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2005 PCC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Policy Committee (PoCo) meeting was held at the Library of Congress, November 3-4, 2005. Mark Watson (University of Oregon), PCC chair, introduced the members of the PCC Task Group on Strategic Directions: Roxanne Sellberg (Northwestern University), Judith Nadler (University of Chicago), Carlen Ruschoff (University of Maryland, College Park), Beacher Wiggins (Library of Congress), and Andrew MacEwan (British Library). Each of these five individuals contributed a vision statement to guide the discussion of strategic directions and goals for the PCC.

PCC Steering Committee Update

Ruschoff presented an update on PCC Steering Committee activities. Planning for updating the PCC Tactical Plan began at the PoCo meeting in November 2004. At that meeting, twelve tactical objectives were identified. The Steering Committee narrowed that number to six. The PCC Tactical Plan has been posted on the PCC Web site, along with action items, work assignments, and deadlines ([http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/archive/SP\\_TP\\_Complete\\_Version.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/archive/SP_TP_Complete_Version.pdf)) [January 2006]).

The Steering Committee also began the process of planning for updating the PCC Strategic Plan by creating a task force to review the mission statement. The draft mission statement was subsequently revised and adopted by PoCo in summer 2005.

Finally, the Steering Committee commissioned Robert Wolven (Columbia University) to write an article on the future of the PCC. In preparation, Wolven attended the entire PoCo meeting.

Utilities Update

Representatives from OCLC and RLG bibliographic utilities provided brief reports on the conversion of their databases to Unicode.

RLG

Karen Smith-Yoshimura reported that some of the older features were retained in the migration to RLIN21--earlier versions of authority records will continue to reside in the file; authority records can be generated from bibliographic records; and members

can retrieve bibliographic records from their local systems. The next update will come in fall 2006 and will include the character repertoire for Indic, Southeast Asian, and Armenian languages. One new feature of the RLIN 3.0 client release of October 10, 2005, is the ability to tag invalid characters in MARC8. RLG has joined the Open Content Alliance in building a permanent archive of digitized text and multimedia content with a focus on the public domain.

#### OCLC

Glenn Patton noted that Cyrillic, Greek, and Hebrew character sets were included in OCLC's implementation of Unicode. Thai and Tamil character sets will be added in 2006. The re-implementation of the union list service will occur in February 2006. OCLC is completing MARC update requirements--bibliographic level "i" among them. The upgrade will also include the ability to add multiple 260 fields and thirteen-digit ISBNs, and the ability to expand the length of the OCLC number to a variable length beyond the current limit of eight digits. Google and Yahoo are two of OCLC's partners in the Open WorldCat project.

#### Cooperative Online Serials (CONSER)

In October 2005 CONSER members discussed a joint OCLC/LC/PCC proposal to include in the CONSER database records created as a part of the OCLC e-serials holdings project. The records were created using a macro to clone e-serial records from existing CONSER and non-CONSER OCLC records for the print resources. There are several ISSN issues surrounding the cloned records, including the possibility that incorrect ISSN data on the records for the print resources will transfer into the cloned e-serial records. These concerns will be discussed at the CONSER-at-Large Meeting at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in January 2006.

#### Monographic Bibliographic Record Program (BIBCO)

Creation of new BIBCO and CONSER records and related maintenance decreased from the past year. (Complete online statistics can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/stats/stats.html> [January 2006].) Harvard-Yenching Library joined the program bringing the total BIBCO membership to forty-six. Cornell University and Northwestern University became Electronic Cataloging-in-Publication (ECIP) program participants by contributing CIP cataloging of their university press publications.

#### Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO)

In fiscal year 2005 NACO funnel projects experienced expansion, both in membership of existing funnel projects and in new projects. In all, sixty-five institutions with 235 staff were trained during the fiscal year. Creation of new authority records and revisions to existing authority records increased noticeably. The NACO Participants' Manual, 3rd edition, was published. (The manual is available in PDF format at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/naco/npm3rd.pdf> [January 2006]). The July Training the NACO Trainer Workshop produced thirteen new

NACO trainers--seven from NACO members and six from LC.

#### Subject Authority Cooperative Program (SACO)

SACO, established as a formal PCC program in January 2004, has grown to fifteen SACO-only members and has provided a new avenue of recruitment for the PCC several previously SACO-only members have since joined NACO. SACO mentors were trained during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago to help guide new members through creating new Library of Congress subject headings proposals. At ALA Midwinter Meeting in January 2006 there will be a SACO-at-Large meeting as well as a SACO Workshop.

#### PCC Standing Committees

PCC standing committee representatives provided reports on their committees' activities, including highlights from task groups under each committee. Of particular interest is the final report from the Standing Committee on Training (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/sct/sctannual05.html>) [January 2006]). In the area of training, several of the joint activities of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) and the PCC are under way. The Task Group on Online Distance Education is investigating both stand-alone training and cohort training. John Mitchell (LC) is developing a SACO course for this initiative, with an introductory presentation planned for the 2007 ALA Annual Conference. ALCTS will provide technical support through WebCT and Blackboard (now a single company). A second ALCTS/PCC task group is developing a course on the application of LC Classification. The update of the SACO Participants' Manual has resulted in a substantially expanded and revised document.

