

Report of the Society of American Archivist's Liaison to the American Library Association Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA)

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The American Library Association's Cataloging Committee on Description and Access (CC:DA) forwarded revisions to the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (JSC),

The CC:DA met in January 2004 in San Diego, California, and June 2004 in Orlando, Florida. The committee dealt with several issues, had the following discussions, and made specific recommendations and decisions at the mid-winter and annual meetings:

Task Forces: CC:DA Task Forces made reports:

1. Joint ALCTS/ACRL Task Force on Cataloging Rules for Early Printed Monographs (AACR 2.12–18).

Their charge is to investigate the use of the rules for early printed monographs in chapter 2 of AACR2 and to present in its final report answers to the four major questions:

- a. Are the special rules needed in AACR?
- b. If so, what should be the scope of the rules?
- c. Should such rules conform to either DCRM(B) or ISBD(A)?
- d. What principles should inform such rules?

The opinion of the Task Force appears to be that there is a place for these rules in AACR2 and that they should remain; that the current scope seems reasonable; that they should conform to DCRM(B) if possible; and that principles should include: consistency and sufficiency (i.e., the approach should remain somewhat minimalist).

2. Task Force on FRBR [Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records] Terminology.

Responded in December 2003 to JSC request for clarification of the use of "format," "formats," "materials," "types of material," "class of material," and "distinct" vs. "different."

3. Task Force to Investigate CC:DA's Web Presence is charged March 2004 with:

- a. investigating how the CC:DA Website is used for internal and external communication;
- b. developing a statement of functional requirements for the Website; and

- c. recommending means for carrying on the duties currently undertaken by the CC:DA Webmaster.

4. **Task Force to Maintain the CC:DA Publication “Differences Between, Changes Within”** is charged with maintaining this publication, keeping it in conformance with the current version of AACR; informing CC:DA of any changes proposed to the publication, by means of 6-month reports containing those proposed changes, to be presented at Midwinter and Annual meetings of CC:DA; and informing CC:DA of the appropriateness of having a task force maintain a publication. The Task Force, established March 2004, will have a working life of two years.

5. The **CC:DA Program Planning Task Force for ALA Annual 2005** is charged, June 2004, with developing and publicizing a program on the coming changes in AACR (currently termed “AACR3”) for the 2005 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 23-29. The proposed program is intended to acquaint technical services professionals with the upcoming changes in the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules*.

6. **Task Force on Specific Material Designations (SMDs)** was charged, November 2003, to write a background paper on SMDs. This paper will focus on the principles, purposes, and structures of the SMDs, the relation of SMD terms to natural language (terms in common use), and the relation of the SMDs to other parts of the description. Their preliminary report, January 2004, indicates that in the light of the major changes to AACR now being planned – e.g., a much-revised Part I, perhaps with a very much enlarged Chapter 1 – we should determine a consistent method of deriving SMDs that may be applied with relative ease to all resources, content, and carriers. The first step would be to determine what it is that users (including catalogers as a type of user group) need from an SMD. This information on user needs should be used to develop a method of establishing SMDs, to be incorporated into the next major revision of AACR. This Task Force will remain in place to comment on the draft of the new edition of AACR3. Rather than trying to revise existing SMDs, they may group them differently in different chapters as appropriate.

Reports at Meetings:

At the annual meeting, June 2004, Matthew Beacom, the ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee, reported on JSC plans for a new edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules*. Dr. Barbara B. Tillett gave a presentation on the IFLA meetings of International Cataloguing Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, which took place in Frankfurt in July 2003 and which produced a draft Statement of International Cataloguing Principles.

CCDA is in transition. The creation of AACR3 impacts on how CC:DA works; the committee will return to working on big pieces rather than minutiae. The 2004 amendments are due soon from the publisher. The 2005 amendments will be a short

update of odds and ends until the totally revised *AACR3* is published in 2007. The proposed outline of *AACR3* contains:

- Introductions - General principles
- Part I - Description [will be sent out for review by the end of 2004].
- Part II - Choice of access points [formerly Chapter 21].
- Part III – Form of access points [combines Chapters 22-25, form of entry with cross-references for names].

There will be substantial introductions to each section to establish a conceptual background. Publicity that explains the rationale for the new edition will appear on the JSC webpage <<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/index.html>>.

The following draft outline was determined at the April 2004 JSC meeting:

- Introduction
- General rules (By ISBD area with references forward to supplemental rules for specific content types)
- Chapters for content (Only supplemental rules, no references back to General chapter)
- Chapters for medium/technical description (Primarily ISBD area 5 with relevant physical description notes from ISBD area 7)
- Chapter(s) on mode of issuance (Successively issued over time)