ICABS

Umbrella for multifaceted activities in the area of bibliographic and resource control

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Birth of ICABS

Launched 7. August 2003 during WLIC in Berlin

1973 – 2003 Universal Bibliographic Control and International Marc (UBCIM), British Library, since ‘90 Die Deutsche Bibliothek

Parts of former Universal Dataflow and Telecommunications Core Activity (UDT)

CDNL Committee on Digital Issues (CDI)
Background

What had been our ideas to go for a new concept?

• New approach for international cooperation
• Review of Core activities 2002
• Questionnaire on national libraries’ needs 2002
ICABS objectives

- **to coordinate**
  activities aimed at the development of standards and practices for bibliographic and resource control

- **to support**
  the international exchange of bibliographic resources by supporting, promoting, developing, and testing the maintenance of metadata and format standards

- **to ensure**
  the promotion of new conventions
ICABS objectives

- to act
  as a clearinghouse for information on all IFLA endeavours in these fields

- to organize and participate in seminars and workshops

- to enhance communication within the community.
Goals of ICABS

- Maintain, promote, and harmonise existing standards and concepts related to bibliographic and resource control
- Develop strategies for bibliographic and resource control and ensure the promotion of new and recommended conventions
- Advance understanding of issues related to long-term archiving of electronic resources
ICABS Partners

- Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal
- The British Library
- Die Deutsche Bibliothek
- IFLA
- Koninklijke Bibliotheek
- Library of Congress
- National Library of Australia

in a joint alliance with

- Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL)
Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal

- IFLA Core activity UNIMARC
Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal

- UNIMARC/Authorities
- UNIMARC/Holdings
- UNIMARC Manual in XML
- UNIMARC Forum
- International Conference UNIMARC & Friends: charting the new landscape of library standards
Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

The British Library

- FRBR maintenance and development
- FRANAR project
- FRSAR project
The British Library

- Mapping ISBDs to FRBR project (with DDB)
- Funding of FRBR Workshop at OCLC’s in early 2005
- Questionnaire for Library System Vendors on FRBR
Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

Die Deutsche Bibliothek

- ISBD maintenance and development
- VIAF cooperative (together with LoC)
- Chair of Advisory Board (first term)
- Secretary
Die Deutsche Bibliothek

- Mapping ISBDs to FRBR project (with BL)
- Support of Meetings of ISBD Future Directions Study Group
- Preparation of the evaluation (Secretary)
Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

IFLA

- Responsibility for the quarterly journal International Cataloguing and Bibliographic Control (ICBC)
- Series on Bibliographic Control
Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

Koninklijke Bibliotheek

- Development of tools to improve preservation planning and content characterisation (with NLA)
- Improvement of knowledge sharing and knowledge dissemination on emerging topics in long term preservation of and access to digital resources
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- Networking for Digital Preservation.
  Current practice in 15 National Libraries

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Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

Library of Congress

- MARC21
- Z39.50, ZING
- VIAF cooperative (together with DDB)
- Metadata and XML based metadata schemes
- Monitor work on Persistent Identifiers
Library of Congress

- MARCXML
- MODS/MADS
- PREMIS
Working fields of the ICABS Partners:

National Library of Australia

- Role of the catalogue
- Web Harvesting
- Develop tools to improve preservation planning and implementation of solutions (with KB)
- Improve knowledge sharing and dissemination on emerging topics in long-term preservation of and access to digital resources
National Library of Australia

- Commonwealth Metadata Pilot Project
- International conference Archiving Web Resources Nov. 2004
- Report to ICABS on guidance for digital preservation
ICABS coordination

• Advisory Board
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  British Library                      Caroline Brazier
  CDNL                                Celia Ribeiro Zaher
  Die Deutsche Bibliothek               Renate Gömpel
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  Koninklijke Bibliotheek              Wim van Drimmelen
  Library of Congress                 Sally McCallum
  National Library of Australia        Pam Gatenby

• Secretary

• Evaluation after the first 3 year term = Summer 2006

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What happens next?

- Advisory Board meeting in Ottawa, Canada, April 29, to prepare evaluation
- Evaluation process, outcome, and consequences
- Seoul programme (The changing role of the catalogue in supporting discovery and delivery)
Any questions?

Further information:

http://www.ifla.org/VI/7/icabs.htm

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Thank you for your attention!

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