

UNIMARC : what next?

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UNIMARC

- LC MARC developed in 1966.
- UNIMARC created in 1974, 36 years ago
- Based on record structure of ISO 2709, consolidated in 1968, made a formal standard in 1973

1968



ISO 2709

- Stable record structure since 1968
- Recent XML structure MarcXchange
 - ISO 25577:2008 Information and documentation -- MarcXchange
- Next version after 3-year review will implement completely the embedded fields structure of UNIMARC

Bibliographic Records

- Standard is old
- Difficult for programmers to understand
- BUT bibliographic data are longer lasting than most data in computer systems
- AND bibliographic data are shared more than other kinds of records
- Therefore we have session on availability of UNIMARC records in France

Plans for UNIMARC

- 21st annual Permanent UNIMARC Committee meeting
- New printed edition of UNIMARC Bibliographic in 2012.
- Already abandoned loose leaf

Plans for UNIMARC worldwide

- National Library of China wish to translate it into Chinese.
- UNIMARC Authorities will reach an extra 1,325,000,000 people.

21st PUC Meeting

- Considered > 20 proposals
- Fewer than usual (15 new or revived)
- Accepted the draft of new 146: replaces 145
Coded Data Field: Medium of Performance
- Finalised 013: 13-digit ISMN (International Standard Music Number)
- Will be on IFLA UNIMARC website

Details

- ISAN, the International Standard Audiovisual Number , for UNIMARC Authorities
- ISTC, International Standard Text Code for UNIMARC Bibliographic and Authorities
- Reviewed Bibliography in Appendix M
 - three categories, ISO standards, IFLA documents and the rest

Major additions

- New code added to the record label character position 18 (Descriptive Cataloguing Form) indicating resource not in ISBD form because ISBD is not relevant, such as is the case with archives
- Changes to format for ISBD area 0
 - new set of codes for media types based on ISBD

Errors corrected

- 2 lists of errors in 3rd edition (Bibliographic)
 - From members of the PUC had found in the 3rd edition
 - from translators of the French version
- To be merged into one list and mounted on the IFLA website.

Other documents

- Guidelines for Manuscripts
 - Further changes to the text
 - New draft will be produced.
- UNIMARC / Classification
 - To be prepared for publication

Other topics

- IFLA 2010: Breaking through the metadata world: UNIMARC and its relatives
- ISO TC46 SC4 meeting South Korea

UNIMARC 2010