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Editorial comment

It's midwinter and time for our annual workshop. This year we are looking a geographic subject headings.

In this issue we focus on DDC issues, id.loc.gov – the Library of Congress subject authorities on the web, and get feedback from the Sabinet/LIASA course in basic cataloguing and classification skills.

Please contribute to *LIASA IGBIS-in-touch* by sending articles or snippets of information of interest to fellow IGBIS members to: susan.battison@nlsa.ac.za

'Be wise, standardise'

Dewey 23 / Dewey Abbrided 15

From Libbie Crawford, Product Manager, Dewey Decimal Classification, OCLC

E-mail on OCLC-CAT, dated 27 March 2009:

“We plan to publish DDC 23 in late 2010 or early 2011. We also plan to keep the price in the same ballpark as DDC 22 which was US\$375 per set. Abridged 15 is expected to

be published six months after DDC 23 and we plan to keep the price in the same ballpark as Abridged 14 which was US\$99.”

Launch of id.loc.gov

From Libby Dechman, Subject Policy Specialist, Library of Congress

E-mail on SACOLIST, dated 27 May 2009

“The Library of Congress has opened its ID.LOC.GOV web service, Authorities and Vocabularies, with the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) as the initial offering.

The primary goal of this service is to enable machines to programmatically access data at the Library of Congress but the web interface also provides simple user access. We view this service as a step toward exposing and interconnecting vocabulary and thesaurus data via URLs. For LCSH, we are fortunate to have been able to link terms to a similar service provided in Europe for RAMEAU, a French subject heading vocabulary closely coordinated with LCSH. We are very interested to get feedback on the uses and usefulness of the service to inform ways that we might enhance it. (There is a comment form at the site.)

Over the next few months we will also be expanding it to other vocabularies commonly found in standards that the Library supports such as the Thesaurus of Graphic Materials, the MARC 21 codes for geographic areas, languages, and relators, and preservation events.

So please go to the site and explore it for yourself at <http://id.loc.gov> “

Dewey Decimal Classification: Summary of Meeting 131 of the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC), 10-12 June 2009, OCLC

The meeting was chaired by EPC Vice-Chair Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing). EPC Chair Caroline Kent (British Library) and new EPC member Jonathan Furner (UCLA) were unable to attend in person.

EPC reviewed the full version of **Table 1 (Standard Subdivisions)**. One provision was postponed for discussion at Meeting 132 in November 2009: the use of **T1—0286 Waste technology** to represent green technology.

In **Table 2 (Geographic Areas, Historical Periods, Persons)**, EPC looked mostly to the past in reviewing provisions for the ancient world in **T2—3**. Some of the ancient world proposals have implications for the modern world versions of the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions, Asia Minor, and Turkey. EPC also approved some adjustments to German administrative units proposed by colleagues at Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, plus the placement of the Barents Sea region, North Calotte, and Sápmi (Lapland).

EPC approved the full version of **Table 3 (Subdivisions for the Arts, for Individual Literatures, for Specific Literary Forms)**, and an expansion for Hakka (Han Chinese who speak Hakka dialect) in **Table 5 (Ethnic and National Groups)**.

EPC approved updates in the following schedules: **004-006 Computer science, 200 Religion, 300 Social sciences, 301-307 Sociology and anthropology, 320 Political science, 330 Economics, 340 Law, 400 Language, 610 Medicine and health, 780 Music, 800 Literature, and 960 History of Africa**. EPC reviewed preliminary versions of **640 Home and family management, 690 Buildings, 710 Civic and landscape art, and 720 Architecture**.

On the recommendation of EPC, we plan to post the sewing and clothing sections of 646 shortly for outside comment. EPC also reviewed a preliminary proposal for updates to sections of **372.3-372.8 Elementary education in specific subjects**.



Standing, from left to right: Andrea Kappler (Evansville Vanderburgh [IN] Public Library), Sandra Singh (University of British Columbia), Lyn McKinney (Billings [MT] Senior High School), and Welna van Eeden (University of South Africa); seated, from left to right: Karl Debus-López (Library of Congress, standing in for Beacher Wiggins), David Farris (Library and Archives Canada), EPC Vice-Chair Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing), and Deborah Rose-Lefmann (Northwestern University).

Joan Mitchell
Submitted by Welna van Eeden

LIASA/IGBIS SABINET training grant: report back

LIASA/IGBIS has presented two successful training courses. The courses were financed by the SABINET grant that was given to LIASA.

The first course, a *Basic Course in Cataloguing and Classification Skills*, 14-17 April 2009, was presented by Susan Battison and Welna van Eeden. Five people attended the first 2 days and 6 people attended the last 2 days.

On 26 June 2009, the *Introduction to Authority Control* training course was presented by Dr Hester Marais. Fourteen people attended this course.

Both courses were held in Gauteng at the Sabinet Offices.

Please send requests for training to the igbis.training@gmail.com email address. As soon as there is enough people interested, we can consider a course in your area.

Santi Steyn



Next IGBS event

Join the IGBIS National Committee at the interest group day at LIASA, on 30 September 2009. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

- 08:30 – 09:15 LIASA IGBIS AGM
- 09:15 – 10:00 Meeting 131 of the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC), 10-12 June 2009, OCLC – report back (Welna van Eeden, Unisa)
- 10:00 - 10:30 *Tea Break*
- 10:30 – 11:00 RDA lecture series, 22-24 July 2009, NLSA – report back (Susan Battison, NLSA)
- 11:00 – 11:15 IGBIS Project: DDC Summaries Translation – report back (Welna van Eeden, Unisa)
- 11:15 – 12:30 Entertainment still to be finalised

We look forward to seeing you at LIASA in Bloemfontein.

IGBIS National Committee

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