

Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

Report of the MARBI Representative to CC:DA Annual Conference 2008

Provided below are summaries of the proposals and discussion papers considered by MARBI at the ALA 2008 Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Complete text of the MARBI proposals and discussion papers summarized below is available from the MARC Advisory Committee web page:

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/marcadvz.html>.

Proposal No. 2008-06: Adding information associated with the Series Added Entry fields (800-830).

Source: CONSER

Summary: This paper proposes a mechanism for indicating which issues of a serial, multipart monograph, map set, etc. display a particular series title. It recommends defining subfield \$3 (Materials specified) to designate the part of the resource to which the information applies in the 8XX series fields and the 490 field. In addition it proposes the addition of a subfield \$x for ISSN in 8XX series fields.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP03](#) (January 2008); [MARC Proposal No. 2008-07](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: Proposal approved as written.

Proposal No. 2008-07: Making field 440 (Series Statement/Added Entry--Title) obsolete in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

Source: Program for Cooperative Cataloging

Summary: This paper proposes making field 440 obsolete in favor of using 490 (Series Statement) and the 8XX Series added entry fields for traced series. This simplifies practices and the need for systems to look multiple places in the records for the authorized series heading. The paper also proposes changes to the first indicator value 1 definition in field 490.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP02](#) (January 2008); [MARC](#)

[Proposal No. 2008-06](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: MARBI considered this paper in two separate votes:

1. Make the 440 field (Series Statement) obsolete – Approved.
2. Redefine the 1st indicator value in the 490 field (Series Statement) to mean: “Series traced in 8XX field” – Approved.

[Proposal No. 2008-04:](#) Changes to Nature of entire work and Nature of content codes in field 008 of the MARC 21 bibliographic format.

Source: National Library of Finland

Summary: Finnish Voyager libraries are converting to MARC 21 from MARC21-Fin, a format that has been used since year 2000. This discussion paper describes additions to the Nature of entire work and Nature of content codes in field 008 of the MARC 21 bibliographic format.

Related MARBI Documents: [MARC Proposal No. 2008-10](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: Proposal approved with minor editorial revisions.

[Proposal No. 2008-10:](#) Definition of a subfield for Other standard number in field 534 of the MARC 21 bibliographic format.

Source: National Library of Finland

Summary: This proposal defines a subfield for Other resource identifier in field 534 (Original version note) to allow for the recording of standard numbers, such as the ISMN. Subfields for the ISBN and ISSN are already defined.

Related MARBI Documents: [MARC Proposal 2008-04](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: Proposal approved. The “Other” resource identifier will include a prefix or other contextual device when there may be ambiguity.

Proposal No. 2008-08: Definition of subfield \$z in field 017 of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and addition of the field to the MARC 21 Holdings formats.

Source: Biblioteca Nacional de España

Summary: This paper proposes the definition of subfield \$z for Canceled/invalid copyright or legal deposit number field 017 of the MARC 21 bibliographic format. The paper also proposes adding field 017 to the MARC 21 holdings format.

Related MARBI Documents: None.

MARBI action taken: Proposal approved.

Proposal No. 2008-09: Definition of Videorecording format codes in field 007/04 of the MARC 21 bibliographic format.

Source: OLAC

Summary: This paper proposes the definition of videorecording format codes for Blu-ray Discs and HD DVDs in Videorecording field 007/04.

Related MARBI Documents: None.

MARBI action taken: Because of the limited number of available codes remaining for these fields, MARBI approved the definition of a code for BLU-Ray, but will provide instructions to encode HD-DVD resources as “other” (i.e., code z).

Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP06: Coding deposit programs as methods of acquisitions in field 008/07 of the MARC 21 holdings format.

Source: Biblioteca Nacional de España

Summary: This paper discusses coding different types of deposit programs as methods of acquisitions in field 008/07 of the MARC 21 holdings format.

Related MARBI Documents: None.

MARBI action taken: Because Deposit programs differ from country to country, the discussion paper or proposal that comes back to MARBI in January will need to pay close attention to

specific definitions and the mechanisms necessary to encode these differences.

[Proposal No. 2008-05/1](#): Encoding RDA: Introduction and Principles

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper introduces the set of MARC Proposals and Discussion Papers that suggests changes to the formats for the implementation of Resource Description and Access (RDA) in MARC bibliographic systems. It gives background information about RDA, lists the sections of the series of proposals and discussion papers, and summarizes principles that the working group considered in its deliberations about whether changes in MARC were needed for specific RDA elements.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008)

MARBI action taken: An outline of the process that the RDA/MARC Working Group followed in assembling these discussion papers and proposals, as well as a description of those topics considered but that resulted in “no action” at the present time.

