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REGINA REYNOLDS INTERVIEWED

Regina Romano Reynolds discusses her distinguished career in serials librarianship in an interview conducted in March 2003 for Cataloging & Classification Quarterly (CCQ), v. 38(1), 2004. Of particular interest are her dual roles as head of an LC cataloging section (the National Serials Data Program) and as director of the U.S. ISSN Center as well as her contributions to the development and promotion of serials standards and bibliographic control.

"An Interview with Regina Romano Reynolds" by Frieda Rosenberg, head of serials cataloging at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers Reynolds' retrospective view of the serials scene from the mid-1970s to her forward-looking recommendations for the catalog of the future. Reynolds has traveled to many capitals of the world to collaborate with other directors of ISSN (international standard serial number) centers on ISSN-related policy issues. From her experience Reynolds possesses an overview of serials publishing, subscription agencies, and abstracting and indexing services that offers her a preview of emerging trends and standards in the serials industry.

The eighteen-page article reveals many of Reynolds' achievements from winning the Bowker Award in 1999 to her extensive involvement with the harmonization of AACR2 (Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd edition), ISBD(S) (International Standard Bibliographic Description (Serials)), and the ISSN manual in 2002.

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY JOINS CONSER

The CONSER Program welcomes Michigan State University (MSU) Libraries as an associate level CONSER participant. Associate level members contribute original cataloging, adapted cataloging, and maintenance transactions to the CONSER database and are eligible to serve on various CONSER committees and task groups.

MSU, an independent NACO (name authorities) participant, has a strong serials cataloging program with collection focuses in Africana (English and French), international documents, agricultural works, and electronic serials. MSU's contribution in cataloging electronic serials is expected to be an important aspect of its CONSER membership especially since MSU is a participant in the LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) program and will be

archiving its cataloged collection of electronic serials.

MSU's CONSER Operations Committee representative, Wen-ying Lu, has been working with mentor James Castrataro from the University of Indiana, Bloomington. Lu has played a leadership role in the CONSER Publication Patterns Initiative and has served on several task forces.

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CONSER TASK FORCE ON PUBLICATION PATTERNS AND HOLDINGS MEETING

On Jan. 16, 2005, Carlen Ruschoff (University of Maryland, College Park, chair) and Les Hawkins (CONSER operations coordinator) convened the CONSER Task Force on Publication Patterns and Holdings meeting at ALA Midwinter in Boston where the group was updated on a variety of activities.

Cathy Kellum (OCLC) reported on the implementation of the MARC 21 Holdings Format by OCLC scheduled for fall 2005. It is estimated that eighty percent of conversion of local data records (LDRs) to 853-863 pairs can be done by machine. Because of compatibility problems, the remaining LDRs will need to be converted manually. CONSER Publication Patterns Initiative members who are interested in helping test the new format were invited to contact Kellum <kellumc@oclc.org>.

Diane Hillmann (Cornell University) and Frieda Rosenberg (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) described their visit to OCLC to discuss the implementation of the holdings format and ideas for building a "super record" to display serial relationships and manifestations. It will be important for CONSER to continue to pursue the idea of a "super record" with the utilities and vendors.

Linda Miller (Library of Congress) reported on activities of the Long Term Storage Task Force. The group is planning a pilot of the Serial Release Notice (SRN) standard. A new draft of the standard was available for comment through April 1, 2005 (<<http://www.fcla.edu/~pcaplan/jwp/>> [April 2005]) from the NISO/EDITEUR Joint Working Party for the Exchange of Serials Subscription Information Web site. The pilot will engage publishers, vendors, publication access management companies, and librarians in a test of the SRN to transmit holdings data for serials from the source of the information to the various parties that make use of it.

Paul Moeller (University of Colorado, Boulder) and Wen-ying Lu (Michigan State University) presented the results of a survey they conducted among librarians about the use of the MARC 21 Holdings Format. The survey pointed out opportunities for the CONSER Publication Patterns Initiative to promote use of the format and further encourage compliance among vendors. Some of the reasons librarians gave for supporting the format are future looking (even if not all were able to take advantage of it now) and include easing the migration to a new ILS, developing predictive check-in, and automated check-in features. Improving consistency in user interface displays was regarded as a critical advantage.

