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### ACIG (LITA/ALCTS AUTHORITY CONTROL IN THE ONLINE ENVIRONMENT INTEREST GROUP) MEETING

ALA Midwinter Conference, San Antonio TX  
Reported by Margaret Kaus, Chair, Authorities Subcommittee

At the Midwinter ACIG reporting session, five speakers described various developments in the field:

1. Taylor Surface, Manager, Digital Collections Services (OCLC)

Reported on the progress of the OCLC Terminologies Service. This service “provides access to multiple controlled vocabularies for libraries, museums, and archives to create consistent metadata for their collections. Selected mappings between vocabularies are provided to assist in relating terminology. The service would provide one-stop access to terminology resources and would be accessible through any web-based metadata editor.”

2. Ann Della Porta, Acting Coordinator, Integrated Systems Office (Library of Congress)

Provided an update on various issues relating to authority control at LC, including LC’s recent Unicode conversion. Provided an update on recent decisions relating to decisions on forests, parks, and reserves. Discussed problems with distribution of deleted authority records. LC is working with bibliographic utilities to “expand” beyond JACKPHY. Discussed option to add death dates to established heading that contain birth dates only.

3. Glenn Patton, Director, WorldCat Quality Management (OCLC)

Reported on authorities-related topics at OCLC. Field 024 (other standard identifier) and field 031 (musical incipits information) are forthcoming. Improvements to Connexion controlling, problems with controlling unqualified personal names in 100/700 fields with \$e, \$u, \$4 will be resolved, hopefully in Feb. Keep in mind that controlling unqualified names is risky, everyone must be careful. There is a proposal to add 781s to records for geographic names, discussions ongoing with LC staff. For changes in personal name dates, OCLC is developing an RSS feed to highlight these changes. Watch for announcement via OCLC-CAT, PCCLIST, etc.

4. Jennifer Bowen, JSC

Provided a brief report on RDA parts II and III.

- May-Sept. 2006: completion of draft of Part II, and constituency review
- Oct. 206-Apr. 2007: completion of draft of Part III, and constituency review
- May-Sept. 2007: completion of general introduction, appendices and glossary
- 2008: publication

RDA drafts available at: [www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html)

For informal discussion: subscribe to RDA-L

For formal comments: within the U.S., use the CC:DA web form: [http://cs.ala.org/alcts/rds\\_form/rda\\_form.cfm](http://cs.ala.org/alcts/rds_form/rda_form.cfm)

5. Ed Glazier, Principal Analyst (RLG)

Reported on authority issues in the RLIN21 environment. Showed new search/display features in RLIN21.

#### ACIG Business Meeting

Agenda included:

--Assessment of the open session (good turnout)

--Review of the ALA Annual ACIG program, New Orleans, 2006. Titled: *Questioning Authorities: Adapting Authority Control to the Changing Needs of Library Users*. Proposed speakers include: Louise Spiteri, Associate Professor, School of Information Management, Dalhousie University; Ross Singer, Systems Department, Georgia Institute of Technology; Jennifer Trant, Partner & Principal Consultant, Archives & Museum Informatics; joint presentation with John Reese, MARS Authority Control Product Manager, Backstage Library Works and Manon Theroux, Authority Control Librarian, Yale University.

--Upcoming elections in June for ACIG Vice-Chair/Chair Elect & Member-at-Large for Uniform Titles.

--Discussed possible program topics for ALA Midwinter 2007

--Progress report on ACIG Bibliography: Have started adding annotations to the bibliography; hope to have something available by annual 2006.

--Discussed draft of the *ALCTS Strategic Plan 2006-2011*.

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