



IFLA UNIMARC CORE ACTIVITY

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1. MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE OF THE UNIMARC FORMATS

In December 2006, the *UNIMARC/Holdings* format final version was published on IFLANET (<http://www.ifla.org/V1/8/projects/UNIMARC-HoldingsFormat.pdf>).

The work on the maintenance of the *Bibliographic* and *Authorities* formats continued and the 18th PUC Meeting was held in Lisbon, from 12-14 March 2007. Beyond many other corrections, clarifications and minor changes, most significant updates discussed and agreed include provisions for the accommodation of ISBN 13, Linking ISSN or ISSN-L, and the ISIL - *International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations*.

The third edition of *UNIMARC/Bibliographic*, originally projected for publication in July 2007, will be issued in two volumes by the beginning of 2008, following the publication of the updated Concise Format on the Web, by the end of the current year.

The third edition of *UNIMARC/Authorities* is also under development and it is expected to be available in mid 2008.

As for *UNIMARC/Classification*, some progress is expected during 2007 towards its final completion, in collaboration with the UDC Consortium.

2. UNIMARC GUIDELINES

Ongoing developments regarding guidance materials include revision of the *Guidelines for Using UNIMARC for Microforms*, first published in 1999, preparation of the new *UNIMARC Guidelines for Manuscripts*, and completion of *UNIMARC Guidelines for Continuing Resources*, to be published in later 2007.

3. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Edited by Marie-France Plassard, the proceedings of the International Conference *UNIMARC & Friends: Charting the New Landscape of Library Standards*, held in Lisbon; 20-21 March 2006, were published in 2007 by Saur (IFLA Series of Bibliographic Control, no 30, ISBN-13: 978-3-598-24279-3).

4. CONFERENCES AND FUTURE MEETINGS

IFLA 2006, Seoul

The UCA organized a programme on *Scripts, UNIMARC and UNICODE*. With six presentations, the session was very well attended providing experiences and discussing issues from European and Japanese and Chinese countries.

IFLA 2007, Durban

The UCA organizes the programme *UNIMARC in a changing information environment* to inform about the current state of affairs and future directions of UNIMARC and experiences with UNIMARC in African countries.

UNIMARC Users Meeting, 2008

The 2nd *UNIMARC Users Meeting* is being planned to take place on the occasion of the 19th PUC Meeting, in March 2008, possibly in Italy.
