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The section works with guidelines on different levels, theoretic models, principles and standards. On the theoretical level the FRBR model is the most well known achievement. There is a FRBR review group, chaired by Patrick Le Boeuf, which has continued its work during this year. Their complete work is not yet finalized to the extent that it is ready for a wider discussion, but the results so far bring clarifications both regarding the application of attributes and in the definitions.

The International Meetings of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code (IME ICC), planned and chaired of Barbara Tillett, has updated the statement of principles after the meeting last year in Buenos Aires. The statement from the first meeting, "The Frankfurt Principles", was made available in our newsletter SCATnews in 2004, on IFLANET. The updated statement will be further discussed in the remaining meetings, in Cairo in November 2005, in Seoul in 2006, and in Durban in 2007. [GJJ]

Guidelines for authority work is at the heart of the section's work, and in our open program. Glenn Patton will report on the work of FRAR, Functional Requirements for Authority Records in our open program. This group is under the Division but has

extensive participation from our section. We co-operate this year with the Classification & Indexing section on the open program, and it will be illustrating authority issues from many angles, from subject terms to personal names, from practical applications to principles. On a more directly practical level, we have started the process of updating and correcting *Names of Persons*. The best form for carrying on the work with Anonymous Classics has still to be found, however.

The ISBD group, chaired by John Byrum, has since long been responsible for the maintenance of this family of descriptive standards. As usual, much intense work has been going on in several study groups, I mention but the most important one, the study group on a consolidated ISBD.

We also have had the finalized reports from the **Working Group on Guidelines for OPAC displays**, and the working group on **Guidance on the use and application of metadata schemes** both chaired by Lynne Howarth. We plan to publish the report on OPAC displays in IFLA's series, and the second report will form the basis for a new working group on metadata for digital resources.

The Cataloguing Section's homepages on IFLANET, including the specific FRBR homepage, have been kept up to date and developed by Patrick Le Boeuf, with the constant support of Sophie Felföldi at IFLA HQ, <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/sc.htm>. A listserv for the communication between our members and a number of affiliates has been established.

This year we tried to reach out to the world's libraries through IFLA's mailing list to convince them of the strategic importance of the cataloguing issues and encourage them to nominate members for the section. As a result, we have succeeded in widening our membership to cover more parts of the globe than earlier, although we still lack members from Africa.

Finally, we don't have so many reports to put to the world this year, but that is because considerable tasks have been started during the last year and they will need some more time of hard work before they are ready for world wide report.