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## **IFLA Genre/Form Working Group Report - August 2018 - August 2019**

At Kuala Lumpur business meeting, the working group discussed among several ideas, which goal or task could be interesting to explore, once that the global survey on use of genre/form was finalized and published: [https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/ifla\\_genre\\_form\\_survey\\_report\\_20171110.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/ifla_genre_form_survey_report_20171110.pdf).

It was finally decided that the most interesting project would be to compile a list of resources related to G/F. The goal would be twofold: gather a list of existent vocabularies, thesauri... related to, or useful for G/F, and also collect bibliographic references about this topic.

Using Google Drive as a platform, a spreadsheet were shared among the group member, with two sheets:

- Vocabularies. This sheet should be used to compile vocabularies, thesauri, lists, online or physical, related to genre/form aspects, to be used as authoritative sources or reference sources to build other vocabularies. They can be totally or partially related to Genre/Form aspects. They can be general in scope or focused in any material, and in any language.
- References. This sheet should compile essential sources about the Genre/Form work. They can vary in scope (general, basic, focused in a particular aspect), form (web resources, databases, books, book chapters, journals or conference papers) and language. For sources consisting primarily of value vocabularies, use the other sheet.

Several fields in each sheet have been selected for every resource, and an example row has been fulfilled in each sheet.

It was considered whether two groups should be established and devoted to each sheet, but out of concerns about the wisdom that could be left apart by doing so, instead members are free to contribute to both sheets. Contributors can add data on their geographical or subject area of expertise, if that suits better.

As of July 2019, 36 references and 25 vocabularies (in English, German, Swedish and Spanish) have been gathered.

It has to be decided in Athens how to arrange and published the results. Anyway, it is for sure, that this is to be considered an ongoing project, and it will have decided what is the best strategy to encourage the gathering of more data.

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