Report on the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, ALA Midwinter Conference, Dallas, Texas, USA, 2012 January 21 and 23

Submitted to the Standing Committee of the IFLA Cataloguing Section by the IFLA Cataloguing Section Liaison to ALA CC:DA

The American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) met at the ALA Midwinter Conference in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday 2012 January 21, 1:30-5:30 P.M.; and Monday 2012 January 23, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

CC:DA Chair Ms. Lori Robare (University of Oregon) reported on motions and other actions taken by CC:DA between June and December 2011 (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair58.pdf).

Library of Congress Representative Ms. Barbara Tillett reported on activities and news from LC (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/lc1201.pdf). Among many other things, she called attention to the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative, which issued a high-level plan outlining its devotion to linked data technology and the Semantic Web (http://www.loc.gov/marc/transition/), and to the addition of uniform titles to the Virtual International Authority File (VIAF; http://viaf.org/).

Mr. John Attig (Pennsylvania State University) reported on the November 2011 meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) in Glasgow, Scotland (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/jsc1111.pdf). The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek has joined the JSC, with Ms. Christine Frodl as its representative. Ms. Tillett is the new JSC Chair, with Ms. Judy Kuhagen (recently retired from LC) as JSC Secretary; Mr. Kevin Marsh replaces Ms. Deirdre Kiorgaard as representative of the Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC); Mr. Alan Danskin remains as British Library representative. The JSC met with the ISBD Review Group and representatives of the ISSN Network to harmonize interoperability among the three standards, especially regarding such issues as when to create a new record, mapping between ISBD and RDA, and input standards. Ms. Chris

Oliver (McGill University) is working on the rewording of RDA Chapters 9, 10, 11, 6, and 17 into clearer English, with a goal of submitting these to ALA Publishing in June 2012. The JSC will establish a new RDA Examples Group to maintain existing examples within the RDA text as well as full examples; this group will coordinate with the existing Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)examples group. In addition to the formal means of making substantive revisions to RDA, the JSC wants to establish a more informal, fast-track mechanism for dealing with simple errors, changes to the glossary, corrections to examples, and the like.

Among the RDA proposals and issues discussed:

- Revision of RDA 6.21 (Other distinguishing characteristics of a legal work) and 6.29.1.33 (Additions to access points representing treaties, etc.) (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/jsc1112a.pdf): Addressing the need to differentiate treaties signed on the same day. Approved with changes pending.

- Descriptions of relationships (RDA section 8) (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/jsc1112b.pdf): RDA needs better instructions on how to record a structured description of a relationship, particularly regarding contents notes and the description of accompanying material.

- Revision of RDA 16.2.2.9: Places in certain federations (Revised) (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/aall3rev.pdf): The treatment of historical jurisdictions, overseas territories, and islands was discussed and the result should be a final proposal in the future.

- CC:DA Task Force on RDA Instructions for Governmental and Non-Governmental Corporate Bodies, Discussion Paper (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tfgov-3.pdf): The task force continues its work on rationalizing the RDA treatment of all corporate bodies, considering differentiation and representation, parentage and collocation, names that include the entire name of the higher or related body, and other issues.

- RDA rules revision proposal for Sacred Scriptures, particularly with respect to the Bible, its parts, and apocryphal books (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/atla2011-1.pdf): Discussion focused on the proposals to remove "Apocrypha" as an element intervening between "Bible" and individual book titles in preferred titles and to treat parts of the Bible and parts of the Qur'an as exceptions to a revised general rule on parts of other sacred scriptures. Discussion will continue.

- Task Force on Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3: The task force hopes to have a discussion paper on making the description of carriers more machine-actionable ready for ALA Annual in June 2012.

- Task Force on Sources of Information: The task force is trying to find a more principled way for the RDA instructions on sources of information to work more satisfactorily for such resources as sound recordings and moving images. They hope to have a proposal ready for ALA Annual in June 2012.

Mr. John Myers (Union College) reported on MARBI actions during the conference.

- Proposal 2012-01: New Data Elements in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats for Medium of Performance (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-01.html): Existing field 382 was expanded to accommodate data required by RDA Chapter 6 and the medium of performance thesaurus that is under development.

- Discussion Paper 2012-DP01: Identifying Titles Related to the Entity Represented by the Authority Record in the MARC 21 Authority Format (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-dp01.html): Discusses the possible creation of a new 67X authority field to identify titles related to the entity identified by the authority record (such as "also author of" or "not author of"). This will likely return as a proposal at ALA Annual in June 2012.

- Identities and roles of MARBI and the MARC Advisory Committee: MARBI is the ALA committee with three representatives each from ALCTS, LITA, and RUSA. The MARC Advisory Committee consists of both ALA and non-ALA representatives and is intended to advise LC. The two entities have long been confused because they have always met together. The Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative prompts both entities to determine their future roles and may inspire the creation of a task group to sort things out.

The RDA Programming Task Force is planning on a one-day preconference at ALA Annual in June 2012 on RDA changes to authority records.

Revisions are underway to the CC:DA Procedures document (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/procedur2011.pdf), to "How to Submit a Rule Change Proposal to CC:DA" (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tf-updaterule3.pdf), and to the CC:DA Web site (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/redesign.ppt).

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