

**BCC2004/SAS/3****ALCTS CCS Subject Analysis Committee Report**  
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The following report represents selected coverage of topics from the SAC meetings in Orlando on June 27-28

**1. LC report (prepared by Lynn El-Hoshy; presented by Thompson A. Yee)***LC News*

Recent appointments: Robert, Dizard, Jr., Deputy Associate Librarian for Library Services; Kathryn Mendenhall, chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service; Dennis McGovern, chief of the Decimal Classification Division; Angela Kinney, chief of Social Sciences Cataloging Division; Allene Farmer Hayes, digital projects coordinator for Cataloging Directorate; Bruce Knarr, team leader of Computer Files and Microforms Team, Special Materials Cataloging Division.

Library Services Realignment: Associate Librarian Deanna Marcum presented a preliminary plan in May for restructuring LC that would consist of five directorates: acquisitions and bibliographic access; collections and services; partnerships and outreach; preservation; and technology policy. The final structure is still under consideration. Staff within divisions would still report to the same division chief, even though they might be located within a new directorate.

Awards: Barbara Tillett, chief of the Cataloging Policy and Support Office, received the 2004 Margaret Mann Citation at the ALCTS Awards Ceremony and Sally McCallum, chief of the Network Development and MARC Standards Office, received the 2004 Melvil Dewey Medal.

**CATALOGING***Cataloging Distribution Service*

The Web version of *Cataloger's Desktop* was recently introduced following a successful Beta test with over 1,600 participants. *Classification Web* has been recently enhanced to include LC/Dewey correlations. The *Cataloging Service Bulletin* has been redesigned and is now issued in an easier-to-read, 8½ X 11" format that permits issues to be filed in a standard 3-ring binder. All MARC Distribution Services (MDS) are now all available in MARC XML as well as traditional MARC 21 format. To receive MARC XML test files go to <http://www.loc.gov/cds/mds.html#test>.

*Cataloging in Publication (CIP)*

The Electronic Cataloging in Publication (ECIP) program now includes more than 2,800 publishers. Nearly half of all CIP requests are received electronically. This provides better access for catalog users since subject analysis can be done from the full electronic galley rather than from a few pages. Also, Web-based table-of-contents (TOC) records are created for ECIPs with hyperlinks to those records to and from the ECIP bibliographic records.

*PCC: SACO*

The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Policy Committee has recently announced a restructuring of the SACO program to make it more consistent with NACO. Under the new structure SACO would be a formal program with goals, training, and stated procedures for members. Training materials for subject analysis were recently developed in conjunction with ALCTS SAC. These materials were used during the ALCTS pre-conference workshop on LCSH that was held on Thursday and Friday prior to the Orlando meeting.

*CPSO*

The Catalog Policy and Support Office (CPSO) has begun a pilot project for a Database Improvement Unit that will develop, analyze, and document maintenance processes. The group will also be charged with correcting authority, bibliographic, holdings, and item records, in descriptive and subject access fields. This is a one-year pilot project that will be conducted in 3 periods of 120 days each. The goal is to develop procedures and streamline operations for maintenance of the Library's bibliographic and authority databases.

### *Subject Headings and Classification*

*Library of Congress Subject Headings*, 27<sup>th</sup> ed., will be published in June, and will contain headings revised or approved through Dec. 2003. It will include two tabbed introductory sections, "Introduction to Free-Floating Subdivisions" and "Annotated Card Program AC Subject Headings." In addition, the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of *Free-Floating Subdivisions: An Alphabetical Index* was published in the spring.

Policy changes: The subject heading "Aged" has been changed to "Older People." General works about Aboriginal Australians, previously classed in GN665-666, are now classed in DU123.2-125.

## **2. The FAST Project**

A brief report was made on the FAST Project. FAST stands for Facetted Application of Subject Terminology. It is a new subject heading schema, derived from the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), that uses a simplified syntax while retaining LCSH vocabulary. The idea behind FAST is that it can be used by personnel without extensive training. FAST headings can easily be converted from LC subject headings. There are eight distinct facets within FAST: Topical, Geographic, Personal Name, Corporate Name, Form (Type, Genre), Chronological, Title, and Meeting Name. FAST is being developed by a team based in the OCLC Office of Research with support from the Library of Congress. A presentation on FAST was given by Ed O'Neill and Lois Mai Chan at the LITA program during the ALA conference.

