

# CONSER Member Reports Oct. 2006

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## Center for Research Libraries

Much of CRL's CONSER FY2006 original cataloging resulted from Serafima Dukhan's work analyzing the Primary Source Microfilm set, "Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance Archives. Ca. 1972-1994." Plans are to continue to analyze similar large sets such as "The Left in Britain," providing more precise access to serials and monographs in these unique collections. CONSER cataloging played a strong role in CRL's International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON) new Distributed Cataloging Project. As part of ICON's goal to enhance foreign newspaper preservation and access, the project's purpose is to create CONSER-level catalog records for non-U.S. newspaper collections of participating libraries. Cataloging is done at CRL by Steve Early based on surrogates provided by the partner institutions, currently University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and University of Connecticut. The surrogates consist of digital scans of earliest/latest issue title pages and accompanying collation sheets uploaded by the partner institutions into a web-based product that Steve accesses back at CRL. Catalog records are created or enhanced in Connexion with all final CONSER work done using CRL's CONSER authorization. Upon completion they are exported into a MARC file and distributed back to the institutions for import into their local catalogs. Completed records will also be loaded into the ICON database once it is up and running. So far, over 30 previously uncataloged 19th Century Bolivian newspaper titles have been created through this project, with more expected in the near future.

Also during the fiscal year, CRL's cataloging dept. finished its extensive authority clean-up project. After completion, Dept. Head Amy Wood set up a system for regular authority maintenance, ensuring that our local catalog's headings name authority, title, and subject headings, are kept consistently up-to-date.

Total CONSER numbers for FY 2006 are: 695 fully authenticated records in a transaction total of 1025.

## Columbia

CUL participated in the pilot project and review group of The Access Level Record for Serials. In addition to the Serials Cataloger, the Cataloging team included the Integrating Resource Cataloger, the Slavic Cataloger and the Japanese Cataloger, who created both access level and control records in five weeks. Our Reviewing team consisted of librarians specialized in OPAC, reference, acquisitions, serials check-in, ejournals and systems. Most participants agreed with the direction of access level records, but some of them still had certain concerns, such as uniform titles, OPAC search and display, and having sufficient information for problem-solving. CUL also has its representative for integrating resources on the new task group on authentication codes and encoding levels for serials and integrating resources, given the work we have done in this area.

In the past year, the language coverage of our CONSER cataloging has been expanded to include Japanese and Korean. The Serials Cataloger is training Japanese and Korean Catalogers to contribute CONSER records with parallel fields in Japanese and Korea characters, and plans to train our new Chinese Cataloger next. Consequently, the wealth of resources in our East Asian Library can be shared with the CONSER community as well. In addition to expanding language coverage, CUL also added religious resources to its subject coverage in CONSER cataloging. The Union Theological Seminary merged with Columbia University two years ago, and its cataloging records were loaded into our online catalog. Last

June, we hired a temporary Serials Cataloger for 18 months to create holdings records, update bibliographic records and catalog unconverted titles for Burke Library of UTS. The Serials Cataloger has been training the new hire, Alexandria Crosier, to catalog UTS serials in CONSER. Burke Library of UTS is renowned of its unique and specialized collections of religious resources; therefore, adding coverage of UTS serial titles will be a great contribution to the CONSER database. We also plan to train our Law Catalogers to catalog legal titles in CONSER in the near future.

In regard to the management of electronic resources, CUL is implementing a new Electronic Resource Management Module--Meridian--and has worked in partnership with three other university libraries (London School of Economics, Princeton University, and University of Pittsburgh) and Endeavor Information Systems to develop an Electronic Resources Management (ERM) system. CUL has completed a successful loading its licensed databases/packages into Meridian for their databases-level data. Acquisitions, bibliographic and license data entry for new e-resources into Meridian has become an integral part of the NER workflow. Conference calls with Endeavor have been conducted as needed in order to support the upgrade to version 1.5 (completed in June) and for incorporating data-loading filters for Voyager, Serials Solutions and SFX data. We expect to begin entering/loading journal title-level data in fall 2006.

Columbia continues to subscribe to Serials Solutions to manage its ever-increasing number of e-resources and databases. Cataloging staff continue to supply CONSER records to replace brief Serials Solutions records. We have been actively creating records for East View Publications, Proquest and CIAO. Given our use of Serials Solutions' records, the Serials Cataloger continues to serve on CONSER's Task Force on the Coverage of E-journals. As of this year, the problem backlog for serials has been cleaned up. We appreciate the work of our Slavic Cataloger, who collaborated with the Serials Cataloger to get this challenging task done. Due to the staff changes in the Serials Acquisitions Services (SAS) Department, the Serials Cataloger will continue to serve on Serialsgrupa, a subgroup of the Searchflow Committee, and to write updated documentation on serials workflow and procedures in serials adding, checkin and catalog maintenance. This work will be important for training SAS staff, and may become the future training materials for serials adding and holdings.

Last November, the Serials Cataloger taught a four-day workshop on serials cataloging in Beijing, China for the China Academic Library & Information System (CALIS), which includes 163 catalogers and technical service managers from major universities and research institutes in China. The training manual was bilingual--both English and Chinese in simplified scripts--and included the contents of SCCTP Basic, Advanced and E-serials' workshops. Due to the very positive feedback, this training workshop will be planned again in the future.

