

2008 CONSER Report

CONSER celebrated its 35th year during the CONSER Operations Representatives Meeting in May and marked several other milestones throughout 2008.

Several member institutions continue to be understaffed and have experienced budget reductions due to the nation's weak economy over the past year. Despite these difficulties, members made significant contributions to the CONSER database. The number of new records 25,096 represented a 12% increase over last year and the 31,023 record maintenance transactions was a 6% over last year. Representatives also made contributions by serving on various PCC task groups and as trainers for PCC training programs.

CONSER Membership

One new associate level member joined CONSER in 2008, the Getty Research Institute (Los Angeles, California). The Getty Research Library's collections further the knowledge and understanding of the visual arts with many rare materials and digital resources. We look forward to the contributions Getty Research Library will make to CONSER.

The University of California Libraries (UC) CONSER Funnel celebrated its second year in 2008 and continued efforts to train and mentor staff at participating UC campuses. Funnel members Sarah Gardner (University of California, Davis), Melissa Beck (UCLA) and Valerie Bross (UCLA) presented a North American Serials Interest Group presentation on how funnel membership works for the UC campuses and how it might be a model for others wishing to join CONSER using a funnel structure. Funnel members developed a proposal to expand the funnel to include libraries in California not part of the UC system. The structure, documentation and other resources assembled by the UC CONSER Funnel provide a good basis for other groups interested in forming a CONSER funnel.

University of Nebraska was granted CONSER authorization as a part of the National Digital Newspaper Project (NDNP), the first of several NDNP institutions expected to receive CONSER authorization. The project builds on the CONSER authenticated records created by the United States Newspaper Program (USNP). As USNP microforms are digitized by NDNP member institutions, corresponding CONSER authenticated records are updated and submitted to NDNP as the primary metadata for the digitized newspapers.

There was interest in the ongoing individual member level being piloted by Gene Dickerson (Department of State), as several CONSER operations representatives have moved from CONSER to non-CONSER institutions. Formal agreements between the institution, the individual, and OCLC are needed before this experiment can be expanded. These agreements will be in place in early fiscal year 2009.

CONSER Standard Record (CSR)

In June 2007 when CONSER implemented the CSR, representatives unanimously agreed to revisit the standard in one year to monitor its efficiency and make any necessary adjustments. In 2008 the CONSER Standard Record Monitoring Group was formed to gather feedback on any adjustments that were needed. The feedback was vetted and presented at the CONSER Operations Meeting in May 2008. As a result, several clarifications and minor changes in practice were suggested. The group was co-chaired by Liping Song (Health Sciences Library System University of Pittsburgh) and Beth Thornton (University of Georgia) and included participation from other CONSER institutions including: Renette Davis (U. of Chicago), Sophie Dong (U. of Georgia), Gene Dickerson (Dept. of State), Beth Guay (U. of Maryland), Miranda Hay (NLM), Elmer Klebs (LC), Iliana Mitropolitsky (LC), Robert Rendall (Columbia U.), Regina Reynolds (LC), and Steve Shadle (U. of Washington).

Most CONSER libraries have fully implemented or incorporated useful aspects of the CSR into their serials cataloging with few problems reported during their first full year of working with the new guidelines. Catalogers from several non-CONSER libraries have also expressed interest in using the standard, have attended SCCTP sessions on the CSR, and reported using the standard on various cataloging related listservs.

Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program (SCCTP)

The Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program (SCCTP) celebrated its 10th anniversary with a presentation given by Laura Kimberly, Associate Director and Manager of Continuing Education Services at Amigos, at the CONSER At-Large during ALA Annual . Kimberly's remarks focused on the SCCTP's collaboration with Amigos in converting and delivering workshop material in the live online environment.

Frieda Rosenberg (UNC Chapel Hill) and Margi Mann (OCLC Western) completed the revision of the Serial Holdings Workshop in February of 2008. Wen-Ying Lu (Michigan State University) and Margi Mann (OCLC) completed the conversion of the Serial Holdings Workshop for live-online delivery in September 2008.

Several workshops were revised to incorporate the CSR guidelines:

The Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop was revised by Melissa Beck, Valerie Bross, and Peter Fletcher (UCLA). Hien Nguyen (LC) coordinated a Basic Serials Cataloging Trainers Refresher Workshop in conjunction with ALA Annual in June 2008.

Linda Gonzalez, BCR Member Services Librarian revised the Electronic Serials Cataloging Workshop

Over thirty SCCTP workshops were given during the past fiscal year hosted by a variety of institutional workshop sponsors and reached nearly 300 trainees.

CONSER Member reports: <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/Members2008.pdf>

Program for Cooperative Cataloging Statistics:
<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/stats/>

APPENDIX A
MEMBERS OF CONSER COMMITTEES (2007-2008)

CONSER Operations Committee

Institution	Representative
American Theological Library Assoc.	Judy Knop
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Michigan State University	Wen-Ying Lu
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National Library of Medicine	Miranda Hay
National Library of Wales	Wyn Thomas
National Serials Data Program	Regina Reynolds
National University	Ed Jones
New York Public Library	Lenny Breeze
New York State Library	Miriam Bogen
New York University	Everett Allgood
New York University Law Library	George Prager
Northwestern University	Kevin Randall
OCLC	Robert Bremer
Oregon State University	Mike Boock
Pennsylvania State University Libraries	Christopher Walker
St. Louis University Law Library	Margaret Smith
Texas A&M University	Lisa Furubotten
Tulane University	Ageo Garcia
U.S. Government Printing Office	Jennifer Davis

University at Buffalo
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati, Medical Center Libraries
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania Libraries
University of Texas at Austin
University of Washington
Vanderbilt University

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APPENDIX B
CONSER TASK FORCES/GROUPS

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Task Group to Plan for Multiple 260 Fields

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Task Group on FRBR and Continuing Resources

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