In response, John A. raised a couple of familiar concerns at the principles level that were revisited through much of MARBI’s discussion of these RDA-related papers.

1. The idea of records and the concept of the “completeness of the record”
2. Parsing of data – Does forward mapping of data represent enough of a reason for MARBI to further consider content designation?

No MARBI action was necessary for this paper as it was primarily a background document.

[Proposal No. 2008-05/2](#): Identifying work and expression records in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority formats

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper proposes defining a new field in the MARC 21 bibliographic and authority formats to identify that the record is for a work or an expression.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008); [Proposal No. 2008-05/1](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: As this does not represent a pre-requisite or requirement for encoding RDA records via the MARC 21 formats, MARBI decided to take a “wait and see” approach in order to determine how best to implement this capability.

For a number of reasons, among them uncertainty regarding the final form of RDA and a need for further information regarding the desired application and utility of some of these RDA-related Proposals and Discussion Papers, this “wait and see” approach was quite popular Sunday afternoon.

[Proposal No. 2008-05/3:](#) New content designation for RDA elements: Content type, Media Type, Carrier Type.

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper proposes to establish new content designation for Carrier type and Media type in the MARC 21 bibliographic format. It also proposes to establish new content designation for Content type in the MARC 21 authority and bibliographic formats.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008); [Proposal No. 2008-05/1](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: John A. noted that the JSC has established a domain name and is finalizing the list of these terms and code values that will be available there as persistent URIs. MARBI will then need to provide a place within MARC to encode these URIs.

MARBI also discussed the importance not only of being able to map data elements into the MARC formats, but the concurrent need to export the data as well (i.e., forward mapping).

Again, MARBI voted to “wait and see” how this develops within RDA.

The RDA/MARC Working Group will further revise the options presented in this proposal in time for Midwinter 2009.

[Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP05/3:](#) Treatment of controlled lists of terms and coded data in RDA and MARC 21.

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper discusses RDA controlled lists of values in relation to various MARC

coded value lists, including the RDA content, media, and carrier types and carrier attributes.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008)

MARBI action taken: Here for the first of several times during the RDA-related papers discussion, MARBI considered the wisdom of having allowed the use of “other” and “unspecified” as valid codes and terms within controlled lists.

This paper will come back to MARBI at the Midwinter Conference. Specific attention will be paid to proceeding here while paying heed to principles underlying MARC development.

[Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP05/1:](#) Using RDA relators between names and resources with MARC 21 records.

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper compares the RDA relator list that specifies relationships between names and resources (Appendix I) with the MARC relator list and suggests methods for aligning them and for encoding RDA role data in MARC records.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008); [Proposal No. 2008-05/1](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: This paper will come back to MARBI at the Midwinter Conference.

One of the positive things about these RDA-related papers for the MARBI Committee was that many of them demonstrated some of what the committee likes to consider the virtues of MARC. In this case, the importance of MARC’s neutrality was reaffirmed.

[Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP05/2:](#) Using RDA relators between names and resources with MARC 21 records.

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper summarizes new data elements in the MARC 21 Authority Format that would be needed to support RDA detail with respect to dates, places and several other elements associated with the entity for which the record was made.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008); [Proposal No.](#)

[2008-05/1](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: This paper will come back to MARBI at the Midwinter Conference.

[Proposal No. 2008-05/4:](#) Enhancing field 502 (Dissertation note) of the MARC 21 Bibliographic format.

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper proposes defining subfields for the academic degree for which a work was presented, the granting institution or faculty, the year a degree was granted, dissertation number and miscellaneous information in field 502 (Dissertation note). It also proposes defining the second indicator position as “Level of content designation.”

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008); [Proposal No. 2008-05/1](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: Proposal approved, with editorial revisions. The indicator value will not be defined, and “dissertation number” will be renamed “dissertation identifier.”

[Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP05/4:](#) Items not requiring MARC 21 format changes for RDA.

Source: RDA/MARC Working Group

Summary: This paper discusses the recommendations on items that are not included in the RDA/MARC Proposals and Discussion Papers for encoding RDA using MARC 21. The RDA/MARC Working Group is recommending that no changes to MARC 21 are needed for these items.

Related MARBI Documents: [Discussion Paper No. 2008-DP04](#) (January 2008); [Proposal No. 2008-05/1](#) (June 2008)

MARBI action taken: The items from Discussion Paper 2008-DP04 “*Encoding RDA, Resource Description and Access data in MARC 21*” that did not result in MARBI papers were discussed.

MARBI considered the forward data mapping ramifications of some, and there may be some reconsideration either at Midwinter 2009 or in the future depending on how RDA develops.

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