## **Harvard University**

This past spring, Harvard University's Office for Information Systems loaded approximately 17,000 CONSER records for e-journal titles into our local online catalog as well as into our MetaLib system, E-Research@Harvard Libraries. These records included titles available in aggregated collections held at Harvard, many of which had never been available as individual resources in our catalog. As a result, a total of 11,000 titles were given first-time access. In our local catalog, a persistent, batch-assigned URN resolving to an open URL links directly to the full text, if only one option is available. If the title is available from more than one provider, the user is presented with a menu listing the options. As a part of an ongoing automatic process, new records are added, holding information kept up-to-date and withdrawn titles deleted. Very brief records were created for titles which lacked CONSER records. These may be upgraded to full CONSER records if a Harvard library finds the title has substantial research value for its patrons. The initial record load and its ongoing upkeep is an Ex Libris sponsored service, MARCIt!. In undertaking this load, Harvard followed its long-standing single record policy, matching existing print records when available and adding the rest as stand-alone titles. A PowerPoint presentation developed to introduce Harvard staff to new serial workflows relating to these procedures can be accessed at:

[http://hul.harvard.edu/cmtes/haac/ssssc/New\\_Workflows\\_for\\_Electronic\\_Journals.ppt](http://hul.harvard.edu/cmtes/haac/ssssc/New_Workflows_for_Electronic_Journals.ppt)  
The HUL/CONSER Office oversaw Harvard's contribution of 4085 original, first-time authenticated and maintained CONSER bibliographic records to the national database. This past year Harvard-Yenching Library became an independent contributor to the CONSER program and reports each Chinese, Japanese and Korean cataloger has created new CONSER records continuously since April 2005. This year, CJK catalogers have focused on Chinese local history year books, Japanese reprint journals and newspapers, and Korean scholarly journals issued by academic institutes. Most reprint serial records that are available in online electronic versions have been enhanced with holding records for the networked resource. The print version has been moved to Harvard Depository in order to release stack space. In the future, this process will be extended to other categories of print resources. In addition, CJK scripts are being added to roman-only bibliographic records. At Harvard Law School Library, another year without filling the part time serials cataloger position necessitated a heroic effort to catalog new acquisitions from both the English language and foreign language backlogs. Bibliographic updates occupy a large portion of the Law Library's serials cataloging work; this year's record maintenance work included subject heading cleanup in OCLC serial records, and closing records for titles for which cessation notices were received, selected to be sent to remote storage. Harvard Law Library's CONSER statistics this year are significantly higher than they were last year.

The bibliographer for Islamic Law has been cataloging microfilms of Arabic gazettes. Since we use the single record approach, this sometimes required updating the record for the print edition, or creating an original record where none existed. The Eastern European Law bibliographer has contributed CONSER records and revised existing records; working with these often complex records has involved some correspondence with LC. The East Asian Law bibliographer continues to contribute CJK records to CONSER. In addition, a Japanese cataloger is being trained in serials work, revising records for sometimes complicated older serials.

## **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

Our CONSER productivity was high in the past year with a 40% increase over the previous reporting year. The statistics for 2005/2006 totaled 633, with 212 titles authenticated and 421 titles maintained. We created 62 name authority records and enhanced 27 existing ones through our NACO authorization.

Several major serials cataloging projects were completed in the past year. We completed loading of over 13,000 EBSCOhost records into our system and cleaned up problem records after loading. We also completed the updating of over 6,200 periodical records with local practice for handling ISSNs to enable retrieval of all formats (print, online, and microform) by either print or online ISSN search and better linking between the catalog records with other applications through WebBridge. The project began in December 2004 and was completed in November 2005.

In order to better capture the usage of our journal collection, our library developed an open source software, Journal Usage Report Online, which is capable of importing usage statistics supplied by content providers, actual print usage data collected by the Library, and web access log statistics. This software allows us to perform collection analysis and to make renewal and cancellation decisions.

There were also considerable discussions in our Library on the LC's new series policy in the past few months. We have decided to continue to trace series according to the current practice, and follow PCC series policy in creating and enhancing records for CONSER. Other significant events that took place at HKUST included the launching of the Information Commons in the Library in Sept. 2006 which integrates services, technology and space in one place for individual or collaboration work, organizing a workshop on standards and assessments for academic libraries conducted by two experts in this field, Dr. William Nelson of Augusta State University and Dr. Robert Fernekes of Georgia Southern University from

Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, 2006, Last, but not least, the world-renowned scientist and cosmologist, Professor Stephen Hawking, came to deliver an inaugural lecture for the Institute for Advanced Study at the University in June 2006.

## **Indiana University Libraries**

Indiana University Libraries accomplished two significant goals this year in the field of cataloging. We began supplying Cyrillic characters in both original and edited records in OCLC as both BIBCO and CONSER participants. We also began a joint project in our monograph, serial, and special language units to convert our bibliographic holdings of updating databases to the integrating resource format. Members of each unit will participate as a team to process approximately 500 titles in this area. On the horizon for technical services staff is the implementation of a new version of our local online catalog to permit the display of vernacular characters for non-roman scripts. We are at present storing such data in a local file which will be used to update our records once we have the capability to store and display these scripts.

In CONSER-related matters, Indiana University continues to participate in the CONSER Publication Pattern Initiative and in the CONSER PURL project. Our local database software provider has asked that we become a beta test site for software that would enable the automatic generation of publication patterns from data in 891 fields in OCLC records. We are encouraged that the efforts of the CONSER Publication Pattern Initiative have begun to bear fruit. We continue in our efforts to provide ISSN for domestic serials through the use of the NSDP Web site. In addition, we continue to supply ISSN in CONSER records for foreign serial titles by consulting the ISSN Portal.

## **Library and Archives Canada**

### CONSER Records Loaded

Library and Archives Canada loaded 3,003 serial records describing various formats to CONSER.