## **3. Sears List of Subject Headings**

The new, 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sears List of Subject Headings was published in January. Its publication coincided with the publication of the 14<sup>th</sup> Abridged Edition of the *Dewey Decimal Classification*. More than five hundred subject headings have been added to the new list. A Spanish-language version of Sears is currently in preparation and will be published in the fall of 2005.

## **4. Dewey Decimal Classification Division Reports**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of Dewey Decimal Classification appeared in November 2003, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Abridged Edition was published in January 2004. DDC 22 and Abridged 14 are currently available on WebDewey. WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey feature LCSH that have been intellectually mapped to Dewey numbers by the editors and also include links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records. A WebDewey tutorial is also available online.

A new, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Applications*, by Lois Mai Chan and Joan S. Mitchell, has been published; it reflects changes in DDC 22.

## **5. Subcommittees**

The Subject Analysis Committee has a number of subcommittees working on projects: these include the Subcommittees on Semantic Interoperability, Subject Analysis Training Materials, and Subject Reference Structures in Automated Systems.

## **6. Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Semantic Interoperability**

This subcommittee is charged with surveying the current state of international semantic interoperability projects which focus on subject and/or classification data. One of the subcommittee's main purposes will be to investigate approaches to integration and harmonization of subject vocabularies and knowledge information schemes used in various metadata standards for the purposes of effective and efficient resource discovery. The subcommittee plans to present a program on its findings at the 2005 Midwinter conference.

## **7. Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Subject Analysis Training Materials**

The charge of this subcommittee is to collaborate with the Program for Cooperative Cataloging Standing Committee on Training (PCC SCT) in developing authoritative, standardized training materials in subject analysis. A two-day pre-conference workshop was presented in Orlando that utilized the training materials developed by the Subcommittee. Web pages are being developed that will be accessible through the PCC Web site, and it is hoped that the LC Cataloging and Distribution Service will make these course materials available as well. This Subcommittee was officially discharged during the SAC meeting, since

its task was completed.

## **8. Program for Cooperative Cataloging**

In November 2003 the PCC Policy Committee approved the creation of a SACO program that would mirror the NACO/CONSER/BIBCO programs. The structure approved will be as follows:

1. The SACO Program will be open to any institution that participates in the PCC's component programs. Subject proposals that meet SACO requirements may be submitted via the SACO Web form.
2. An invitation will be issued to institutions currently contributing only subject proposals to join the newly formed official program. Institutions will agree to an annual numerical contribution goal of 10-12 proposals, both new or changed LCSH or LC Classification numbers.
3. Active members will not need to apply to join SACO.
4. Proposals from individuals from no-PCC institutions will no longer be accepted. A cataloger wishing to submit a proposal will need to secure institutional support and commitment.
5. Applicants for SACO participation will be encouraged, although not required, to attend SACO/LCSH workshops. Training modules will be developed by PCC and ALCTS/CCS and made available at a reasonable cost.
6. Catalogers from non-PCC libraries who wish to submit proposals will be encouraged to contact the PCC liaison from a PCC member institution for help in submitting proposals.
7. It is hoped that this new SACO Program guideline will become the impetus needed for current SACO contributors to join the PCC and encourage development of regional SACO funnel projects. [N.B.: Perhaps this is something MLA or MOUG can discuss pursuing—M.M.]

## **9. SAC Task Force on Named Buildings and Other Structures**

This task force is charged with investigating the question of whether named buildings should be considered as subjects or names—specifically, whether authority records for these types of headings should be in the name or subject authority files. The task force is also looking at how concepts related to buildings and other structures fit into Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records (FRBR). The task force has identified examples of headings that were established as subjects and others that were established as named entities. Examples include ballparks/stadiums, castles, churches and church buildings, dwellings/historic homes (as museums), forts, library buildings/libraries, museums and museum buildings, palaces, and (most relevant to music), theater buildings and theaters. A final report will be presented during the Midwinter 2005 ALA conference.

## **10. IFLA Section on Classification and Indexing**

At the Berlin conference, the Classification and Indexing Section formed a new Working Group on a Virtual Clearinghouse for Subject Access Tools. Chair of the Working Group is David Miller.

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