

**BIBCO Monographic Bibliographic Record Program of the PCC , Library of Congress,
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Good morning.

The final report of the LC Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control, in recommendation 1.1.3, said LC should "fully automate the CIP process." In recommendation 1.2.1, both the final report said that we should all "share responsibility for creating bibliographic records."

I'm here this morning to talk to you about the ECIP Cataloging Partnership Program, and it seemed appropriate to mention these two recommendations since the Electronic CIP Program and our ECIP cataloging partners address these recommendations.

Electronic Cataloging-in-Publication is a Web-based application that was launched in 1999. Participating publishers are required to fill out an online application, and to that application attach a plain ASCII text file with most or all of the galley of the planned book. 99% of all CIPs are now received and processed electronically.

We use an in-house developed application called On the MARC - a text capture and electronic conversion program - to assist us in building a bibliographic record from the data supplied by the publisher. On the MARC automatically pulls some data elements from the application, the cataloger uses a modified method of copy and paste to pull other information from the galley, and after the cataloger selects the correct MARC tag for the field being worked on, the program takes care of any indicators and subfields. It is a very, very cool program.

What ECIP and On the MARC have done is make it possible to have electronic CIPs cataloged anywhere by anyone having a PC, an Internet connection, and On the MARC.

Having someone else do our CIP cataloging was, strangely enough, very appealing to LC management. So we began to seek out partners.

One of the points I would like to mention is the review by LC of cataloging done by partner libraries. Since participating libraries are BIBCO members, you would be considered independent from day 1. But we do conduct a preliminary review of the work done by new ECIP partners, both from a technical and bibliographic standpoint. There are a few fields that we use that many libraries do not routinely add on PCC core records. Those fields are 041 (lang. if applicable), 043 (geographic subdiv), 504 (bib not and index) and 505 (table of contents).

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We currently have 7 participating libraries; 4 libraries “on the cusp” of participating; and 3 potential candidates.

1) Currently participating are: two national libraries - the National Library of Medicine and the National Agricultural Library. Both process ECIPs in specific subject areas. Since the very early days of the CIP Program, the National Library of Medicine has participated in the cataloging of CIPs, and when ECIP was launched, NLM was right there with us as the first ECIP cataloging partner. Happily for LC, the National Agricultural Library also became an ECIP partner two years ago.

We have five academic libraries who process ECIPs submitted by their respective university presses. In the order in which they joined the program, the five are: Cornell University, Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Stanford University, and Texas A&M University.

We are delighted to have them all as ECIP cataloging partners. We would be equally delighted to have many more partners. Last year we cataloged over 53,000 CIPs, so there's plenty to share.

2) The four libraries “on the cusp of participating” are: Duke University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Washington.

3) The three potential participants are: two libraries -- Ohio State University, Brigham Young University; and, book jobber, Quality Books.

The process of becoming an ECIP Cataloging Partner begins with a very easy step. Please email the Acting Chief of the CIP Division, Diane Barber at dbarber@loc.gov. Diane was initially scheduled to be a program participant today. She regrets that she was not able to join us, but sends warm greetings.

The two requirements we have are (1) that your library is a BIBCO library; and (2) that your university press participates in the ECIP Program. It's a bit easier from a technical aspect if yours is a Voyager library, but that is not a requirement.

We have handled the set-up at individual partner libraries in a couple of different ways. Either someone from LC does an on-site visit or we send you documentation and a video and talk you through the process via emails or telephone calls.

You may be asking yourself - - “Why would our library want to consider joining the ECIP Partnership Program ? Here are some of the reasons we've heard:

- * it helps build or strengthen a relationship with your university press
- * it provides an opportunity to see some of the latest works in a variety of subject areas
- * it's good for morale
- * it's fun

Finally, we would like to announce that LC will be offering a two day course entitled: Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH for E-CIP Participants, at the Library of Congress on Mon, Jul 28-Wed, Jul 30, 2008, 8:30-5:00.

The registration form is on the SACO web site at:

www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/saco/E-CIP_SubjectRegistration.html

To clarify one point. On the site – it is labeled as Registration for E-CIP Participants. Someone may think that this course is for current E-CIP partners only. That is not the case. This course can include people who have just a test account.

So, we encourage everyone to attend: current ECIP partners, “on the cusp of participating” partners and potential partners.

Patricia Hayward and I will be happy to take any questions you may have.

Also,

If there are any of our ECIP cataloging partners represented in the audience who would like to say anything about their experiences, we invite you to do so at this time.