### Amicus and Canadiana

LAC's bibliographic database Access Amicus is currently available free of charge on the Web. The Web site is at <http://amicus.collectionscanada.ca/aaweb/amilogine.htm>

### ISSN Canada

From 1 Apr. 2005-31 Mar. 2006, ISSN Canada provided 2,064 pre-publication ISSN's to requesting Canadian serial publishers and registered 2,906 serials in the international ISSN database. Also, 2,455 records were revised.

### Meetings/Conferences

John Clark attended the CONSER Operations meeting and Liz McKeen attended the PCC Policy Committee meeting. Sue Pickett attended the ISSN Meeting of Directors in Canberra, Australia and Chris Rogers represented LAC continuing resource cataloguers at NASIG in Denver.

### News

In Jan. 2007 our legal deposit regulations will be extended to include Canadian electronic publications. Within the context of a new digital preservation infrastructure, LAC is developing a system to manage our digital published heritage. The system will provide a number of key services which will govern the acquisition, integrity, storage, accessibility and preservation of electronic publications including electronic serials and Web sites.

Also in Jan. 2007 our legal deposit regulations will be extended to maps.

## **Library of Congress**

### **National Serials Data Program**

**Present Status:** The National Serials Data Program (NSDP), the U.S. ISSN center, remains-- for now--a section of the Serial Record Division of the Library of Congress. In addition to ISSN responsibilities, NSDP is one of four sections that catalog serials selected for the Library of Congress collections.

**ISSN Production and registration:** Between Sept. 16, 2005 and Sept. 15, 2006, NSDP assigned approximately 5500 new ISSN, of which ca.1700 ISSN were assigned to online serials. This number can be further broken down as follows: ca. 3800 post-publication ISSN (online serials ca.1175); ca. 1700 prepublication ISSN (online serials ca. 525). During this year, many missing U.S. records have been added to the ISSN Register. It is hoped that more will be added in the coming year as a result of work on diagnostic records and other categories of "problem" records. ISSN are made available via FTP to the ISSN IC weekly.

**Electronic Resources:** In the past year, NSDP established a Web form so that CONSER libraries can easily request ISSN, especially those ISSN needed to populate OpenURL resolvers and ERM knowledge bases. About 400 ISSN have been assigned this year based on requests submitted via this form. As with all non-publisher ISSN requests, NSDP notifies the publisher of ISSN assigned. NSDP also worked with OCLC to assign ISSN to add to records created by OCLC for e-resources not represented by OCLC records. Planning is in progress for NSDP to cooperate in a Library of Congress pilot project to enable publishers to perform automated deposits of electronic journal issues into a Copyright repository.

**Integrating Resources:** NSDP has only assigned ISSN to a limited number of integrating resources because they cannot yet be distributed to the ISSN register. However, OCLC implemented code "i" in MARC 21 Leader/07 in June 2006, and work is going on at the Library of Congress and in the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) that will make it possible for NSDP to begin assigning ISSN to integrating resources in the near future. NSDP expects to assign ISSN mainly to resources that are serials in print but integrating resources in electronic form, e.g., electronic directories and manuals, online abstracting and indexing services, and other database-type resources. John Wiley is interested in obtaining ISSN for a group of medical manuals. NSDP also has some pending requests for ISSN for print loose-leaf services.

**ISSN revision:** Regina Reynolds continued active participation in the revision work, and participated in the March 2005 working group meeting held in Paris. She contributed to preparing the responses to the comments received about the DIS and also contributed, with Pamela Simpson, a staff member from NSDP to the FAQ about the linking ISSN. During the past year, Reynolds has kept various interested parties informed about the ISSN revision, including representatives from OCLC, NISO, VTLS, EBSCO, and Serials Solutions. She has also written articles and given presentations about the revision (see below).

**Other ISSN-Related Activities:** Regina Reynolds participated in the 30th Meeting of Directors of ISSN Centers held September 2005 in Canberra, Australia. Reynolds also participated in the Joint NISO/EditEur Working Party (JWP) work on ONIX formats for the exchange of serials information. The JWP supported the idea of a linking ISSN to be used for medium neutral linking in applications such as OpenURL. Reynolds also contributed a "vision statement" paper to the ISSN strategic plan and is a member of the ISSN Manual Revision working group.

NSDP Prepublication records: To reduce the number of prepublication records that cannot be updated because documentation is not received or publication plans are cancelled, NSDP developed a form letter that can be sent to the publisher in cases where the cataloger has concerns about publication plans. The letter requests the publisher to re-submit his request after he has published the first issue and promises a prompt ISSN assignment. So far, few problems have resulted. Another project is to try to obtain issues of outstanding prepublication titles or determine that the serial was never published. In the coming year, NSDP hopes to develop an automated program for sending reminders about "overdue" published issues. NSDP would like to develop the capability to send prepublication records to the ISSN Register.

Other NSDP projects: In the coming year, NSDP also hopes to post an interactive online Web form for publishers to use to request ISSN assignments. We would like to restrict use of this form to actual publishing companies or organizations rather than private individuals since the previous form we had available some years ago attracted many blogs or blog-like publications from private individuals. We are also exploring means of sending an automated email notification to requestors (both email requests and regular mail requests) telling them that their application has been received and giving an estimate of when they can expect to receive their ISSN. Regina Reynolds has been appointed to a Library of Congress Library Services strategic planning group that is concerned with Library of Congress services to publishers including ISSN assignments. It is hoped that inclusion of ISSN work in this strategic plan will draw positive attention to the work of the ISSN center and possibly result in more support for this work.

