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Editorial comment

It's mid-winter and time for the IGBIS workshop. The workshop's theme is *Before and Beyond AACR2* – the Before being the consolidated edition of International Standard Bibliographic Description (originally published before AACR2) and the Beyond being the developing metadata standards for digital resources. We hope that this workshop is relevant to your bibliographic record creation needs.

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'
Susan

Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee

Extracts from an entry posted on the Dewey Blog by Joan Mitchell, editor-in-chief of the DDC. View the complete entry on the Dewey blog:

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2008/05/epc-meeting-129.html>

The [Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee \(EPC\)](#)* met at OCLC May 7-9, 2008.

EPC approved several adjustments to the proposed overhaul of the treatment of groups of people (including a separate number for intersex people based on feedback from users) plus the implementation plan for the changes. The current plan is to post draft versions of Table 1 and 305-306 on the Dewey web site in August 2008 (with links from the Dewey blog). We will request comments on the content and implementation plan by October 30, 2008—this will permit discussion of user comments at EPC Meeting 130 in November 2008. It is our intention to introduce the changes to the treatment of groups of people throughout the DDC by second quarter calendar year 2009 in WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey. We plan to make final PDFs of Table 1 and 305-306 available on the Dewey web site at the same time the changes are implemented in the web versions of the DDC. The changes introduced in the web versions of the DDC will also appear in the print version of DDC 23 (scheduled to be published in late calendar year 2010).

EPC Meeting 129



EPC at OCLC on May 8, 2008—standing from left to right: Lyn McKinney (Billings [MT] Senior High School), Sandra Singh (Vancouver [BC] Public Library), David Farris (Library and Archives Canada), Welna van Eeden (University of South Africa), Andrea Kappler (Evansville Vanderburgh [IN] Public Library) and EPC Chair Caroline Kent (British Library). Seated from left to right: Arlene Taylor (University of Pittsburgh SIS, retired), Vice Chair Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing), and Deborah Rose-Lefmann (Northwestern University).

In addition to the changes to groups of people in Table 1, EPC approved two changes to **T1—079 Competition, awards, financial support**: clarification of the add instruction from Table 2, and the relocation of festivals from T1—079 to **T1—074 Museums, collections, exhibits**. Watch this space for more information on these changes. EPC also approved several changes in **Table 2 (Geographic Areas, Historical Periods, Persons)** for Belgium, South Africa, Sweden, and Clifton Forge, Va. (the last reflects a rare change within administrative units in the U.S.). In **Table 3 (Subdivisions for the Arts, for Individual Literatures, for Specific Literary Forms)**, EPC approved new provisions for autobiographical fiction, biographical fiction, and alternative histories. In **Table 6 (Languages)**, EPC approved updates to Indonesian languages and Galician, plus several miscellaneous updates. Similar changes were made to parallel notation in **Table 5 (Ethnic and National Groups)**.

In the schedules, EPC approved updates in the following areas: **004-006 Computer science, 025.4 Subject analysis and control, 160 Logic, 320 Political science, 364.16 Offenses against property, 398.2 Folk literature, 400 Language, 510 Mathematics, 560-590 Life sciences, 610 Medicine and health, 700 The arts, 800 Literature, and 900 History, geography, and auxiliary disciplines**. EPC also reviewed reports on work under way in **200 Religion, 340 Law, and 370 Education**. The changes in 364.16, along with other updates to the treatment of criminal offenses, will be the focus of the June [New and Changed Entries](#). We will discuss the proposed updates and open issues in several of the aforementioned schedules in the coming weeks in the Dewey blog—stay tuned.

Submitted by W. van Eeden

IGBIS day at LIASA

During the LIASA Annual Conference, Interest Groups sessions will take place on Wednesday, 8 October.

This day is being planned as the “**IGBIS relaxes originally**” day.

Preliminary programme
- AGM

- Election of IGBIS Committee (nomination forms to be posted on listservs 2 months prior to conference)
- Report back on various issues (DDC Editorial Policy Committee, Bibliographic control etc.)
- Relax and listen to our performers (to be announced later)

Report on the KARM 2008 and the SAOUG 2008

The KARM 2008 and SAOUG 2008 did not deal with bibliographic standards. It was however very interesting and it's important that we, as describers of information, remain in touch with developments elsewhere in our profession.

