

Catalogers Group  
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ALA Reports:

Valerie Bross

FRBR –

Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records -- was a major theme at midwinter. FRBR conceptualizes three groups of entities: content, author, subject. FRBR uses an entity-relationship model, and there are four levels of representation: work, expression, manifestation, and item.

The phrase “AACR3” was used at this conference; the whole code is being reconsidered in terms of FRBR. Consistency in terminology and GMDs throughout the code will also be looked at, there is overlap now.

FRBR is also commerce driven. Companies such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble are interested in this approach to collocate their large product databases. OCLC and the ILS vendors are also interested in FRBR.

OCLC –

The new OCLC Connexion client will be implemented in three phases over the course of this year. OCLC wants the process to be done by December, because Passport will be out of operation then.

John Riemer

Big Heads –

Members think that with licensed electronic resources it's not enough to just have the content adequately archived, but institutions also need to retain access to the archived information.

Tape loads –

RLIN member libraries that load records to OCLC noticed that holdings for their non-original records get added in a normal amount of time, but the original records may take a year to load. OCLC's delay may be related to cautious use of duplicate detection. Cornell

has a student load original records via CATME. [The complaint lodged during Big Heads was subsequently withdrawn, shortly after ALA.]

“Federated searching” –

This term means searching across OPACs and digital library project records, and is also called as “cross-database searching.”

OCLC Symposium on digital libraries –

There was a presentation by the founders of Virtual Missouri (<http://www.virtualmissouri.org>) They commented that librarians should work collaboratively with archives, museums, historical societies; libraries are often better funded than these kinds of organizations, so librarians should do a lot of listening and should not be prescriptive in approach.

Topics for upcoming *CCQ* issues –

- 33 (3/4) The work, information retrieval
- 34 (1/2) Education for cataloging
- 35 (1/2)(3/4) Historical aspects of cataloging
- 36 (2/3) ALCTS Metadata Institute presentations
- 37 (1/2) Classification research, online aspects
- 37 (3/4) Thesauri
- 38 International Conference on Authority Control papers (2000 : Florence, Italy)

Issues not mentioned will be general ones.

ALCTS E-resources discussion group –

The group discussed issues concerning electronic theses and dissertations. Some submitters are reluctant to allow their text to be freely available online for various reasons.

Pinyin conversion –

Robert Bremer pointed out that after Wade Giles-to-Pinyin conversion, some 246 fields may remain in the records that duplicate newly-converted fields. OCLC may delete those fields in our records before conversion to the new ILS.

Subject Access Committee –

Be careful about the use of Great Britain; it is not to be used for works covering England and Wales (but not Scotland).

MARBI –

X48 field for period subdivisions has been approved, but won't be implemented until LC Voyager system can display.

KBP schedule (Islamic law) –

The schedule is being used in-house by LC as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

ClassWeb and LC Authorities website –

ClassWeb contains free-floating subdivisions, but does not have proposed headings. LC Authorities website has the opposite, proposed headings but not subdivision authorities.

Infomine trip –

On Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the SCAER group visited UC Riverside to talk with the Infomine group. John's impression was that the two groups could collaborate; Infomine has solid harvesting resources, more programmers than we do, and their records have LCSH & Class numbers. Infomine senses support from the new UL at Riverside, but thinks that they may not be viable in a couple of years if they don't get more expanded use, and they also have to keep applying for grant funding to continue the project.

UCLA could contribute ERDb records, and we have more selectors at UCLA to cover the subject areas Riverside doesn't. Given the current budget constraints, John sees this as a possible way to combine UC resources. SCAER members will be able to practice with Infomine and see if it's easier to use than our product.

Catalogers Group –

Next meetings will be held February 13th and February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Class Plus –

John reminded the group that *Class Plus* is a year out of date. Please prefer to use in *Class Web* instead, with recent paper copies as a back up.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Feinberg