# Action plan 2018 – 2019

**Name of Professional Unit: Bibliographic Conceptual Models Review Group (formerly FRBR Review Group)**

**Objectives of the BCM Review Group 2018-2019:**

The objectives of the BCM Review Group are linked primarily to three key initiatives in theIFLA Strategic Plan 2016-2021:

1.4 Promoting IFLA standards to support libraries in the provision of services to their communities

2.1 Defining a long-term sustainable information environment

3.2 Developing standards for the collection and preservation of content in its diverse forms. (Both digital preservation and the collection of content rely on robust metadata).

Objectives of the BCM Review Group for 2018-2019:

1. To continue to promote IFLA LRM (Library Reference Model)
2. To advance the revision of FRBROO version 2.4 into LRMOO
3. To provide expertise/guidance to other IFLA groups as they assess the impact of IFLA LRM on their standards
4. To rebrand the RG’s website following the change of name
5. Governance: participate in the planning and decision-making process for the 2019 election of new members

Many of the objectives from the 2017-2018 action plan continue to be valid. It was foreseen in the 2017-2018 action plan that objectives such as 2 and 4 would probably take at least two years to complete, while some, such as 1, will continue indefinitely, though with more activity in the years immediately following IFLA LRM’s approval.

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| **Objectives** | **Project/activity** | **Tasks** | **Who/when** | **Resources needed** | **Communication** | **Success** | **Progress** |
| 1. To continue to promote IFLA LRM (Library Reference Model) | 1.2 Promotion and dissemination of information | * + 1. Update and develop LRM web page to provide information, guidance and news     2. Add links to useful documents, such as PowerPoints, articles, etc.     3. Add LRM news of upcoming presentations, articles, etc.; add links to projects applying LRM or aligning with LRM | 1.2.1-1.2.3: Ongoing  All members of RG  Membership of the BCM RG website working group expanded  Ongoing  All members of RG  Members of the BCM RG website WG  Ongoing  All members of RG  Members of the BCM RG website WG | IFLA website editing rights for more members of this WG | There was some work done in 2017-2018, but the work was stalled due to the time it took for the name change; collective agreement not to proceed until the name change was approved to avert duplication of work | Increased information about LRM available through the IFLA website | Dedicated discussion time during the business meetings in Kuala Lumpur  More ideas for links and supporting documents generated during the KL discussion |
|  | 1.3 Monitor translations of LRM; add links to translations when completed | As translations are completed |  |  | Signals the interest in IFLA LRM and the impact of the model. | Updated information on the website | Italian translation has been completed as a printed book. Not online, so only a citation will be added. |
|  | 1.4 Impact on standards developed outside IFLA | Provide advice/guidance for alignments, extensions, refinements   * RDA community | Ongoing -- As requests are received  Chairs of BCM RG and RSC |  | Protocol between the RDA Steering Committee (RSC) and the FRBR RG; protocol needs to be updated because of RG’s name change  Liaison with RDA Steering Committee | Revised protocol | Verbal agreement on both sides that the protocol should be revised. RDA Steering Committee (RSC) is aware that this needs to be done. Since RSC initiated the protocol, the RG is waiting to receive the revised text. |
|  | 1.5 Participate in the consultation work for the programs that the Committee on Standards will organize for WLIC 2019; provide advice relative to the IFLA standards that are the mandate of BCM RG |  |  |  | Committee on Standards  BCM RG members  Other IFLA committees that may be partnering to develop programs | IFLA WLIC 2019 programs where IFLA LRM is featured |  |
|  | 1.6 IFLA namespace | Ensure that the namespace work advances with the addition of LRM once the IFLA namespace is active and stable | Ongoing -- members of the RG and related groups |  |  | IFLA namespace |  |
| **2.To advance the revision of FRBROO version 2.4 into LRMOO** | 2.1 To advance the revision of FRBROO version 2.4 into LRMOO |  | LRMOO Working Group  All members of the BCM RG  Aim is to be complete or very close to complete by the end of 2019 | Project funds to support the consultation work with the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group | Important for the library community to be part of the CIDOC CRM family of models; allows and encourages the interoperability of data through the consistency of data modelling; expands the reach for libraries into the museum community | Publication of LRMOO as an official IFLA standard | Working draft version 0.2 of LRMOO  Draft mapping of IFLA LRM to LRMOO; draft reviewed by BCM RG, with final comments deadline of October 2018 |
