

# IFLA UNIMARC Core Activity

## ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

### 1. Permanent UNIMARC Committee Action Plan

PUC held its annual meeting in Lisbon, 15-17th March. According to its terms of Reference, this was an election year and Alan Hopkinson (Middlesex University, London, UK) is the new Chair. Mirna Willer (National and University Library, Zagreb, Croatia) is honorary member and special consultant and three new members integrate now PUC. During the three days of the meeting a large number of proposals were discussed, the more important ones being as follows:

#### UNIMARC/Bibliographic

- ISBD(CR) will trigger the development of UNIMARC Guidelines for Continuing Resources
- "Guidelines for using UNIMARC for Music" will be finalized in order to be mounted on IFLANET (Action was completed and the Guidelines will be posted after the Buenos Aires Conference)
- Manuscripts/Archives is a new area where investigation about the possible use of UNIMARC will take place, for its shortcomings at the item level, with a possible examination at the collection level. A UNIMARC/EAD crosswalk and UNIMARC guidelines for manuscripts and archives are eventual expected results in the future.

#### UNIMARC/Authorities

Following numerous additional recommendations for clarifications and corrections to the format made by the French UNIMARC Committee an electronic version of the revised and corrected edition will be mounted on IFLANET. (Action was completed and the version will be posted after the Buenos Aires Conference).

#### UNIMARC/Holdings

Various changes were made to the final draft of UNIMARC/H to align it more closely with UNIMARC/B. The completed text has been finalized in July.

### 2. UNIMARC Core Activity Actions

The UNIMARC Core Activity Office undertook the following actions:

- Organization of a session for IFLA 2004 in Buenos Aires under the theme "**The holdings record as a bibliographic control tool**", in conjunction with the Library of Congress MARC 21 Office and under the umbrella of ICABS. The importance of holdings data and the content and use of

holdings records will be presented and discussed, from both the UNIMARC and MARC 21 perspectives.

The session will take place Thursday 26 August, 10.45-12.45.

- **UNIMARC XML Scheme**

The contract between the UNIMARC Core Activity Office and Bookmarc was successfully accomplished and a UNIMARC XHL scheme is available at [www.bookmarc.pt/unimarc](http://www.bookmarc.pt/unimarc)

It consists of an XML representation of the UNIMARC Manual in the form of a working prototype that allows the Manual to be presented in both human and machine-readable formats and also provide for the display of UNIMARC records. Designed to be compatible with standard XML transformations, the XML formatting will make it much easier for systems to implement UNIMARC.

- **UNIMARC Forum**

A test version of "UNIMARC Forum" the new dedicated website was presented and demonstrated to the members of PUC in March. The site will be publicly available late 2004.

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