

# 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

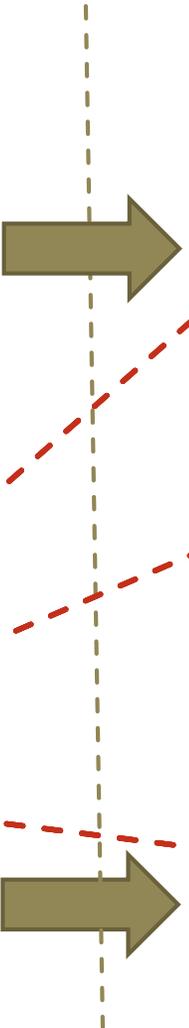
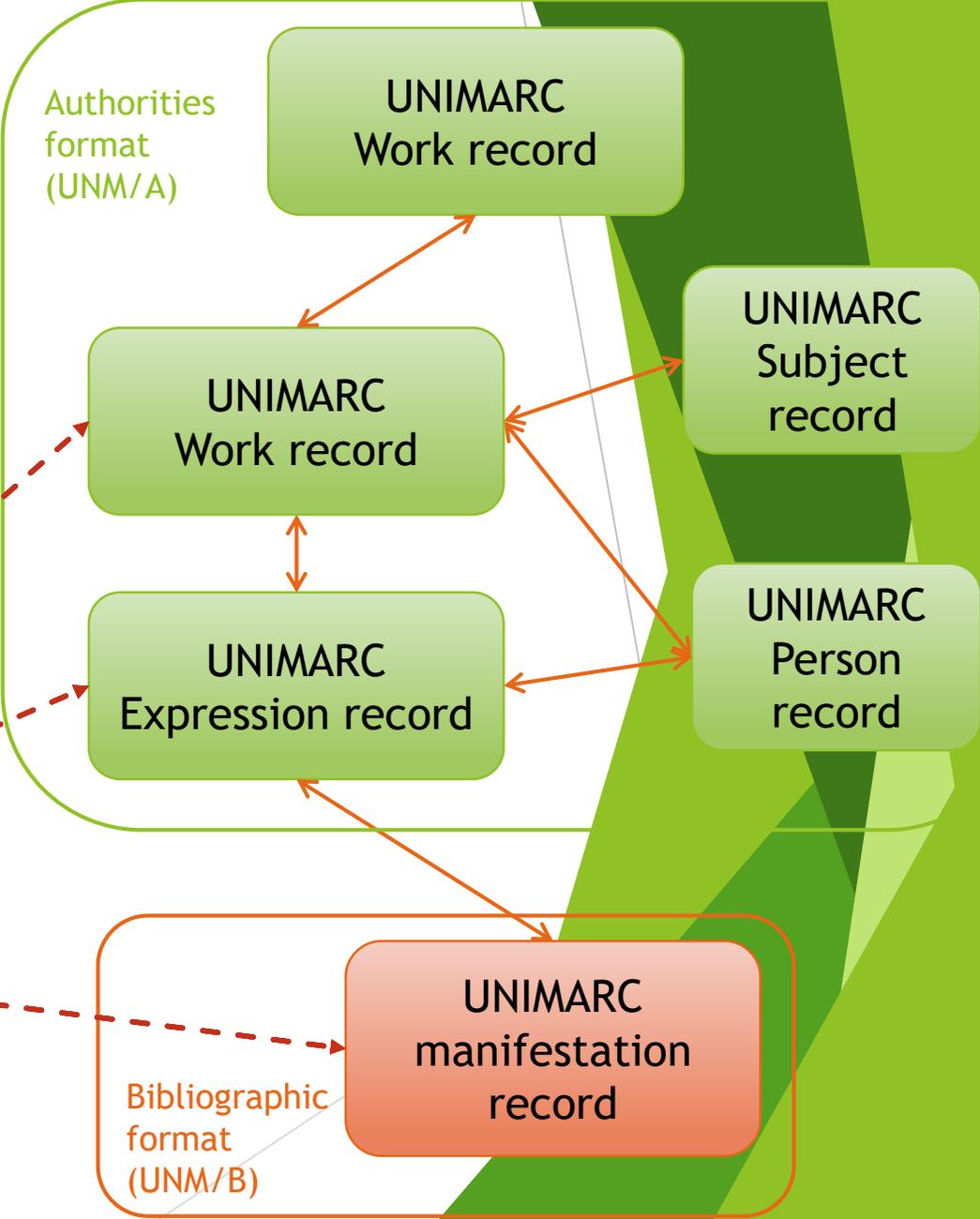
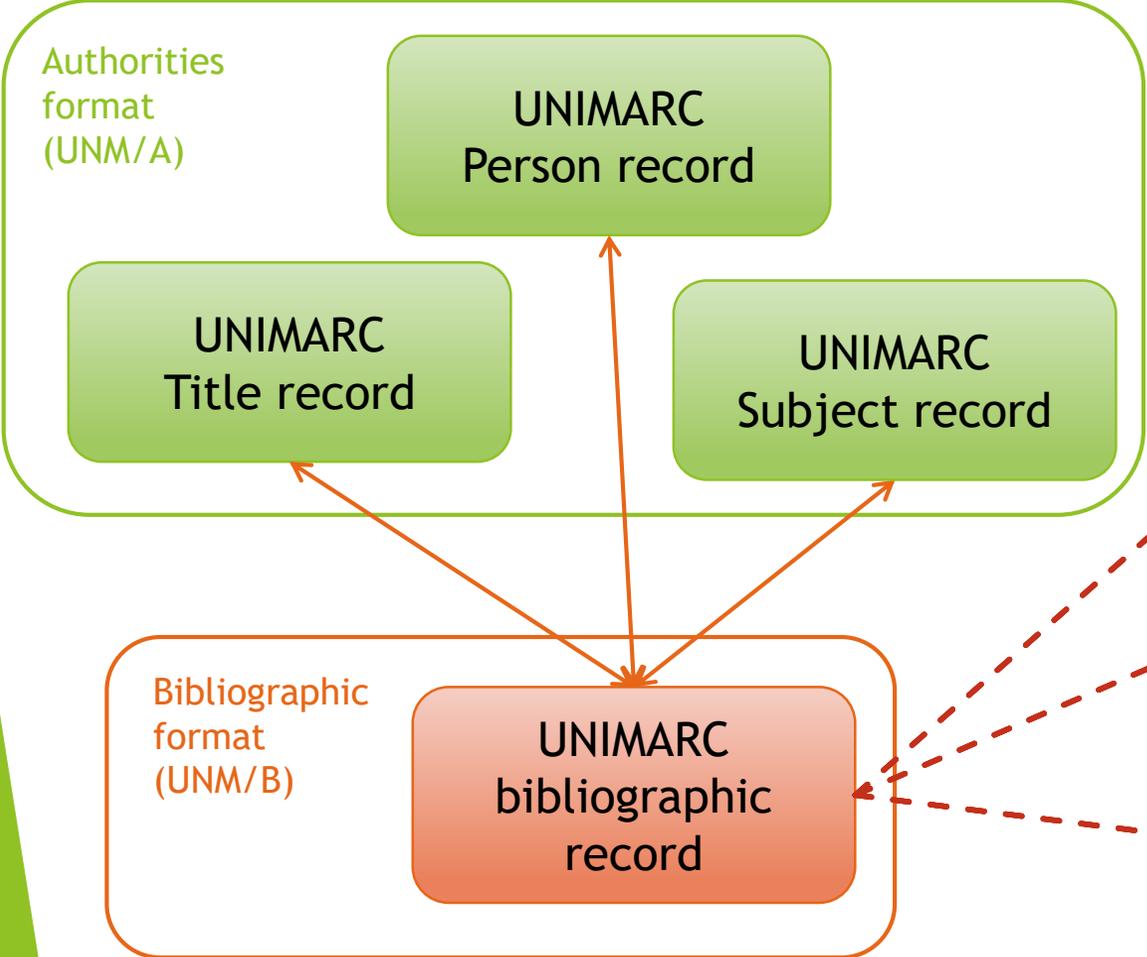
# Choices made in UNIMARC for entity cataloguing: 2 flavours of UNIMARC

- ▶ 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

## Entity cataloguing in UNIMARC

### Traditionnal A/B cataloguing in UNIMARC



# 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](#)