Ninth Southern African Online Information Meeting was held from 3-5 June 2008 at the CSIR Conference Centre, in Pretoria

Presentations were of a high quality and of general interest with plenty of networking opportunities.

The following three pre-conference workshops were presented on 3 June 2008.

- ***Evidence based library and information practice.***
- ***Planning a digital strategy for yourself.***
- ***Practical presentation skills:*** This workshop was conducted by Julie Meyer from the Voice Clinic and helped a lot of speakers who still had to present their papers.

During Wednesday lunch there were round table discussions on various topics including:

- ***Patent Searching Support Group***
- ***End User Training: Best Practice***
- ***Institutional Repositories***
- ***EBLIP (Evidence Based Library and Information Practice)***
- ***Life after Graduation: the Gap between Theory and Practice***
- ***Mentoring***
- ***Library 2.0***
- ***Budget for small libraries***
- ***Automated Help Desk***
- ***Federated Search Engines***
- ***Designing new libraries***

Papers addressed training, information behaviour, improvement of services, training, workflow, tools, databases, institutional repositories, collaboration, knowledge commons, the role of the university library in digital scholarship and

the African Journal online. There was a strong emphasis on the use of technology and the Internet.

Contributions came from the private sector for example legal, financial and engineering industries as well as academic and research institutions, such as universities and the CSIR.

The one presentation that was outstanding was one delivered by staff members from University of Pretoria: Teleporting from boring to cool. It was an excellent demonstration of how they have approached the challenge to stay relevant to the Net Generation. The presentation was in a form of a video. They illustrated how rap songs, industrial theatre and SMS language and computer gaming are utilised for computer literacy training and to change the image of the library.

KARM 2008: Knowledge Archives and Records Management Conference, FACILITATING ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE was held at The Ranch Protea Hotel, Polokwane from 6-8 May 2008.

This conference focused strongly on the challenges for knowledge management against the background of the digital age on the one hand, and developing communities on the other. The importance of digital preservation was emphasised. The institutional repository concept was addressed by various speakers. Support for research and self-archiving, and conducting a knowledge audit in the public sector were addressed. The last day was reserved for various workshops: ***The Appraisal of records, Marketing the archives, Knowledge management through stories, Crossing the divide between information and knowledge management***. Presenters came from various types of institutions including universities, research institutions, consultancy groups, and the public sector. UNISA and the CSIR were especially well presented. Delegates were from all over Southern Africa.

The venue was spectacular and so were the functions and catering. Participants had the opportunity to join a lion tour and the last day there were also visits to various historical sites. We are looking forward to KARM 2009

Submitted by A. van der Westhuizen

Do you know enough about ... ?

RDA is due to be published in 2009, with possible implementation by the end of 2009. Are you ready?

News from RDA

The Co-Publishers of RDA Online (the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association, and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) have reached the conclusion that further time is required to complete

the development of the new software that will be used for distributing the full draft of RDA for constituency review.

The full draft was originally scheduled for release on August 4, 2008. Instead, it will now be issued in October 2008. The three month time period allocated for comments on the full draft is unchanged, and in this new schedule will extend from October into January 2009. More specific dates for RDA's final release will be forthcoming shortly. Members of the Committee of Principals (CoP) and the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) agree that the importance of distributing RDA content in a well-developed and tested version of the new software is such that a two-month delay is justified. They concluded that this extension is worthwhile given the ultimate value of the exceptional effort that is going into RDA and feel that the review by constituencies will be enhanced as a result.

link: <http://catalogablog.blogspot.com/2008/07/rda-news.html>

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/jsc/>
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/jsc/docs/felicitervol53no7p250-253.pdf

RDA has been aligned with **FRBR**. What do you understand about **FRBR**?

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/frbr/frbr.htm>

<http://www.loc.gov/cds/FRBR.html>

<http://www.frbr.org/>

The draft **Statement of international cataloguing principles**, which will replace the Paris principles, is available for review. Take a look at this document

http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/icc/principles_review_200804.htm

The way we look at the bibliographic universe has changed and these resources will help you understand the underlying theory and models. Please let the IGBIS committee know how we can help you further on these topics.

Other interesting sites:

<http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/> (Simple Knowledge Organization System - SKOS)

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/scatn/> (SCATnews)

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