John Hostage (Harvard University) led a discussion of several

specific coding problems encountered using the format. which pointed to the need for uniformity in documentation presented on the CONSER Web site, the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program workshop on holdings, and the \_MARC 21 Holdings Format\_. An update to the format was completed in fall 2004. The documentation review group will continue to report corrections and suggestions for the holdings format to the Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress.

A more in-depth report is found at  
<<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/summarypubpat1-05.html>> [April 2005].

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#### DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION EDITORIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) held its meeting 122 at the Library of Congress, Oct. 20-22. Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing) was elected vice-chair. She replaced Lucy Evans (British Library), who left EPC at the end of October. Carolyn Kent has joined EPC as the new United Kingdom representative. The committee also said good-bye to Richard Baumgarten (Johnson County [Kansas] Library and Longview Community College).

The committee approved revised editorial rules and a new editorial work plan. It recommended that the work plan, which reflects current editorial priorities, be placed on the Dewey Web site, with a request for responses. EPC approved updates to Table 5 Ethnic and national groups and Table 6 Languages; changes to options A and B in the law schedule at 342-349; and expansions to historical periods in abridged edition 14. It approved for testing an expanded schedule 741.5 Cartoons, caricatures, comics, graphic novels, fotonovelas.

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#### IFLA MEETINGS UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE OF SPANISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA

At the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) conference held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in August 2004, Barbara Tillett, chief, Library of Congress Cataloging Policy and Support Office, and chair, IFLA's Division IV, organized a two-day meeting of Latin American cataloging experts that focused on discussions of current cataloging practices with a view toward the development of an international cataloging code. LC staffers Beth Davis-Brown (Office of the Librarian) and Ana Cristan (Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division) assisted Tillett with the meeting and served on the meeting's planning committee which also included Ageo Garcia Barbabosa (Tulane University). Garcia Barbabosa and Cristan conducted a pre-conference workshop covering cataloging tools currently used as the international standards for the creation of bibliographic and authority records (e.g., MARC 21 formats and \_Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules\_, 2nd ed. (AACR2)).

Discussion revealed that the majority of cataloging units in Latin American libraries adhere to AACR2 cataloging principles; however, the last update of that document was published in Spanish

in 1998, although a new update is expected to be released soon. Participants also expressed the need for a Spanish-language version of the Library of Congress of Rule Interpretations. Furthermore, the advent of conceptual modeling applied to cataloging, such as those described in the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR), presents an urgent need to assure that translations into Spanish are not only widely available but that agreement is reached in the uniformity of terms to be used, especially since some of these terms are expected to be folded into the next edition of AACR.

Meanwhile, a group of Spanish language cataloging experts comprising the Consejo Consultivo Latinoamericano para la Cooperacion en Catalogacion (CCLCC) recently delivered the Spanish translation of the MARC 21 Concise Format for Authority Data to LC's Network Development and MARC Standards Office (Net Dev/MSO) and it has been added to the complement of MARC 21 documents available on Net Dev/MSO's Spanish language web site at <http://www.loc.gov/marc/marcspa.html> [April 2005]. CCLCC chair Garcia Barbabosa has also been responsible for the translation of other cataloging documentation including the SACO Participant's Manual and Understanding MARC Bibliographic and recently provided review, to assure uniformity of terms, of two FRBR documents translated by Ana Maria Martinez Tamayo from the Universidad Nacional de La Plata (Argentina). These documents are now available on the CPSO Web site at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/> [April 2005].

To meet the needs of AACR2 and MARC 21 users in Latin American, Tillett indicated that she would further collaborate with LC's Cataloging Distribution Service and other agencies to secure the permissions for translations, access to source documents, and as appropriate, use the CPSO Web site as a clearinghouse for access to the finished products.

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