

**Standing Committee on Standards (SCS) Issues on BIBCO Standard Records (BSRs)**  
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1. **SCS Issue 246.** Varying titles (246 field). Both the BSR and the CSR currently use 246 13 for all other variant titles (besides parallel titles). MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data defines the 246 second indicators 1 and 3:

**"246 1# No type specified.** # - No type specified No information is provided in the indicator as to the type of title. Information may be provided in subfield \$i (Display text) when a special display is needed, or the value is used for titles not handled by the other values.

**"246 13 Other title.** Another title that appears on the piece that is not more appropriately indicated by one of the other values. Other title: may be generated with the note for display. Used when subfield \$i is not being used to give specific text. Other titles include masthead title, half-titles, binder's titles, colophon titles, parallel titles not recorded in field 245, cover titles found in an inverted format at the back of the publication, spelled out titles, etc. The display constant"

According to MARC experts using the 246 13 is stretching the definition; it would be more accurate to use 246 1# and it implies the choice to not code another assigned value. This would allow catalogers to code all "other titles" as 246 1#, and include the \$i only if needed for clarification. Many of us thought that one would always have to include a \$i if you used a 246 1#, but this is not true. We are recommend that we change the BSRs to include a 246 1#. Since this could potentially involve the CSR as well, this topic will be discussed at BIBCO/CONSER Operations meeting May 6-7, 2010.

2. **SCS Issue: Genre headings.** This is a moving target as was addressed in your Implementation Issues. For now some TGs have omitted them from their formats. This will change over time as authority records for genre headings start to grow. SCS will follow the development of the various genre heading projects with interest and eventually add the 655 to the MAP for all formats.

3. **SCS Issue 6XX.** Display of the subject heading fields. 6XX or spelling out of individual tags such as 600-630, 650 and 651, and 655.

This affects the number of tags that are covered in the BSRs. If the general "XX" follows the initial tag number, this opens the door to inclusion of many more notes and subject terms. If the tag numbers are delineated, then the "floor" of the formats is limited to those fields. The same issue applies to 7XX and 5XX (to a degree).