Report on the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, USA, 2012 June 23 and 25

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 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, on Saturday 2012 June 23, 1:30-5:30 P.M.; and Monday 2012 June 25, 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 December 2011 and June 2012 (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/chair59.pdf). The new CC:DA Chair will be Mr. Peter Rolla (Harvard University).

Library of Congress (LC) Representative Ms. Barbara Tillett reported on activities and news from LC (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/lc1206.pdf). Some of the highlights of her report:

- LC has contracted with Zepheira to help accelerate the launch of the Bibliographic Framework Initiative, the effort to migrate from MARC to a Linked Data (LD) model. Details can be found on the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative Web site at http://www.loc.gov/marc/transition/.

- The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) has made available "RDA in NACO Training" videos designed for Name Authorities Cooperative Program (NACO) authorities catalogers, at http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/courses/rda_naco/.

- "Library of Congress Policy Statements" (LCPS), the RDA equivalents of "Library of Congress Rule Interpretations" (LCRIs) will be renamed as "LC-PCC Policy Statements" in the *RDA Toolkit* later in 2012.

- Because Pinyin Romanization has gradually become more accepted in Taiwan and been adopted by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names in 2010, Pinyin will now be used for Taiwanese geographic names and subject headings.

- No earlier than August 2012, the LC Policy and Standards Division (PSD) will begin an experiment to add subject category codes in Authority field 072 in records for subject headings. This should increase the usability of LCSH on the Semantic Web. For more information, see http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/field_072_announcement.pdf.

- Progress continues on the development of the LC Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT) moving image, cartography, religion, literature, and music projects.

The ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Mr. John Attig (Pennsylvania State University) reported (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/jsc1206.pdf) on four major points:

- Ms. Chris Oliver (McGill University) continues rewording RDA Chapters 9, 10, 11, 6, and 17 into clearer English. It was determined that Chapter 17 would have only limited use in a MARC environment, but the reworded Chapters 9, 10, 11, and 6 would be released in the *RDA Toolkit* by December 2012.

- Compiling definitions of terms in the RDA vocabularies and data sets is underway, is expected to be approved by the JSC in July 2012, and should be released later in the year.

- Work on correcting the RDA text via the fast track process, including some new relationship designators, is underway.

- The deadline for proposals to be submitted to the JSC for its 2012 November 6-9 meeting in Chicago is 2012 August 8. Only those approved by the JSC at this meeting will be included in RDA before the scheduled implementation in March 2013.

Reports were delivered from the following task forces:

- Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3: The discussion paper on making the description of carriers more machine-actionable (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tf-MRData3.pdf) will go forward to the JSC for comments from other constituencies after being made more explicit in its recommendations.

- Revise *Building International Descriptive Cataloging Standards*: The text (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tf-revise3.pdf) was approved with a few minor alterations and the task force was disbanded.

- RDA Instructions for Governmental and Non-Governmental Corporate Bodies: The report (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tfgov-4.pdf) was approved, pending some

editorial work to assist the JSC in its deliberations. All examples will be reviewed and a clearer statement of the impact of the changes will be added to the introduction.

- Relationship Designators in RDA Appendix K: The report (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tf-appK3.pdf) was discussed in great detail, including the use of prepositions where they are needed and their omission when not, the clear labeling of reciprocal designators, addition of broader/narrower indications, and the need for a single list of terms. Other constituencies will be able to add designators in the future.

- Investigate Changes Affecting RDA in the Chicago Manual of Style, 16th edition: Most of the findings in the report (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tfchicago3.pdf) have to do with capitalization and can therefore be fast-tracked   The report, which is still open for comments, will be submitted for ALA Midwinter in January 2013.

- RDA Conference Forums and Programs: For ALA Midwinter, the task force has proposed a single-day preconference "RDA: Back to the Basics," which has been tentatively approved. They also expect to plan an RDA stories and strategies session for Midwinter. Having sponsored some 29 RDA sessions since 2009, the task force will disband after ALA Annual 2013.

- RDA Planning and Training: Fifteen of the Webinars already presented are more than six months old and are now available for free. Four more have been presented and will become free in coming months. Among those planned for later in 2013 are: "RDA Elements in MARC 21," "RDA Name Authority Elements, "RDA in 10 Easy Steps," and "RDA for Technical Services Staff: What's In It For You." The task force report, with links to all existing Webinars, is available at http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/RDATraining1206.pdf.

- Sources of Information: The progress report of this task force (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/tf-sourcesofinfo3.pdf) consisted largely of five appendices, each of which dealt with different aspects of the problem. The fifth (Appendix E: Draft Proposal for Addition to RDA 2.3.2.9 (Resource Lacking a Collective Title)) was an alternative solution obviated by consideration of the remaining appendices.

  o Appendix A: Proposal to Clarify the Status of Containers: This was approved with minor editorial revisions.

  o Appendix B: Draft Proposal for Revision of RDA 2.1.2.2 (Resource Issued as a Single Unit): CC:DA affirmed that the task force's approach was acceptable, preferring a source that bears a collective title or a source that bears the title of the predominant work. There will also be adjustments needed earlier in RDA Chapter 2 for what is considered to be "accompanying material."

- o Appendix C: Draft Proposal for Revision of RDA 2.1.2.3 (Resource Issued in More Than One Part): CC:DA affirmed that the task force was on track in trying to create mutually exclusive categories, with some additional work needed in regard to serials.