Cataloging Rules: Regina Reynolds participated in the CONSER ad hoc group providing input for RDA (Resource Description and Access), the successor to AACR2 and worked towards preserving harmonization with AACR2 and ISBD, as well as appropriate representation of ISSN data in RDA. Reynolds also co-chaired a PCC/CONSER group that developed the "access level record for serials," that is expected (following hoped-for approval in November, 2006) to become the new CONSER standard record. This record simplifies some serial cataloging practices and emphasizes access points over transcription. Almost all of the elements that have been omitted from this record (e.g., certain notes, statements of responsibility, uniform titles) are already not required in ISSN records.

Presentations: Pamela Simpson of NSDP presented information about how an ISSN center operates at the NISO Identifiers Roundtable held in March 2006. Regina Reynolds gave presentations on revision of the ISSN standard at the following meetings: the annual meeting of the California Library Association, meetings of various groups (including NISO) at the Midwinter and Annual meetings of the American Library Association, the annual CONSER Operations meeting, and the annual meetings of the Special Libraries Association and the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG). Interest in ISSN revision remains very high in the U.S. library and information community.

Articles: Regina Reynolds wrote: an about ISSN revision for the October 2005 issue of NISO's Information Standards Quarterly; "Steps to Meet Serials Users' Needs: The Access level Record for Serials, and ISSN Revision" for the forthcoming 2006 NASIG Proceedings; and an article on ISSN revision for a future issue of EBSCO's newsletter, At Your Service. Regina Reynolds was the subject of a "Serials Conversations" interview that appeared in Serials Review, Volume 32, No. 2 (June 2006), pp. 122-130, in which she discussed many ISSN topics, including revision of the ISSN standard and the daily activities of an ISSN director.

## **LC Serial Record Division**

Serial Record Division enjoyed a very successful 2006 with outstanding currency in processing serial issues and cataloging new serial titles. This unprecedented situation allowed us to spare staff on detail or via reassignment to other divisions. It also allowed staff to receive training and start working in areas which would better prepare them for the reorganized ABA Directorate. Some of this can be attributed to a reduction in receipts, a shift to more serials

converting to digital format, and to staff's comfort in working in an automated environment. We also gained efficiency by a reduction in handoffs. Catalogers completed their own descriptive and subject cataloging and most of their own shelflisting obviating the need to hand to another person for end-stage processing. This efficiency anticipates the workflow under the reorganization.

Cataloging staff rose to the challenge of completion of all serial records within the division. Cataloging technicians expanded their copy cataloging beyond CONSER to include all copy and many are doing descriptive cataloging. As of November 2005, serials were no longer sent to BA divisions for subject work.

The division chief along with many supervisors and staff provided strong support to teams that were planning the Directorate's reorganization. The chief co-chaired the initial ABA workflow group that drafted the new workflow and made recommendations on the organizational structure. She then co-chaired the Implementation Team Leaders group that was charged with refining the broad recommendations of the initial workflow group. A cataloging supervisor was a member of both groups. The division demonstrated its commitment to the reorganization effort with members on seven of eight implementation teams.

### Cataloging

Serial cataloging for all languages was current with very small or no arrearages. Uncataloged serials on hand at year's end were 2090 as compared to 4998 at the end of fy05 - a 48% reduction. This placed us in good position for the reorganization with little work on hand to transfer. We had a big jump in minimal level cataloging - 755% - largely due to MLC requests for Asian materials. The division saw a sizeable increase of 17% in copy cataloging. Some of this can be attributed to much of this task being assumed by technicians who gained time to do this with catalogers completing their own shelflisting. Whole serial cataloging productivity had a slight 2% gain, however, as of this year, WSC included shelflisting as well as descriptive and subject cataloging.

To better prepare them for the reorganization, cataloging technicians who were fully independent in copy cataloging took the opportunity to learn descriptive cataloging. Staff took training in various acquisitions duties and functions. Three staff volunteered for reassignment to the new librarian position description. An acquisition specialist from ELAD continued cataloging under a senior cataloger's tutelage. A senior cataloger provided cataloging training to two AfA technicians. This allowed us to streamline the cataloging process for many titles - by creating full bibliographic records along with the purchase orders and end-stage processing thereby eliminating the "IBC" process, and greatly reducing the amount of time it takes to make new items accessible to the public.

### OVOP Activities

SRD continued to provide support to the overseas offices. Some offices are independent, others require review of their records, and for those offices that do not have serial cataloging expertise, SRD is still performing cataloging. SRD performs subject cataloging for most offices although we look forward to independence in subject work from a couple of offices in the near future.

### CONSER Support

Cataloging continued to provide support to CONSER in providing training for new members (University of Cincinnati Medical Center Libraries), reviewing applications for prospective new members, responding to serial queries, and support for CONSER sponsored meetings.

### Statistics

Processed receipts	358,902
Cataloged serials	13,562
ISSN assigned (electronic)	1,700
ISSN assigned (print)	3,800

## **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Staffing changes had a big impact on the production numbers of the serials cataloging section at MIT this past year. Jennifer Edwards, acting head, was on family leave for three months leaving the three copy catalogers to fend for themselves. In February, Bonnie Parks joined MIT libraries as head of the serials cataloging section and serves as MIT's CONSER coordinator. In July, one of our two full-time copy catalogers departed MIT to attend library school in Canada. Despite all the personnel changes, the serials catalogers managed to meet our CONSER quotas for the fiscal year.

As of September 15, the serials cataloging section's total number of CONSER transactions for FY 2006 was 539. This included 207 authentications, mostly at full level. Many of our CONSER transactions this year involved authentication and maintenance of electronic journals.