#### Vendor-produced Records

Judith Nadler (University of Chicago) led the discussion. As background she used a paper originally prepared for internal discussion at the University of Chicago. The paper focused on the impact on the broader cataloging community of the arrangement Casalini libri has made with the Library of Congress and offered to other PCC members. Discussion of the Casalini libri experiment followed Nadler's presentation.

#### Strategic Objectives and Goals

Sellberg, Nadler, Ruschoff, Wiggins, and MacEwan presented the vision statements each had prepared for the meeting.

Following the presentations, PoCo worked on developing a new strategic plan that will guide the PCC from 2006 to 2010. Cindy Todd (University of Maryland, College Park), the presenter for the discussion of imagining the PCC ten years into the future, facilitated the identification of important directions and goals. The discussion identified the following: to expand partnerships and collaboration; to expand and broaden membership; to pursue internationalization; to lead in the development of initiatives for the education and training of catalogers; and to redefine the

common enterprise.

A small PoCo group--Wiggins, MacEwan, Liz McKeen (Library and Archives Canada), Mechael Charbonneau (Indiana University, Bloomington), and Watson--is working to refine the set of strategic directions that will guide the cooperative in the next few years. More information is available at the PCC 2010 Planning for the Future Web page (<<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/pcc2010.html>> [January 2006]).

Confirmation of Chair-Elect

Mechael Charbonneau was confirmed by the PoCo as the chair-elect of the PCC.

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DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION EDITORIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC), the ten-member international advisory board for the DDC, held its meeting 124 at the Library of Congress Oct. 12 14, 2005. EPC elected Deane Zeeman, Library and Archives Canada, chair for 2006-2007. She succeeds Andrea Stamm, Northwestern University Libraries. Anne Robertson, Australian Committee on Cataloguing, continues as vice-chair. This is the first time that both the chair and vice-chair of the EPC have come from outside the U.S. In February 2005, Welna van Eeden, University of South Africa Library (Pretoria), was appointed to a three-year term as the first South African member of EPC. Meeting 124 marked the last meeting for member Jan DeSirey, Southdale Library (Hennepin County Library, Edina, Minn), who served on EPC 1996-2005. Andrea Kappler, Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library (Ind.), will succeed her and attended Meeting 124 as an observer.

EPC approved an update to Table 3C--3 Arts and literature dealing with specific themes and subjects; the creation of explicit Table 5 entries for North and South American native peoples; some adjustments to the Table 5 and Table 6 provisions for Eastern Malayo-Polynesian languages and their speakers; an expansion for terrorism at 363.325; a new development for social services related to tsunamis at 363.3494; and an expansion to 419 Sign languages. EPC also discussed papers on iconography in the arts, extensions to the collected biography notation in Table 1, and revision of the preference order in 301-307 Sociology and anthropology. At a follow-up teleconference meeting (124A) held Nov. 17, 2005, EPC approved a modified draft development for graphic novels at 741.5.

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ROY TENNANT SPEAKS ON "LIFE BEYOND MARC"

On September 15, under the sponsorship of the Library Services Technology Policy Directorate, Roy Tennant spoke to the staff on the topic: "Life Beyond MARC: the Case for Revolutionary Change in Library Systems and Services."

Tennant is an award winning, internationally recognized pioneer in digital library development and Internet training. He is manager of eScholarship Web & Services Design for the California

Digital Library. He created and manages the eScholarship web site at <<http://escholarship.cdlib.org/>> [December 2005]. He is also author of a column "Digital Libraries" regularly featured in Library Journal.

Tennant challenged his audience to take a proactive role in using technology to provide library users with better information services. In his talk, he noted that the library community has been slow to embrace data manipulation technologies into work processes and cited examples of how it is currently being applied. He stated that it is imperative now that libraries shift their strategic priorities to develop new search discovery systems to address users' needs. These systems would help manage the proliferation of available data that appear in a variety of metadata formats and are well suited to manipulating how data are stored, indexed, transformed, and displayed. Tennant theorized that the most effective of these systems would be simple to use, tailored for specific audiences, provide multiple access links through relevant info groupings and formats, and present results in a relatively seamless manner for even the most complicated query.

Additionally, Tennant stated that libraries must reallocate resources to keep information managers and providers knowledgeable of technological changes that impact user service programs. To plan successfully, develop, and employ such technology, librarians must understand information systems, schemas, etc., well enough to apply the new innovations or concepts into work processes. He stated that librarians' involvement in all areas of information management from system development to material delivery is important in handling the data and providing relevant information to the user. As technology continues to impact information development and delivery, librarians will need to possess new skills and knowledge to serve users adequately. This change may also result in a transformation of librarians' roles and the work that they currently do. To be a critical force in an ever-changing future, libraries must switch their focus and resources toward the more efficient use of technology in its processes. This integral shift can happen only when libraries invest in upgrading staff knowledge and dedicate resources toward the more effective use of available technology.

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