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ABA RECRUITING DIVISION CHIEFS

The Library has posted vacancy announcements to fill the positions of chiefs for the following Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) divisions: European and Latin American Acquisitions Division (vacancy announcement no. 080120), History and Literature Cataloging Division (vacancy announcement no. 080122), and Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division (vacancy announcement no. 080121). More information is available at URL <http://www.loc.gov/hr/employment/index.php?action=cMain.showJobs> [June 2008]. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2008.
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LC ENDORSES RECOMMENDATIONS OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WORKING
GROUP ON THE FUTURE OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL

Associate Librarian for Library Services Deanna Marcum issued the Library of Congress's response to On the Record, the report of the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control, on June 1. The working group offers more than 100 specific recommendations, organized under five general recommendations: (1) Increase the efficiency of bibliographic production and maintenance for all libraries through cooperation and sharing; (2) Enhance access to rare, unique, and other special hidden materials; (3) Position our technology for the future; (4) Position our community for the future; (5) Strengthen the library and information science. The Library of Congress embraces the Working Group's recommendations, which were submitted to Dr. Marcum in final form on Jan. 9, 2008, just prior to the American Library Association (ALA) 2008 Midwinter Meeting. Members of the Working Group met with Dr. Marcum and Beacher Wiggins, director for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access, on June 6 at the Library of Congress to discuss the Library's response. Members agreed, at Dr. Marcum's request, to continue as informal advisors to the Library as the Library follows up on the recommendations in the report.

Dr. Marcum convened the working group in November 2006 to examine the future of bibliographic description in the 21st century. More information on the Working Group, including the Library's response to the report, is available at a special public Website, URL <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future> [June 2008].
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JOINT STATEMENT OF U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARIES ON RDA DEVELOPMENT

The Library of Congress has been very active in development of _Resource Description and Access_, the planned successor to the _Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules_, 2nd ed. Concerns raised by the LC Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control led to a joint meeting of managers of LC and the two other U.S. national libraries, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Agricultural Library (NAL), on March 10, 2008. The representatives of the three national libraries agreed that the development of RDA is an important international initiative that has involved the resources of libraries in many countries for the past several years. The three U.S. national libraries agreed on a joint commitment to the further development and completion of RDA, with decisions on implementation to be made jointly after review and testing of the completed code. The text of the three libraries' joint statement is available online at URL <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/news/RDA_Letter_050108.pdf> [June 2008].

Representatives of NAL, NLM, and LC met on June 9 to begin to define the scope and nature of the testing of RDA that will be conducted as part of this agreement.
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REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF BIBCO AND CONSER OPERATIONS
REPRESENTATIVES HELD MAY 1-2, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Operation representatives from BIBCO and CONSER, the two bibliographic record programs of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), held joint and separate meetings May 1-2, 2008. This report provides highlights from the joint meetings. Summaries of the separate program meetings will be available in the near future.

Update on RDA

The operations representatives were given an update on the April 2008 meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) by Barbara Tillett, LC representative to JSC. Many of meeting outcomes reported by Dr. Tillett are posted on the JSC Web site: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/jsc/0804out.html> [June 2008]. Constituent review is expected to take place between August 2008 and October 2008 and an early 2009 release date is still on target. The final online product will include "workflows" that provide simple instructions to walk a cataloger through creating bibliographic and authority records. It will probably be possible for groups such as the PCC to specify guidelines for applying RDA and share this within the online product, but more will be known about this capability as the product nears completion.

Provider Neutral Records for Online Monographs

BIBCO members are considering a new proposal to develop guidelines for online monographs. CONSER members shared their experiences in developing guidelines for provider neutral records for online serials. The provider neutral approach calls for one record to represent the online version of a resource, even if it is delivered simultaneously in several packages. The approach reduces the number of duplicate records in the national database for

essentially the same resource and facilitates local tracking of resources. BIBCO members agreed to form a group to determine requirements, timeline, and steps for implementing a policy for provider neutral record for online monographs.

PCC Guidelines for Cataloging Integrating Resources

CONSER and BIBCO representatives discussed the 2008 revision of _Integrating Resources: A Cataloging Manual_ <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/irman.pdf> [June 2008]. The manual is used by members of both programs to create records for integrating resources and share record maintenance. The 2008 revision reflects new coding practices for integrating resources and the current WorldCat cataloging environment of PCC libraries since RLG and OCLC merged in 2006. Representatives discussed potential guidelines including advice on the number of records needed for different language versions of an online integrating resource.

LC Response to the Report of the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control

Beacher Wiggins provided an update on LC's response to _On the Record: Report of The Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control_ <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/news/> [June 2008].

Adding Non-Latin Script Data to Name Authority Records

  Dave Reser (LC) provided an update on a project to add non-Latin script references to records in the name authority file. The name authority file will be "pre-populated" with non-Latin forms of corporate names as references. OCLC will derive the references from non-Latin forms of names found on bibliographic records and will add them to at least 400,000 name authority records. The project will begin no earlier than June 1, 2008 [later revised to mid-July] and will provide for a six month evaluation period. PCC members were asked to observe the results of the pre-population project this summer and consider the policy and practice questions that are raised in the _White Paper: Issues Related to Non-Latin Characters in Name Authority Records_ <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/nonlatin_whitepaper.html> [June 2008].

Adding Non-Latin Script Data to Bibliographic Records

  Standing Committee on Standards chair Joan Schuitema, led representatives in a discussion on unified PCC guidelines for adding non-Latin script data to bibliographic records. A joint BIBCO/CONSER task force will be charged to begin work on the requirements and format for these guidelines. John Levy (LC) gave members an overview of the recently revised _CONSER Editing Guide, Appendix O, Creating Records with Data in Non-Roman Script for CJK Serials_ <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/pdf/ceg/AppendixO.2008.pdf> [June 2008]. The revision resolves some of the differing practices among monograph and serials catalogers adding non-Latin script data to bibliographic records and will become a model for guides to

adding other non-Latin scripts. A guide to adding non-Latin script
data to Cyrillic language bibliographic records is under
development by LC Serial Record Division staff and follows a
similar format.

Standing Committee Charges

  The PCC Standing Committee Chairs, Adolfo Tarango (University
of California, San Diego), Standing Committee on Automation (SCA);
Joan Schuitema (University of Illinois at Chicago) Standing
Committee on Standards (SCS); and Caroline Miller (University of
California, Los Angeles), Standing Committee on Training (SCT) led
a discussion on the projects that would be useful to pursue and
overall charges of their groups. One idea was for the SCA and the
SCS to increase vendor involvement in the activities, membership,
and task groups of the committees. Examples include being sure to
include vendors in the development of guidelines for batch loading
of records.
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