Digital resource management activities continued to be a major responsibility for the section. A serials copy cataloger continued to work half time on quality control and systematic maintenance of Vera <<http://libraries.mit.edu/vera>>, our homegrown electronic resources database, and served as a member of the e-journals acquisitions team. Big projects this year included the migration of Kluwer titles to Springer and adding new collections of backfiles. The serials librarians devoted a significant amount of time to cataloging the backlog of integrating resources and expect to finish in FY 2007.

Jennifer continued to serve as SFX database manager. In preparation for her leave, she updated the local SFX documentation and trained select acquisitions staff to resolve any SFX problems that might arise. Ben worked with serials acquisitions to revise and document the workflow to review the SFX monthly update reports. He spent a lot of time creating scripts to automate the processing of the reports.

Jennifer and Bonnie served as members of a library-wide SFX / Verde Task Force, consisting of serials librarians, public service librarians, and systems staff. The group was charged with looking at how all our systems will work together to present a cohesive public interface so users can access all of our electronic resources seamlessly. As a member of the SFX subgroup, Jennifer advised the Web Advisory Group on public SFX issues including Barton (our local system) as an SFX source.

The section also continued to focus attention on the retrospective conversion of DDC-classed serials in preparation for their remote storage. A fair number of the serials in the collection do not have OCLC copy, so serials catalogers have been creating original CONSER records for these titles.

CONSER Activities: Bonnie attended OpCo in May.

## **Michigan State University Libraries**

Jim Latchney at the Michigan State University Libraries (MSUL) alone contributed 1,144 transactions. He created 122 original records, 114 of which are full level. He authenticated 162 existing records and 39 subsequent records, and he performed maintenance on 648 CONSER records and 173 non-CONSER records. Most of the works were on international documents.

Jim had been trained by Miranda Hay of NLM on NACO series authority records and now deemed independent and serves as MSUL's NACO coordinator for series. Nancy Fleck, Assistant Director for Technical Services, was elected to serve on PCC's Policy Committee as one of the CONSER representatives beginning 2006.

MSUL began to subscribe to the ISSN Portal in July 2006. A project to verify and clean up ISSNs in local bibliographic records based on the error reports generated from Ulrich's Serials Analysis System has begun. With the access to the ISSN Portal, we will have more accurate information to update records locally and nationally. We intend to train our copy serials catalogers on access level record for serials after the CONSER guidelines are established. CONSER cataloging activity will continue with the full support of the MSUL's administration.

## **National Agricultural Library**

The National Agricultural Library has resumed full participation in CONSER during 2005/2006, contributing 567 original or newly authenticated serial records and enhancing or maintaining another 173 serial records as of August 31. NAL participated in the CONSER Access Level Record Working Group and Pilot Project, and is also involved with the follow-on effort to develop new guidelines for authentication codes and encoding levels.

Also in 2005, NAL has implemented the batch loading and merging of Serials Solutions MARC records for electronic journals, and will develop maintenance procedures to CONSER authenticate some of those e-journal records which are not currently part of the CONSER database.

NAL has made changes to its handling of monographic series to more closely adhere to the PCC defaults for monographic series. The default treatment for new series will be to catalog them as fully analyzed, traced, and classed separately. If a serial record is necessary for check-in purposes, it will be suppressed from public view. NAL's previous practice was to catalog many new series as serials with analytics, and this change will bring NAL into alignment with current PCC practice and position us to move forward in analyzing series workflow in a common context with other PCC libraries.

Personnel changes have continued at NAL, with the addition of David Goldberg to the serials cataloging staff and the departure of Lynn Stanko to other duties within NAL. Tina Shrader was temporarily detailed as Acting Branch Head for Acquisitions and is currently temporarily filling in as the Serials Librarian in Acquisitions, although she maintains her involvement in CONSER as NAL's representative to the Operations Committee and has served as NAL's representative in the Access Level Record projects.

## **National Library of Medicine**

### **Personnel**

The Cataloging Section underwent an extensive reorganization in FY 2006. The Section was restructured into four units, comprising a head's office, four (4) cataloging units, and one systems unit. To streamline the cataloging process, a former unit consisting of only technicians was integrated into the four cataloging units, so each cataloging unit has a mix of librarians and technicians. Each Unit Head specializes in a particular format or mode of issuance and serves as the resource person for that material, although staff members in every unit handle various types of materials in a variety of formats. A senior cataloging specialist was recruited to manage on-going development of the NLM Classification and serve as principal expert on the NLM MeSH review team. Eugene Dickerson, NLM's CONSER representative, left NLM at the end of September 2006. A new CONSER representative will be appointed in FY 2007.

The Cataloging Section Organizational Chart is available at the following site:  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/internal/tsd/catorg.html>  
CONSER contribution

- The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has contributed a total of 383 new records to CONSER for FY2006, October 2005-August 2006.
- NLM authenticated 341 records at the full or core level and perform subsequent authentication for an additional 89 records at the full or core level.
- NLM made significant contributions in updating the CONSER and OCLC World Cat databases by editing 1,925 CONSER bibliographic records and 1,600 non-CONSER bibliographic records. Standard Review and Cooperative Activities
- NLM management staff participated in a review of the Functional Requirements for Authority Records (FRAR) and Alice Jacobs consolidated the group comments for submission to the IFLA Working Group on Functional Requirements and Numbering of Authority Records (FRANAR). Comments were submitted on October 28, 2005.
- NLM continues to actively participate in the review of the emerging cataloging rules and provided the NLM/MLA response to the draft of Part A of Resource Description and Access. NLM addressed several key points: 1) incorporation of rules to allow use of a single record to describe multiple entities in certain instances; 2) treatment of the description of a reproduction based on its original; 3) the definition of major/minor changes that restates whole cloth provisions of AACR2 (2002 revision); and 4) the rationale for and definition of primary access point.
- Diane Boehr co-chaired the PCC Task Force on the Access Level Record for Serials with Regina Reynolds, Library of Congress. Three NLM serials catalogers participated in the pilot project during March 2006. NLM also had staff members from several areas of the library participate as reviewers of the cataloging performed under the access level record guidelines. NLM provided feedback to the task force on the results of its participation in the pilot project.

