LRM/RDA/UNIMARC harmonization: an update #3

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Program

- Reminders & context: UNIMARC & entity cataloguing
- PUC : annual meeting 2022 + meeting at IFLA WLIC
  - UNIMARC updates 2022, to be published:
    - URIs in UNIMARC
    - New codes for scripts (script of title, script of access points...)
- Ongoing:
  - Coins & Medals: comprehensive set of fields (Work, Expression and Manifestation levels) and UNIMARC guidelines
  - Preparing manifestation records in UNM/B (deprecation of several subfields, positions...): liaison with ISBD-M task force
  - New UNIMARC Manuals
  - UNIMARC/A ontology
Choices made in UNIMARC for entity cataloguing: full compliance with IFLA-LRM

- Full compliance with IFLA-LRM:
  - Long and complex process
    - First decisions made in 2009
    - Still ongoing
  - Adapting the « historical » format to WEMI cataloguing
    - Creates 2 « flavours » of UNIMARC
  - RDA as a tool to implement LRM-compliant entity cataloguing in UNIMARC
    - RDA is outside the IFLA standards universe
    - But used by several UNIMARC countries
    - RDA as an intermediary between the conceptual model (IFLA-LRM) and the encoding format (UNIMARC)
Choices made in UNIMARC for entity cataloguing: Works and Expressions in the authority format

- Describing Works and Expressions in the authority format
  - Because historical « Uniform Title » and « Author/Title » authority records are very close to Works
  - Vs. In MARC21 : bibliographic format is used for fields dedicated to recording work and expression elements

- Strengths & opportunities:
  - More « space » in the authority format to create new fields
  - Separate records for Works and Expressions (WE attributes not inside bibliographic records) » allows entity & relationship management in MARC

- Weaknesses & threats:
  - Difficult choice to promote cf. different from MARC21
  - Judged counterintuitive by some stakeholders (as WE are bibliographic entities)
  - Need to relocate some of the data from bibliographic records to authority records
Choices made in UNIMARC for entity cataloguing: 2 flavours of UNIMARC

- 2 ways to use UNIMARC:
  - « Traditional » cataloguing: authority and bibliographic records; not compliant with LRM/RDA
  - « Entity/Relationship » cataloguing:
    - Works, Expressions, Agents, Subjects etc. use the authority format
    - Manifestations and Items use the bibliographic format
      - A lot of bibliographic fields are deprecated in this option (not used at the Manifestation or Item level)
- These 2 ways should not be used concurrently in the same system
  - Exchanges modalities between « traditional » records and « E/R records »?
  - UNIMARC as an exchange format
  - Editorial clarifications to be made in the UNIMARC Manuals
UNIMARC & entity cataloguing

Traditionnal A/B cataloguing in UNIMARC

Authorities format (UNM/A)

UNIMARC Person record

UNIMARC Title record

UNIMARC Subject record

UNIMARC bibliographic record

Bibliographic format (UNM/B)

UNIMARC Work record

UNIMARC Expression record

UNIMARC manifestation record

Entity cataloguing in UNIMARC

Authorities format (UNM/A)

UNIMARC Work record

UNIMARC Subject record

UNIMARC Person record
UNIMARC 2022 updates

- PUC Meetings:
  - Annual Meeting: June 2022
  - Business Meeting at IFLA WLIC: August 2022
  - Next Annual Meeting (2023): Next week !!

- Validated by PUC in 2022:
  - Management of URIs in UNIMARC (discussion paper):
    - Control subfield $3 extended to entity URIs
    - New control subfield to be created for RWO URIs (with capital letter, e.g. $U)
  - New codes for scripts: Mongolian, Tifinagh, Tibetan, Hieroglyphs...
    - Added in controlled vocabularies for Script of Title (B100) and Script of Parallel Access Point (A$7)
    - Not LRM/RDA related

- 2022 updates not published on IFLA website yet
Issues under analysis

- Issues discussed in 2022 but not validated yet
- Coins & Medals cataloguing:
  - Comprehensive set of bibliographic fields/subfields submitted by BnF (French national library) on behalf of a group of institutions with coins & medals collections
  - Work and Expression level under discussion: how to describe coins/medals at work and expression level?
  - UNIMARC guidelines for Coins & Medals cataloguing to be published
- Preparing manifestation records in UNM/B:
  - Fields/Subfields/Positions/Values to be deprecated in the context of UNIMARC entity-relationship cataloguing
  - Liaison with ISBD-M task force: work suspended, pending feedback & joint work with this group
- New UNIMARC Manuals:
  - Integration of all updates since last edition
  - Editorial additions to present entity-relationship cataloguing in UNIMARC
- UNIMARC/A ontology: namespaces to be published on IFLA namespaces website