

## BCC2006/SMF/1

### MARBI/MARC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALA Midwinter Conference, San Antonio, Tex.

Jan. 21-22, 2006

Reported by Paul Cauthen, Chair, MARC Formats Subcommittee

MARBI and the MARC Advisory Committee met concurrently in two sessions during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. Chair Martha Yee (UCLA Film and Television Archive) led the sessions.

#### ***Summary:***

This year's meeting was occupied primarily with new proposals and discussion papers

#### ***Highlights:***

#### ***Proposal:***

2006-01 : *Changes to accommodate IAML form/genre codes in field 047 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format* (approved as amended)

Provides coding to make the use of the extensive list of form and genre codes maintained by IAML and used in Unimarc to be used in MARC21 bibliographic records. After much debate, MARBI determined it was not practical to use a separate code to mark the presence of IAML data in the record

#### ***Other Proposals:***

2006-02 : *Adding subfields for relator terms to X11 fields in the Bibliographic and Authority formats* (option 1 approved)

The proposal establishes a new code for relator terms in X11 fields (used for conferences and other events). A new code was necessary because the subfield normally used for relator data was already in use. Primarily of significance to the visual resources community.

2006-03: *Standardized terminology for access restrictions in field 506 of the MARC21 Bibliographic Format* (approved as amended)

Allows the use of access terms, such as "online accessible with authorization" from various standardized lists of such terms.

2006-04: *Technique for conversion of Unicode to MARC-8* (approved with options)

Resolves some outstanding technical issues related to data exchange.

2006-05 : *Changes to Holdings data fields to accommodate ONIX for Serials in the MARC 21 Holdings Format* (approved as amended)

Allows for seamless import of data from serials and other vendors.

***Discussion Papers***

2006-DP01: *Recording geographic coordinates in the MARC 21 Authority Format* (revise and return as a proposal)

Describes the use of a new field that would enable coordinates-based retrieval of geographic headings.

2006-DP02: *Addition of coded value to 008 for content alerts in the MARC 21 Bibliographic format* (revise and return as a proposal)

MARBI recommended using a variable field such as 521 to record this data

2006-DP03: *Incorporation of Former Headings into MARC 21 Authority Records* (revise and return as a discussion paper)

Explores the option of establishing a new field for former headings not currently appropriate for the 4XX block. MARBI recommended the paper be resubmitted with a more detailed evaluation of the potential of using 4XX block rather creating a new field.

2006-DP05: *Indicating coverage dates for indexes in the MARC 21 Holdings Format* (revise and return as a proposal)

Describes the use of coding that enable the recording of coverage dates, which for material such as indexes, is more important to users than the publication date.

***Reports***

Library of Congress (Sally McCullogh):

The MARC Standards Office is engaged in merging all their documentation into a single format which should facilitate online distribution of the documents.

Deutsche Bibliothek

German and Austrian libraries, which currently use their own data format (MAB), have begun the process of moving to MARC21. This should greatly facilitate data exchange between libraries.

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