- o Appendix D: Draft Proposal for Revision of RDA 2.2.2.2–2.2.2.4 (Principally for Dealing with Embedded Metadata): CC:DA affirmed that the task force's approach was good, favoring eye-readable and more obvious data over embedded metadata and making embedded metadata the final resort for the source of information. The task force will continue work on this proposal.

In her work on the task force, Kelley McGrath (University of Oregon) created flowcharts documenting the choice of the source of information that will be added both to the proposal and to the *RDA Toolkit*.

Five revision proposals were discussed:

- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL): Revision of RDA 16.2.2.9: Places in Certain Federations (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/aall3.pdf); and Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL): Recording Chinese Place Names in RDA 16.2.2 (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/ceal2012-1.pdf) were closely related and discussed jointly. Use of the largest jurisdiction as a qualifier with the option of including an intervening jurisdiction, a generalization of the CEAL proposal, will be moving forward as a short-term solution. The exceptions for Australia, Canada, United States, etc. will be retained. The Republic of Ireland will be removed from the "British Isles" rule and other corresponding rewording will be done.

- Music Library Association: Revision of RDA Instructions for Librettos (RDA 6.27.1.2, 6.27.4.2, and 6.28.1.2.) (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/mla2012-4.pdf) had not been formally included on the agenda, so discussion and a straw vote were deferred to after ALA on the wiki. MLA proposes that RDA 6.27.4.2 be modified so that, when the composer and librettist are the same person, the authorized access point for the libretto and the variant access point for the libretto are not practically identical except for punctuation.

- Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC): Revision of RDA 3.19.3 for Video Encoding Formats and Introduction of New Instruction for Optical Disc Characteristics ((http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/olac2012-1.pdf) was accepted, pending some editorial revisions. It documents definitions of "optical disc storage format" (such as Blu-ray, CD, and DVD) and "optical disc recording type" (differentiating between mass produced "replicated discs" and locally produced or on-demand "recordable discs").

- Hearings in 19.2.1.1.1, from Adam Schiff (University of Washington), proposed two options to avoid the major change in practice that made hearings into named corporate bodies. The

second option of making a new category of corporate bodies considered to be creators was preferred by CC:DA. Work on the proposal will continue in that direction.

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

- Following ALA Annual 2013, MARBI will be dissolved and replaced by a Metadata Standards Committee, which sounds like an almost identical joint ALCTS/LITA/RUSA committee with a just slightly updated charge. The MARC Advisory Committee will continue as before. MARC 21 updates will be issued twice a year.

- Proposal No. 2012-02: Identifying Titles Related to the Entity Represented by the Authority Record (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-02.html): This proposal will return at Midwinter revised to reflect the preferred simplified title coding.

- Proposal No. 2012-03: Data provenance in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-03.html): Option 2, creating new Data Provenance field 883, was approved with the suggestion that it be added to the Authority and Classification formats as well. It was believed that this more generalized option would allow an easier transition to any post-MARC data framework, which would be expected to account for this kind of metadata provenance as a matter of course.

- Proposal No. 2012-04: New data elements in the MARC 21 Authority Format for *Other Designation Associated with the Person* and *Title of the Person* (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-04.html): Option 2, broadening the definition of subfield $c and defining subfield $d, Title of the Person was accepted. Subfields $s (Start Period) and $t (End Period) were also added.

- Proposal No. 2012-05: Making the 250 Field Repeatable in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-05.html): This proposal was rejected and sent back for further work by the Music Library Association.

- Proposal No. 2012-06: Defining Subfield $c (Qualifying information) in Field 028 (Publisher Number) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-06.html): Passed with minor changes.

- Proposal No. 2012-07: Defining New Code for Vocal Score in Field 008/20 (Format of music) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-07.html): Passed.

- Discussion Paper No. 2012-DP02: Authority Records for Medium of Performance Vocabulary for Music (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-dp02.html): A new 16X set of fields will be proposed.

- Discussion Paper No. 2012-DP03: Chronological Aspects in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-dp03.html): Options will be left open, pending the development of best practices in various communities.

- Discussion Paper No. 2012-DP04: Recording Audience Characteristics of Works and Expressions in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-dp04.html): Discussions leaned toward the use of the 3XX block, against the use of a closed vocabulary, and toward making the existing 008/22 for Target Audience obsolete.

- Discussion Paper No. 2012-DP05: Recording Creator/Contributor Group Categorizations of Works, Expressions, and Persons in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats (http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2012/2012-dp05.html): The 3XX block was thought to be preferable for geographic, language, and nationality aspects.

Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) liaison Ms. Kathy Glennan (University of Maryland) reported (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/pcc201206.pdf):

- NACO Authority record conversion will be in two phases and should be completed by RDA Day One in March 2013: (1) Identifying in 667 field those that need changes, requiring review; (2) Making RDA changes to access fields. Those records needing no RDA changes will not be recoded.

- BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) for Textual Monographs is serving as the basis for other format BSRs and should result in a combined BSR before the end of 2012.

- A single Provider-Neutral Record document for RDA for all formats is in progress.

Mr. Troy Linker of ALA Publishing Services reported that *RDA Toolkit* renewal rates have been lower than hoped and would need to triple or quadruple to reach a break-even point. A new RDA accumulation for December 2012 (both print and *Toolkit*) will include all reworded chapters available at that time (Chapters 2, 6, 9, 10, and 11) plus the April 2012 Update. June 2013 is the expected timing of the 2013 Update and then annually at midyear. French and German translations of RDA have been prepared and plans are underway to make them available.

CC:DA Webmaster Melanie Polutta (LC) reported on the upcoming revisions to the CC:DA Web site.

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