|  | 2.2 Submit project funding request | Request submitted with action plan | October 2018  Chair, FRBR RG |  |  | Publication of LRMOO as an official IFLA standard | Request submitted |
|  | 2.3 Progress reports from the WG | Reports by the LRMOO Working Group to the Review Group --  Since the work must be done in consultation with the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group who maintain CIDOC CRM and work with us on FRBROO, reports and progress reports are usually timed according to the harmonization meetings hosted by the CIDOC CRM SIG.  The Review Group also receives draft documents from the LRMOO Working Group, reviews the drafts, and gives comments back to the WG. | Ongoing through the year; major report for WLIC 2019  LRMOO Working Group |  |  | Publication of LRMOO as an official IFLA standard | Ongoing (see also 2.1) |
| 1. **To provide expertise/guidance to other IFLA groups as they assess the impact of IFLA LRM on their standards** | 3.1 Impact on ISBD | Assist with the interpretation of LRM; provide reviews of documents as needed | All members of the BCM RG  Ongoing |  | After the 2018 WLIC, the ISBD Review Group is embarking on a multi-year revision project to bring ISBD in line with IFLA LRM. The first stage is the exploration of the IFLA LRM manifestation statement. | Well-aligned IFLA bibliographic standards | Some members of the BCM RG are also members of the ISBD Editorial Group who will carry out the revision plan for ISBD |
| 1. **To rebrand the RG’s website following the change of name** | 4.1 Name change | 4.1.1 Now that the new name is approved, review the whole BCM RG website and identify areas that need to be revised, updated, or simply edited. | Ongoing  Members of the BCM RG website working group  BCM RG -- all | Access to website editing for more WG members | Updated content in time for IFLA’s migration to a new website management system. | Updated and consistent website | Some changes were made in 2017-2018 as soon as the name change was approved to avoid confusion. But the whole website and IFLA websites that mention the Review Group need to be updated. |
|  | 4.2 Resolve the inconsistency in the name of the working group that leads harmonization between the CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model and the IFLA conceptual models (currently this committee or group has two different forms of its name) | 4.4.1 Prepare a proposal  4.4.2 Update the BCM RG website and notify the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group | Task required the approval of the name change; can now be carried out in 2018-2019 |  | Website information updated; reduce confusion due to the existence of two names | One form of name for the committee | Initial discussion at business meetings in Wroclaw |
|  | 4.3 Review all parts of the website | Remove obsolete information, update information, re-organize the site | BCM RG Website Working Group – in consultation with all members of BCM RG |  |  | Renewed website | Dedicated discussion time during the second half of the 2nd business meeting in Kuala Lumpur  The WG lacked a formal chair. A member of the WG agreed to take on the role of organizing the work |
| 1. **Governance: participate in the planning and decision-making process for the 2019 election of new members** | 5.1 Input for the call for nominations | Provide content for the call for nominations, now administered centrally by IFLA according to the revised governance procedures | Chair and members of the BCM RG |  | The call for nominations now administered centrally by IFLA according to the revised governance procedures (revised in 2018) | Content provided to the Committee on Standards and the Professional Officer, as requested | Completed |
|  | 5.2 Participate in the new decision-making process to select members | Follow the new governance procedures for consultation and selection. | Chair of the BCM RG, during the first part of 2019, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Standards |  | Full membership, completed well in advance of IFLA WLIC so that new members can plan to participate. | All open places filled with qualified experts | Waiting for IFLA HQ to send out the call for nominations  Deliberations will begin after the call closes in January 2019 |

