

**The IFLA Statement of
*International Cataloguing
Principles and RDA***

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Paris Principles

- International Conference on Cataloguing Principles (1961 : Paris)
- Integrated into cataloguing rules the world over
- 2001, call for renewal

IME-ICC

- IFLA Meetings of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code
- 2003 Frankfurt (Germany) – Europe and North America
- 2004 Buenos Aires (Argentina) – Latin America and the Caribbean
- 2005 Cairo (Egypt) – Middle East
- 2006 Seoul (South Korea) – Asia
- 2007 Pretoria (South Africa) – Africa

New Principles

- World-wide review and vote (June 2008)
 - 71 votes (37 countries) – 66 yes, 5 no
- IFLA 2008 in Québec City, final revisions
- Adopted Dec. 2008, by the Standing Committee of the Cataloguing Section
- ICP published in 2009, in 20 languages

Introduction to the Principles

- These new Principles
 - replace the Paris Principles
 - and broaden their scope
 - build on:
 - the great cataloguing traditions of the world
 - and the IFLA conceptual models

1. Scope

- Guide the development of cataloguing codes
- Apply to bibliographic and authority data and current library catalogues
- Also can be applied to bibliographies and other data files created by libraries, archives, museums, and other communities

2. General Principles

- 9 Principles to direct the construction of cataloguing codes
- Based on Elaine Svenonius (2000)
- Rules should be defensible and not arbitrary

3.Entities, Attributes, Relationships

- From the FRBR model
- 11 entities
 - Work, Expression, Manifestation, Item
 - Person, Family, Corporate Body
 - Concept, Object, Event, Place
- Attributes should be used as data elements
- Relationships should be bibliographically significant

4. Objectives and Functions of the Catalogue

- An effective and efficient instrument that enables a user to
- Find
- Identify
- Select
- Acquire or obtain
- Navigate

4.1 Find

- Find a single resource
- Find sets of resources representing all resources:
 - belonging to the same work
 - embodying the same expression
 - exemplifying the same manifestation

4.1 Find (2)

- Find sets of resources representing all resources:
 - associated with a given person, family, or corporate body
 - on a given subject
 - defined by other criteria (language, place of publication, publication date, content type, carrier type, etc.)

4.2 Identify

- Identify a bibliographic resource or agent
- confirm that the described entity corresponds to the entity sought or to distinguish between two or more entities with similar characteristics

4.3 Select

- Select a bibliographic resource that is appropriate to the user's needs
- choose a resource that meets the user's requirements with respect to medium, content, carrier, etc.
- or to reject a resource as being inappropriate to the user's needs

4.4 Obtain

- Acquire or obtain access to the item described
- provide information that will enable the user to acquire an item through purchase, loan, etc., or to access an item electronically through an online connection to a remote source
- or to access, acquire, or obtain authority data or bibliographic data

4.5 Navigate

- Navigate within a catalogue and beyond
- through the logical arrangement of bibliographic and authority data and presentation of clear ways to move about, including presentation of relationships

5. Bibliographic Description

- One bibliographic record per manifestation
- Description should be based on an international standard (ISBD)

6. Access Points

- Choice of access points for a bibliographic record
- Form of name for authorized access points
- Follow the usage of the country and language associated with the name (or title)

7. Foundations for Search

Capabilities

- Searching devices or mechanisms
- Essential access points
- Additional access points
- Retrieval results

7.1.2 and 7.1.3 Essential and Additional Access Points

- Name of (first named) creator
- Work/Expression
- Title proper
- Year(s) of publication
- Controlled subject terms, classification numbers
- Standard numbers
- Names of other creators
- Other names
- Variant titles
- Series
- Language
- Place of publication
- Content type, Carrier type

2.1 Convenience of the user

- Decisions taken in the making of descriptions and controlled forms of names for access should be made with the user in mind
- Hard to translate (convenience of the user)

2.2 Common usage

- Vocabulary used in descriptions and access should be in accord with that of the majority of users
- Facilitate understanding of cataloguing records

2.3 Representation

- Descriptions and controlled forms of names should be based on the way an entity describes itself
- Following the resource in hand
- Following the expressed preferences of persons and corporate bodies

2.4 Accuracy

- The entity described should be faithfully portrayed
- Without errors but also limiting interpretation

2.5 Sufficiency and necessity

- Only those data elements in descriptions and controlled forms of names for access that are required to fulfil user tasks and are essential to uniquely identify an entity should be included
- Enough but not too much

2.6 Significance

- Data elements should be bibliographically significant

2.7 Economy

- When alternative ways exist to achieve a goal, preference should be given to the way that best furthers overall economy (i.e., the least cost or the simplest approach)

2.8 Consistency and standardization

- Descriptions and construction of access points should be standardized as far as possible. This enables greater consistency, which in turn increases the ability to share bibliographic and authority data

2.9 Integration

- The descriptions for all types of materials and controlled forms of names of all types of entities should be based on a common set of rules, insofar as it is relevant
- A single catalogue for all types of resources

ICP in RDA

- Section 3 => RDA 0.3
 - Alignment with FRBR and FRAD
- Section 4 => RDA 0.0
 - 4 user tasks according to FRBR
- Section 7 => RDA 0.6
 - Core elements include all the essential access points

Principles in RDA

- RDA 0.4 Objectives and Principles
- 0.4.1 "The IFLA *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles* informs the cataloguing principles used throughout RDA"
- The 9 ICP Section 2 principles are divided between 0.4.2 Objectives and 0.4.3 Principles

Principles in RDA (2)

- Some principles have overall application:
 - Convenience of the user, economy, consistency and standardisation, integration
- Common usage:
 - Common terminology, no more Latin
- Representation:
 - Direct transcription, no abbreviating
 - "second edition"
- Accuracy

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