## **New York Public Library**

CONSER activity at the New York Public Library, Research Libraries slowed down when we lost another staff position. With the departure of our paraprofessional cataloger for a librarian's position, we have permanently lost this spot.

There has been quite a lot going on in the library itself. Last year we began loading into our catalog records set for e-resources offered by aggregator database publishers. In FY06, the Research Libraries subscribed/purchased two large digitized collections, the Early English Books Online (EEBO) and Early American Imprints, Series 1, Evans (1639-1800). Cataloging records describing the digital version of EEBO have been loaded into our OPAC. A total of 94,758 records were loaded in January 2006. Quarterly updates are expected, with a final total of records approaching about 125,000 titles. The Evans Digital Edition records, a total of 37,373 records were loaded in June 2006. Some of these records were free of charge when we subscribed to the aggregator databases, and some of them were at cost.

Rose Main Reading Room Collection reclassified to Library of Congress classification

Though the Research Libraries are a closed-stack, non-circulating library, there are open shelf reference collections in various reading rooms. Library users can access the frequently used reference items without the intervention of a librarian.

The Research Libraries' Billings classification was designed in 1895 and has not been substantially updated or revised since 1955 when the second edition was published. Finding a reference item shelved according to the Billings classification frequently requires assistance from a librarian who has knowledge and memory of the Billings scheme, all of which certainly defeats the purpose of an open shelf reference collection. The Humanities and Social Sciences Library made a decision in May 2006 to reclassify its Rose Main Reading Room reference collection from the Billings classification to LCC,

The Cataloging Division participated in the planning of the project and provided training for the project staff. Titles for which the project staff cannot find LCC call numbers from OCLC will be sent to Cataloging Division for cataloging and problem solving. The project is expected to be completed in a year, and an estimated 23,000 titles will be reclassified and barcoded. This will be the second reclassification project from Billings to LCC for the Research libraries, the first being the SIBL's open-shelf reference collection reclassified in the mid-1990'

#### ILS Planning Project

The Library is in the process of planning for an integrated library system for both the Research and the Branch Libraries. It is critical now for Branch and Research catalogers to learn of each other's local practices in order to plan and implement a new ILS for both the Research and the Branch libraries. There were similarities as well as differences in local practices. We need to iron out major differences between the Branch Libraries and the Research Libraries, before a new ILS is implemented. Some policies may have to be changed and certain practices will have to be revised.. Five teams are working on various aspects of the project. Edith Gewertz (Head of the Serials and Electronic Resources Cataloging Section) and Jeffrey Bayer (Head of Branch Libraries' Cataloging Office) are co-facilitators of the Bibliographic Control Team.

### **New York State Library**

Loretta Caren Ebert has been appointed the Research Library Director following a nationwide search. Since becoming a librarian in 1978, Ms. Ebert has worked in a broad range of institutions, including large research libraries at Syracuse University and the University of Rochester and the highly specialized libraries at the Rochester Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she was Director of Rensselaer Research Libraries immediately before joining the State Library.

To strengthen research endeavors across academic institutions, she has been committed to creating and promoting partnerships among New York's academic libraries that have resulted in enhanced library resources and services. Ms. Ebert has served on governing bodies or advisory groups of statewide and national collaborative organizations, such as Partners in Information and Innovation (pi2), ConnectNY, and the New York State Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI). She also served on the statewide task force that collaborated on the implementation plan for NOVEL. Nationally, she serves as a representative to the OCLC Members Council from the Nylink Network. She has served as an evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and as a member of the Trustees Library Advisory Committee for Carnegie Mellon University. At Rensselaer, she served as an institutional representative to national organizations such as EDUCAUSE, the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Research Coalition (SPARC).

The 2006/2007 budget for New York State contained good news for libraries and library systems, including \$20 million for moving forward on construction of a new storage facility for collections of the State Museum, State Library, and State Archives as well as \$20 million to enhance the public display of collections of these institutions. Additionally enacted were continued aid to libraries of \$88.9 million, a \$19.75 million increase in library aid including \$14 million for public library construction/renovation aid, \$3 million for all types of library systems, and \$2.75 million in funding for library aid so that the formulas in Education Law can be fully funded using the 2000 Census with a hold harmless provision.

The Library has implemented a federated search tool, which allows users to simultaneously search the Library's web site, catalog, or subscription databases. The Library's home page has been revised, which now includes a prominently placed search box. This is part of the New York State Library Federated Search Portal Pilot Project. The library, along with other state, public and academic libraries, was honored at the American Library Association Midwinter Conference for its innovative applications of WebFeat software for federated searching.

