

## 260 Overview

In 2001 field 260 was redefined as repeatable to account for publisher changes over time. Under the 2002 rule revision important changes to place and publisher for serials and integrating resources are recorded in note fields per 12.4C2, 12.4D2, and 12.7B11.2. For serials, information is noted about later changes and this information is also important for multipart monographs. For integrating resources, the rules say notes can be made about former places or publishers when considered important.

OCLC and RLG have not implemented the repeatable 260 but will soon be able to within their new systems. RLG has implemented other changes made to MARC in anticipation of the 2002 rule revisions (such as the code "i" for integrating resources), OCLC is very near to implementing this package of changes. For the repeatable 260, OCLC and RLG would prefer that the PCC establish a group to develop standards and guidelines for using and coding the repeatable 260 fields are needed before implementation. This group would recommend how a repeatable 260 might be best implemented for input and display.

Who: Discussion is needed among BIBCO and CONSER members with the goal of gathering names of those willing to work on a group to develop guidelines. The group should also include representatives from CPSO, OCLC, RLG, and the LC/MARC 21 implementation group. After discussion at the operations meeting, the PCC Steering Committee will be advised on the need to form the group or assign the task to one of the PCC standing committees.