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CDS Announcement

Reminder: non-Latin Data in Name Authority Records

As previously announced, MDS- Name Authority records will be enhanced with non-Latin script data in 4XX fields and selected notes beginning June 1, 2008, (see earlier announcements at http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cps/nonroman_announce.pdf and http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cps/nonlatin_whitepaper.html for additional information.) An additional FAQ related to the project will be posted at <http://www.loc.gov/aba/> shortly.

An effort to automatically pre-populate existing authority records with non-Latin references by OCLC, Inc. will also begin in early June 2008. The initial rate of pre-population will be limited to several hundred records per week, and will grow to a rate of approximately 25,000 records per week. Note that other clean-up projects that have recently increased the volume of name authority records (<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/2008-02-14.pdf>) will be suspended during this pre-population effort. It is estimated that approximately 400,000 pre-population records will be distributed over a number of months.

CDS is making available a file of name authority test records containing non-Latin script data. The file of 110 test records can be found on the Library of Congress rs7 server under the /emds/test subdirectory with file names of names.nonlatintest.records for the MARC 8 version and names.nonlatintest.records.utf8 for the UTF8 version.

Questions concerning these records can be directed to:

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