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Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

Report of the MAC Liaison (Preliminary)

To: Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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Provided below are summaries of the proposals and discussion papers considered by the MAC at the ALA 2014 MidWinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Complete text of the MAC proposals and discussion papers summarized below is available via the agenda for the MAC meetings of the 2014 ALA MidWinter Meeting on the MARC Advisory Committee web site: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/mw2014_age.html

Executive Summary

Note that URLs are now formulated with "marc/mac" rather than "marc/marbi". Three proposals and four discussion papers were made available to the MARC community on 12/20/2013, to be considered at the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Details

Proposal 2014-01: Defining Indicator Values for Field 588 Source of Description Note in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-01.html

Source: CONSER/OCLC

Summary: This paper proposes defining the first indicator position of the 588 field as a display constant controller to facilitate the correct creation of the captions to the note and enable the data in the field to be treated more as a data element that could be readily mapped to other formats or used for other purposes.

Related Documents: 2013-DP05

MAC Action taken: 1

12/20/13 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

Proposal 2014-02: Making Subfield $c Repeatable in Fields X10 and X11 of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-02.html

Source: Canadian Committee on MARC (CCM)

Summary: Recording multiple location names in relation to conferences is sometimes needed (e.g., RDA 11.13.1.8). Subfield $c (Location of meeting) is currently not repeatable in fields 110, 111, 610, 611, 710, 711, 810 and 811 of the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format and fields 110, 111, 410, 411, 510, 511, 710 and 711 of the MARC 21 Authority Format. Catalogers are instructed to record multiple adjacent locations in a single $c subfield, which does not support optimal machine parsing of the data, potentially impeding identification and retrieval activities.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:
12/20/13 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

Proposal 2014-03: Renaming and Redefining 347 $f (Transmission speed) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-03.html

Source: British Library

Summary: This paper proposes renaming and redefining 347 $f to reflect the changes which have taken place in the equivalent RDA sub-element

Related Documents: 2011-08

MAC Action taken:
12/20/13 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

Discussion Paper 2014-DP01: Designating Never Published in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-dp01.html

Source: German National Library

Summary: This paper discusses a way to designate in a MARC bibliographic record that a bibliographic resource has never been published.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:
12/20/13 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion. 1/3/14 – Revised and reposted.

Discussion Paper 2014-DP02: Relationships Between Subject Headings from Different Thesauri in the MARC 21 Authority Format

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-dp02.html

Source: German National Library

Summary: his paper discusses a way to designate relationships between entries of different thesauri in a MARC authority record.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:
12/20/13 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion. 1/3/14 – Revised and reposted.

Discussion Paper 2014-DP03: "Miscellaneous information" in Topical Term and Geographic Name Fields of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-dp02.html

Source: German National Library

Summary: "Miscellaneous information" in Topical Term and Geographic Name Fields of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:
12/20/13 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

Discussion Paper 2014-DP04: Recording RDA Relationship Designators in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2014/2014-dp03.html

Source: Canadian Committee on MARC (CCM)

Summary: This paper presents options for recording RDA relationship designators in the Bibliographic and Authority formats to ensure that user-friendly versions of the designators will be available for public display.

Related Documents: 2009-DP01/2; 2013-DP04

MAC Action taken:
12/20/13 - Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

Other Reports:

Business Meeting: