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DENNIS MCGOVERN APPOINTED CHIEF OF DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION  
DIVISION

Dennis M. McGovern has been appointed chief of the Decimal Classification Division (DEWEY), effective May 17. He has served as the acting chief since the February 2002 retirement of the previous chief, David A. Smith. McGovern came to DEWEY from the position of team leader, Education, Sports and Recreation Team (ESR), Social Sciences Cataloging Division. He first joined the Library in February 1981 as an editorial assistant in the Bill Digest Section of the American Law Division, Congressional Research Service. In August of the same year, he joined the LOIS Processing Section in the former Order Division, Acquisitions Directorate. In April 1984 he became a CIP publisher liaison in the Cataloging in Publication Division, while he also studied part time for his master's degree in library science at the University of Maryland, College Park. After completing his master's degree, he became a cataloger at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library in the District of Columbia Public Library system. He returned to LC as a descriptive cataloger in 1987. He joined ESR when the team was formed in 1989 as part of the Whole Book Cataloging Project.

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VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT, COUNCIL ON EAST ASIAN LIBRARIES

Philip Melzer has been elected to the position of vice-president/president-elect of the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL). An affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies, CEAL is the primary professional organization for librarians of East Asian collections. CEAL formulates programs for the development of East Asian library resources, bibliographic control and access; works to improve inter-library and international cooperation in East Asian library development and resources; and serves as a faculty-librarians' forum for the discussion of East Asian library issues of common concern. The council accomplishes most of its business through committees on Japanese, Korean and Chinese material, technical processing, library technology, and public services. CEAL annually compiles and publishes data on holdings and acquisitions, expenditures, staffing, and user services in the East Asian library collections of North American libraries. Melzer will serve as CEAL vice-president for two years, followed by two years as president.

Melzer earned master's degrees in East Asian languages and literature and in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is team leader of the Korean/Chinese Team in the Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division (RCCD), and has been on detail as acting assistant chief of that division. Melzer recently served as coordinator of the Library's pinyin conversion project.

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#### RETIREMENT OF GREGORY R. NEW

Gregory R. New, assistant editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) since 1985, retired on Apr. 30, 2004, after fifty-five years of Federal service. He served as assistant editor for three full editions of the DDC (20-22) and the corresponding abridged editions (12-14). New's most significant achievement was the editorial leadership he provided for all three major revisions of DDC 21, published in 1996: life sciences, public administration, and education. As editor-in-chief Joan Mitchell observed in the acknowledgments of that edition, she was tempted to call DDC 21 the "New" edition in recognition of New's contributions.

New began his career at the Library of Congress in 1948 as a deck attendant in the former Stack and Reader Division. In 1951 he left his position as filer in the Catalog Maintenance Division for two years of Army service, then took fifteen months leave to obtain a master's degree in library science from Emory University. After returning to LC in 1955, he held a succession of positions as telephone reference assistant, head of the filing section, assistant editor of the Library of Congress book catalogs, cataloging editor in the Union List of Serials project, cataloger for the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, and assistant editor of New Serial Titles. In March 1968, New joined the Decimal Classification Division as a decimal classification specialist. He had a major role in preparation of the Manual on the Use of the Dewey Decimal Classification, first published in 1982. In 1985, he was promoted to assistant editor of the DDC. He served as Dewey's liaison to the school and children's library community, and was deeply involved in preparation of American Library Association's Cataloging Correctly for Kids. He also served as chief respondent to classification questions from DDC users.

OCLC is currently recruiting for the assistant editor position vacated by New. The new assistant editor will be hired as an OCLC employee but based in the Decimal Classification Division at the Library of Congress.

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#### CONSER SPECIALIST: Hien Nguyen

Hien Nguyen has been appointed CONSER Specialist. Her appointment, effective May 30, 2004, was made at a critical time in the life of the CONSER program. With her appointment, the program is once again fully staffed.

Nguyen has gained experience as a cataloger both at LC and at the National Library of Medicine over the past twenty years, most recently as a senior cataloger in LC's Serial Record Division. She

has extensive experience in all aspects of serials cataloging, and of special note, in electronic serials identification and access. The latter experience is especially relevant as e-resources become an increasingly significant portion of the serials world and the focus of the next 5-10 years of the CONSER program. In recent years she has taught the e-serials workshop of the Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program.

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#### CATALOGER'S DESKTOP ON THE WEB

The Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) released the Web-access version of Cataloger's Desktop on June 8. The new fee-for-service subscription product for catalogers can now be accessed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and provides the most widely used cataloging documentation resources in an integrated, online system. Notably, the new product includes the current version of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd edition, 2002 revision (AACR2).

More than 1,600 catalogers worldwide participated in the two-month beta test. Their critiques helped the CDS development team fine-tune the product prior to its release.

Additional information about CDS and Cataloger's Desktop, including subscription options and pricing, is available online at [www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/](http://www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/) [June 2004].

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#### BRITISH LIBRARY EXPANDS NACO PCC CONTRIBUTIONS

After suspending PCC-NACO contributions from Apr. 16-June 9, 2004, to allow for the implementation of its new Ex Libris system, the British Library resumed contributions with thirteen "lucky" name authority records. The institution now expects to contribute all new headings.

With its resystemization the capacity of the British Library to contribute headings will be expanded. Before its system change, the library's contributions were entirely for personal names. Name authority headings for corporate and jurisdictional entities have already been contributed. The first corporate name contributed by the British Library was for the Ripon Local Studies Research Centre (nb2004300012).

Within past limitations, the British Library was normally the largest institutional contributor to the NACO and SACO programs. It has been responsible for nine to ten per cent of all new work in the categories for which it contributed headings.

This expansion is the result of ten years of work by many people in the U.K. and the U.S.

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