD(CR)	2002 revision published by Saur and on IFLANET.
ISBD(G)	2004 revision published on IFLANET.
ISBD(A)	World-wide review of draft conducted
ISBD(ER)	World-wide review conducted
ISBD(NBM)	Preparation of revision postponed while Consolidated ISBD is drafted.
ISBD(CM)	World-wide review conducted.
ISBD(PM)	Preparation of revision postponed while Consolidated ISBD is drafted.
ISBD(Component Parts)	An electronic version of the 1988 edition was published on IFLANET in Sept. 2003.

The consolidation was made with the published approved texts of different ISBDs, but after the Standing Committee meeting in Seoul in 2006 it was decided that the texts of the ISBD(ER) after the Standing Committee vote and the ISBD(CM) and ISBD(A) after world-wide review would be used for updating the texts from the published ISBDs. This was done by the Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs . In conclusion, the main objective of the Second General Review Project has been achieved, as requirements for the description of all resources have been updated to bring the description of all materials to the same state of conformity with FRBR. In spite of this, an in-depth revision of the stipulations for the types of resources that were covered before by ISBD (PM) and ISBD (NBM) is needed.

The entire ISBD Review Group had one month, January 16 until February 15, 2007, for revising and commenting on the draft prepared and sent by the Study Group on Future Directions of the ISBDs, chaired by Dorothy McGarry. The text was approved by the Review Group, and following consideration of comments received, a revised version was ready to be sent to the Cataloguing Section's Standing Committee on February 23. The approval of the publication by the Standing Committee was announced on the 25th of March.

Following this date work has involved activities concerning the publication by Saur.

The Material Designation Study Group, chaired by Lynne Howarth, has been involved in preparing a draft of a Proposal for a Separate "Content/Carrier" Component in ISBD which was sent to the Review Group on June 25. This proposal must be discussed and commented on by

entire Review Group in next Durban meeting, considering implications and implementation in the framework of the Consolidated ISBD.

In addition, the Review Group considered during the 2006 meeting in Seoul that examples are very important for understanding and applying the ISBD. The Review Group set up a Study Group on Examples to prepare a publication that can be issued later, as a supplement to the ISBD. This group, chaired by William Garrison and Jaesun Lee, has been collecting examples in different languages and scripts. Now that we have a consolidated edition of ISBD, which replaces the seven specialized ISBDs, it doesn't make sense to organize this examples publication based on the former individual ISBDs. For this reason the Study Group is preparing a proposal of organization of such a publication to be presented to the Review Group at the Durban meeting.

For specific reports of the Study Groups see attached documents and issue 27 (June 2007) of SCATNews <http://www.ifa.org/VII/s13/scatn/SCATNews27.pdf>

### **AACR3/RDA**

The Review Group continues to monitor postings to the Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA internal Web site to follow the progress of development of RDA, Resource Description and Access.

### **INVITATION**

The ISBD Review Group and two of its Study Groups will meet during the Durban Conference:

ISBD Review Group

Monday, 20 August: 08.30-10.30 (12ab)  
Thursday, 23 August: 08.30-10.30 (12ab)

ISBD Study Group on Examples

Monday, 20 August: 12.15-14.15 (12cd)

ISBD Material Designation Study Group

Monday, 20 August: 14.30-17.30 (12cd)

Interested parties are welcome to attend and participate.

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