The New York State Research Library has been granted funds to digitize high-demand historically important library material as part of the Cultural Education Challenge Fund initiative. The Native American Digital Collection and the Environmental History Digital Collection are now available in Hyperion. These two collections are a result of a cooperative project between the Archives, Library, and Museum. The State Library and Archives are working together on a proposal for an NDIIPP (National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program) multistate grant for preserving "born digital" information. The library began work on implementing Article Linker, which will provide registered borrowers and onsite customers with direct access to full text journal articles without regard to the particular database. The library has also become a member of LAND, Nylink's statewide delivery service. (Nylink, based in Albany, New York, is a nonprofit membership organization consisting of all types of libraries and information organizations throughout New York State and surrounding areas. Nylink facilitates collaboration among its members, and enhances access to and supports implementation of high quality, cost-effective information technologies, resources, and associated services.) The service is designed to ease the delivery costs of resource sharing and provide timely delivery among the 80 partner libraries.

The State Library also participated in the Center for Technology in Government's (CTG) XML Testbed Project with four other state agencies. The Testbed served to assist the agencies in examining the benefits as well as the challenges of Web site management using the emerging technology of XML.

With the Library of Congress' decision to discontinue creating series authority records, the library has decided to begin creating them for state government documents. The first series authority records have been submitted and approved by our LC NACO liaison.

Staff of the State Library participated in the November 2 invitational USNY Summit. USNY is the acronym for the University of the State of New York, which encompasses the State Education Department, the parent organization of the State Library. The Summit brought together 600 leaders in education, business and cultural organizations to plan strategies to harness the power of USNY to improve education for New York residents of all ages in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Publicity and outreach efforts have been in the forefront of library activities this year. The State Library participated in the New York State Association of Public Historians meeting. The library's exhibit theme was "Great Collection + Great Staff + Great Research = Great History." The State Library, along with its sister institutions in the Office of Cultural History, collaborated in participating at the "Celebration of Teaching and Learning" in New York City. The message presented was, "We've Got the Real Stuff." The library's featured services were NOVEL databases, the Resources for Teachers page, the Talking Book and Braille Library and borrowing services to New York State residents.

The State Library's preliminary draft of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation traveled recently from Albany to the New York Historical Society in Manhattan for inclusion in the Society's ambitious exhibit, "Slavery in New York." An article about this documentary treasure entitled, "Then, Thenceforward, and Forever Free," also appeared in the New York Times on October 6th, featuring Liza Duncan (NYSL Principal Librarian) and Van Judd (Office of Cultural Education and formerly NYSL Principal Librarian). Abraham Lincoln donated the handwritten proclamation to an Albany relief raffle, whereupon the Legislature bought it and gave it to the

State Library. The proclamation was on display from October 6-16, 2005. After that, a facsimile was shown with the show until its conclusion in March 2006.

The State Library has been selected to be a site for the traveling American Library Association/National Endowment for the Humanities exhibit, "Forever Free: Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation." This exhibit traces the history of Lincoln's progression to emancipation with a series of panels showing young Lincoln's America, the House dividing, the war for the Union, the Emancipation Proclamation, the role of black soldiers in the Civil War, and the final months of the Civil War and of Lincoln's life. The exhibit will be on display for six weeks at the library in 2010.

The Friends of New Netherland have now become the New Netherland Institute. The Project (translation) remains within the State Library; the Institute has a development office at Siena College. The New Netherland Institute and the American Association of Netherlandic Studies cosponsored a conference ("From De Halve Maen to KLM; 400 Years of Dutch-American Exchange") in Albany on April 8-10. Sixty-eight speakers presented papers. The Quinn Foundation, which promotes awareness of Dutch history and culture, has donated funds for a fellowship, a professorship, and two research residencies (one in the New York State Library and the other in the New York State Archives).

## **Texas A&M University, College Station**

Serials cataloging and holdings training for a fledgling inexperienced serials staff continued to be our foremost preoccupation during the 2005/2006 year. Kai Yu has continued her training for CONSER original serials cataloging, while Paul Bump is mastering the management of electronic serials. We hope our statistics will escalate as the staff becomes more proficient and confident with CONSER standards. While still training, this year our projects included finishing serial, series, and holdings series records for massive incoming Oceanography and Slavic collections. During the coming year we hope to finish two microform sets, "European women's periodicals," a collection of feminist journals from the early 1900s which the University of Washington is helping us with, and "Escritoras españolas," a set which includes some antiquities. The latter will give us an opportunity to see how we might apply rare books cataloging guidelines in conjunction with serial/series rules.

Our primary focus for the coming year will be, as it was during the past year, managing the electronic serials collection. As reported last year, we lacked catalog access for some 6000 e-serial titles. Kai Yu and Paul Bump have developed a workflow and access reports to capture all titles we have in the SFX database which are not in the catalog, and have input into the local catalog either CONSER copy or member copy from OCLC for the 6000 titles previously not in our catalog. If no record was available on OCLC, provisional short records were created in the local catalog. Print-outs of titles were sorted into the categories of "CONSER needing subject headings and call numbers," "Non CONSER records," and "Provisional records." While now there is at least a minimal record in the local catalog for all our e-serial titles, the task for 2006/2007 is to authenticate all non-CONSER records found, and create CONSER original records for those titles which had no record in OCLC. Kai Yu and Paul Bump will take the lead on this project. As part of managing the e-serial collection, Texas A&M has worked out problems concerning the implementation of SFX and developed a program which, when a user retrieves any serial record (in any format), automatically checks the ISSN on that record against the ISSNs in our SFX database. If a match is found, the program 'pops' a "Full Text at A&M" button onto the public display of the serial record, a process which takes only a few seconds. The button links the user to the SFX services menu for that title. While we have had problems mending ISSNs in the catalog and the SFX records to make this program work correctly, this innovation does permit us to dispense with having to add, check, or maintain URLs (856 fields) in the catalog.