# Resource requirements

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| Project or activity and Main task  Project: to revise FRBROO version 2.4  Main task: to develop LRMOO | FRBROO version 2.4 is an official IFLA standard approved in 2016.  One of the main purposes of this conceptual model is to promote the interoperability of data between the museum and library communities, “to reach a common view of cultural heritage information through the harmonization of the high-level conceptual models of the library and museum communities.” FRBROO is also optimized for use in the linked data, semantic web environment.  FRBROO version 2.4 is based on the IFLA standards FRBR, FRAD, and FRSAD. Since the approval of the IFLA LRM conceptual model in August 2017, these three former models are superseded. To maintain the harmonisation achieved between the IFLA conceptual models and the ICOM CIDOC CRM, it is necessary to revise FRBROO to take the new IFLA LRM conceptual model fully into account. As the name of the IFLA model has changed, the name of the object oriented version of the model has also been changed to match – it will be called LRMOO.  The new LRMOO model is under development and there has been substantial progress during this year. The new model will formulate the concepts in the IFLA LRM using the object-oriented formalism as used in CIDOC CRM. LRMOO will remain a compatible extension of the CIDOC CRM, permitting cross-domain (museum-library) implementations.  During 2017-2018, the Working Group met twice with the members of the CIDOC CRM Special interest Group, as well as working outside the meetings through email correspondence and exchange of documents. The LRMOO Working Group in consultation with the members of the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group have developed a working draft of the new model called LRMOO 0.2 version, as well as a draft mapping of IFLA LRM to LRMOO.  During the meetings in Kuala Lumpur, the WG presented a summary of decisions made during the modelling work. The BCM Review Group was asked to review these decisions and to comment on the near final mapping of IFLA LRM to LRMOO. There is a fuller report of the activity accomplished in the activity report of the BCM RG <https://www.ifla.org/node/794>  Relationship to IFLA Strategic Directions:  Libraries in Society (initiative 1.4)  Information and Knowledge (initiative 2.1)  Cultural Heritage (initiative 3.2)  Conceptual models are key to the development of content standards which enable user access to content (digital content included). The aspect of collaboration with other information organising communities (such as museums, semantic web) affirms the role of the library profession in this sphere and provides visibility for IFLA. |
| Resources  *Do you need specific skills, money or technology?*  For what do you need resources in relation to this task? Match your needs again the resources listed below\* | Funding is requested for members of the LRMOO Working Group so that they can complete the work that is underway. The LRMOO Working Group is anxious to maintain the momentum and complete LRMOO as quickly as possible, within 2019. They hope to have major portions ready for approval in time for WLIC 2019.  Since LRMOO is a model that will be jointly developed with the museum community, the major decisions about its revision must be made during the joint meetings between BCM Review Group delegates and the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group (called Harmonization meetings). Decisions cannot be made unilaterally.  Funding is requested to partially cover the travel expenses of the members of the LRMOO Working Group for in-person meetings between the IFLA and the ICOM delegates (that is, the Harmonization meetings attended by the members of the LRMOO Working Group and the members of the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group).  CIDOC CRM SIG usually meets three times per year and its meetings always include “FRBR-CRM Harmonization.” The meetings occur over several days. The IFLA delegates request that the matters pertaining to LRMOO are clustered together so that they are not required to attend all four days. But if there are many matters to discuss, the points are discussed and decided over at least two or three days.  It is understood that IFLA cannot fully support three meetings a year for the four working group members. This request is for some support towards at least two in-person meeting with CIDOC CRM SIG. The funding request is for travel support, accommodation and related expenses for meetings in the first and second quarters of 2019. The meetings usually take place in Europe, and three of the four members of the Working Group live in European countries.  Need for the meeting and why it cannot be held online:  In-person meetings are essential for this type of complex development work. These are not informational-type of meetings, nor meetings that need simple decisions. It is challenging to harmonize the conceptual views of two different communities, and to debate where concepts are equivalent or where they in fact have completely different meanings. To achieve results, there is a need for active dialogue and in-depth discussion or else the revision will stall.  According to the processes and procedures of the CIDOC CRM Special Interest Group, an online meeting is not a valid meeting at which decisions can be made. The CIDOC CRM SIG has a very careful and deliberate procedure for making modelling decisions, to ensure that there are no “second thoughts” and reversals of decisions that might undermine the logical progression of the modelling work. Decisions that are proposed at one meeting must be reviewed and affirmed during at least one more meeting before being accepted as valid. It usually takes three meetings for decisions to be considered final and validated.  These meetings are more like an ideas laboratory.  The CIDOC CRM SIG will provide the infrastructure for the harmonization meetings. They will organize and host the meetings, find appropriate locations, required technology, etc. |
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