



**The 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee**  
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On 2007 March 12-14, IFLA's Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC) gathered at the National Library of Portugal in Lisbon for its Eighteenth Meeting, hosted by the new UNIMARC Core Activity Director Inês Cordeiro (National Library of Portugal). In attendance were all current Standing Members of the PUC, except for Philippe Le Pape (Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur, France): Liubovė Buckienė (National Library of Lithuania), Joanna Demopoulos (National Library of Greece), Rosa Galvão (National Library of Portugal), Alan Hopkinson (Middlesex University, UK, Chair), Cristina Magliano (Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico, Italy), Vladimir Skvortsov (National Library of Russia), and myself (Vice Chair and Rapporteur). In addition, we were joined by guests Françoise Leresche (Bibliothèque nationale de France, representing Mr. Le Pape) and Alain Roucolle (ISSN International Centre, France).

During the three days of meetings, the PUC discussed forty UNIMARC/Bibliographic (U/B) and UNIMARC/Authority (U/A) change proposals, several issues concerning the upcoming U/B third edition, the possibility of a print version of UNIMARC/Holdings (U/H), the future of UNIMARC/Classification (U/C), the limited progress on UNIMARC for Manuscripts and Archives, and the UNIMARC Portal site, among other topics. Minutes and Action Lists from the 2006 PUC meeting were reviewed, updated, and corrected.

### **UNIMARC Formats**

The UNIMARC change proposals were discussed in the order in which they had been submitted. Unless otherwise noted, the proposals were accepted or accepted as amended.

- Code “m” was corrected to code “l” for “electronic resource” in the U/B Record Label position 6.
- New field U/B 003 was defined for the “Persistent Record Identifier” for the bibliographic record.
- New code “k” (“Monograph published in a certain year and printed in a different year”) was defined for U/B 100 position 8.
- Field U/B 010 was reworked to accommodate the ISBN-13.
- Field U/B 011 was reworked to accommodate the new Linking ISSN or ISSN-L.
- Several new subfields and new codes for existing subfields were added to U/B 141.
- Reference to “Intellectual” responsibility in U/B 314 was removed, to align with earlier corresponding changes to other fields.
- Subfield \$a in U/B 316 was made repeatable, along with other changes to clarify and generalize field content.
- New indicator was defined for the completeness of a contents note in U/B 327.
- Clarifications and new examples were added to U/B 423, accommodating the title of a work issued with a main work but not represented on a title page.
- New subfields were defined for certain types of places and dates in uniform conventional headings in U/B 503.
- New field U/B 511 was defined for “Half Title.”

- New field U/B 560 was defined for “Artificial Title.”
- Subfield \$5 for copy-specific subject information was added to most U/B 6XX fields, subfield \$5 was renamed to “Institution *and Copy* to Which the Field Applies,” and a new example was added to U/B 602.
- Elements of U/B 621 were defined and/or clarified, and code “b” (“Link associated with a copy”) was defined for subfield \$6/0 (“Linking explanation code”).
- Two proposals on U/B 801 clarified its use and accommodated the *International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations* (ISIL).
- Repeatability was changed in U/B 852.
- Examples were corrected in, or added to, U/B 145, 325, 421, 422, 700, and 710.
- New Relator Code “206” was defined for “Collector of Field Material” in U/B Appendix C.
- Code for *Le thesaurus monde arabe* was added to U/B Appendix G: Subject Systems Codes.
- *International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations* (ISIL) was added to the U/B Appendix M: Bibliography.
- New coded subfield was defined in U/A 150 to allow identification of a corporate heading as either a meeting or a corporate body.
- First indicators in U/A 210, 410, 510, and 710 were clarified to refer to the form of heading rather than the nature of the entity itself.
- New field U/A 640 was defined for the structured entry of places and dates, to align with *Functional Requirements of Authority Data* (FRAD).
- Two proposals on U/A 801 clarified its use and accommodated the *International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations* (ISIL).
- Several proposals were rejected or postponed, pending revisions or clarifications: proposed new values for the first indicators in U/B 130 and 135 regarding originals and reproductions; proposed U/B 841 for embedding holdings data in bibliographic records; reworking of U/B Relator Codes for mixed vocal and instrumental ensembles; proposed U/A 217 for printer’s devices in antiquarian materials; proposed U/A 341 and 341 for various names that appear in publications (especially printers and publishers); a new example for printer’s devices for U/A Appendix L: Complete Examples.

Although the third edition of UNIMARC/Bibliographic was originally projected for publication in July 2007, it is unlikely this date will be achieved; it will be published as soon thereafter as possible, and in two volumes. The updated U/B Concise Format will be made available on the Web later in 2007. U/B Appendix I: Table of Values, which was inadvertently omitted from U/B Update 5 in 2005, will also be available later in 2007 on the Web.

UNIMARC/Holdings draft “Version 1” (dated 2006 December 22) is available on the IFLA Web site at <http://www.ifla.org/VI/8/projects/UNIMARC-HoldingsFormat.pdf>. U/H is likely to be published in print at some time in the future.

UNIMARC/Authorities will continue to be edited by Mirna Willer (National and University Library, Croatia). Preparations are beginning for a third edition to be made available on the Web probably in mid-2008.

Given that Inês Cordeiro is both the new UNIMARC Core Activity Director and the editor of Universal Decimal Classification (UDC), the PUC is confident that progress can now be made on the development of UNIMARC/Classification, which has been bogged down in UDC issues.

## UNIMARC Guidelines

- **UNIMARC for manuscripts and archival materials.** Using guidelines and standards developed largely in Italy and Portugal, the PUC hopes to be making progress during 2007 on UNIMARC for manuscripts.
- **UNIMARC guidelines for microforms.** Work will soon be underway to expand *Guidelines for Using UNIMARC for Microforms: UNIMARC Guidelines no. 2*, to include other kinds of reproductions in addition to microforms.
- **UNIMARC guidelines for continuing resources.** The newest set of UNIMARC guidelines, *Serials and Other Continuing Resources: UNIMARC Guidelines no. 8*, will be made available later in 2007.

## Upcoming UNIMARC Meetings and Other Activities

UNIMARC Forum (<http://www.unimarc.net>), a Web portal for UNIMARC users that includes a password-only working space for the PUC, remains under development. Many UNIMARC documents are now available there, and the PUC received a demonstration of the closed working space and its proposal-creation functions. In addition, other UNIMARC-related Web sites maintained or under development by PUC participants were also discussed. The UNIMARC Web sites of France's Comité français UNIMARC (CfU) (<http://cfu.enssib.fr>) and the National Library of Russia (<http://www.nlr.ru/rusmarc>) were examined.

Plans are beginning for a second UNIMARC Users Group Meeting to be held, tentatively in Florence, Italy, in February 2008. The first UNIMARC Users Group Meeting was held in Lisbon, in March 2006, and the idea was to meet every two years.

A two-hour session on "UNIMARC in the New Information Organisation Environment" is part of the IFLA Durban program in August 2007. It will consist of a report on evolving standards, emphasizing local African developments and UNIMARC news reports. The PUC hopes to have at least an informal meeting in Durban, especially to get an update on the progress toward the U/B 3rd edition.

The exact schedule for 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PUC is not yet determined, but it will likely be held in conjunction with the second UNIMARC Users Group Meeting in Florence in February 2008.