In other related activities, Kai Yu continues to work with OCLC on the implementation of CJK characters and can assist with Chinese serials, while Marina contributes Russian language expertise to the unit, permitting us to add Russian vernacular to records. Texas A&M continues to support the SCCTP. This year the Holdings workshop was given in Hobbs, NM.

The E-serials and IR workshops will be given in Mexico City in mid Sept., and again in Tulsa in mid Oct. The E-serials workshop is scheduled to be given in late Oct. in Phoenix.

## **Tulane University**

In 2003 I embarked on Enhance CONSER membership, since I thought that the expectations were more in line with what would be appropriate for our serials operations here at Tulane. With the elimination of the Enhance category, or the absorption of it into Associate level membership, etc., during 2004 I became an independent Associate member. Our serials cataloging operations here, reconfigured a few years ago, demand more training than was thought necessary, due to local circumstances and policies that appear to affect the remuneration of support staff in a negative way. The result is, in short, higher than normal turnover, requiring more training, in fact, over these last 5-6 years, requiring constant training, and, thus, less CONSER cataloging accomplished by myself, the only CONSER cataloger at Tulane. This will essentially continue to be a problem at Tulane as long as the status quo remains. Not to make this report into a series of excuses, but I also have duties and responsibilities in the areas of collection development and cataloging software setup and troubleshooting.

Fortunately, and in spite of Katrina, I am presently proceeding with fairly advanced training in serials and Integrating Resources copy cataloging with an exceptional serials technician who has not yet left and who may remain in the position for more than the usual 8-12 months. It has provided me very recently with the opportunity to do more of my own cataloging and also to hope that I will be doing yet more in the near future. And I have also begun to institute a kind of serials team cataloging workflow that necessitates follow-through on cataloging work that might not otherwise be accomplished. Much of the "team" work ends up as authenticated CONSER copy once I review, edit, and complete the work.

The obvious, this year, is that the library was closed from late August through December 2005 because of extensive flood damage, caused by a series of unfortunate events initiated by Hurricane Katrina. Thus, cataloging levels were further hampered.

I am looking forward to more involvement with CONSER, both professionally and in my daily work. I especially look forward to working on recommendations for policy and procedures for a provider neutral approach for integrating resources.

## **University of California, Los Angeles**

### **Statistics**

Between October 2005 and September 2006, UCLA contributed 769 original and 492 authenticated records. UCLA completed subsequent authentication of another 15 records and CONSER maintenance of 972 records. Compared to FY 2005, UCLA's contribution to CONSER rose in all categories: for original cataloging (+12%); for authenticated records (+196%); and for CONSER maintenance (+53%).

### **Staffing**

UCLA gained three additional CONSER catalogers this past year. Sharon Benamou (UCLA Cataloging and Metadata Center) began cataloging Hebrew and Yiddish serials in fall 2005. Also in 2005, Hong Cheng (East Asian Library) began CONSER cataloging for Chinese serials. More recently, in summer 2006, Brian Provenzale (UCLA Law Library) began CONSER cataloging law serials.

### **Activities**

In a term ending September 2006, Cindy Shelton served as the CONSER representative to the PCC Policy Committee (PoCo).

Access Level Record: Melissa Beck served on the CONSER Access Level Task Group; she also coordinated UCLA's participation of technical services and public services staff. In this latter capacity, Melissa Beck organized, analyzed, and reported on a test of the Access-Level record at UCLA. Among those who also contributed to UCLA's test of the Access Level Record were: John Riemer, Valerie Bross, Adam Benitez, Lynn Briance, Miki Goral, Ruby Gutierrez, Dawn Henney, Kris Kasianovitz, Michael Oppenheim, Lorelyn Lewis, Orchard Mazurkiewicz, Michael Oppenheim, Reynaldo Quitos, Kati Radics, Sara Shatford-Layne, Cindy Spadoni, and Ken Wade.

Authentication of Records: In August, 2006, Melissa Beck was asked to join the Task Group on Authentication Codes and Encoding Levels.

Training: Valerie Bross co-presented with Julie Su (CSU San Diego) the SCCTP Advanced Serials Workshop at a Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) pre-conference, held Apr. 3-4, 2006, in Berkeley, Calif. Rhonda Lawrence, Melissa Beck, and Valerie Bross co-taught another round of the SCCTP Advanced Serials Workshop in Berkeley on Sept. 14-15, 2006. Melissa Beck and Valerie Bross participated in a CONSER-sponsored train-the-trainer workshop for Distance Learning in September, 2006

UC CONSER Funnel: Inspiration for a UC CONSER Funnel came from Pat French (UC Davis). In a November 2006 meeting of the Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee (SCP-AC), Pat French suggested that the UCs could contribute significantly to the maintenance of CONSER records by starting a UC CONSER Funnel. John Riemer and Pat French developed persuasive documents outlining benefits of a UC CONSER Funnel and a Funnel Proposal. Thanks to the advocacy & support of Les Hawkins, the proposal was approved by the PCC Policy Committee; and on Mar. 23, 2006, the UC CONSER Funnel was born—the first PCC funnel to involve bibliographical records.

UCSD and UCLA, as existing CONSER members, have helped to guide implementation of the UC CONSER Funnel at various sites. Renee Chin (UCSD) serves as the Communications Coordinator for the Funnel; Melissa Beck & Valerie Bross are co-coordinating site training & review. Campus Liaisons coordinate operations at each of the UCs; so far UC Davis (Sarah Gardner), UC Irvine (Todd Butler), and UC Berkeley (Carole McEwan) have begun participation in the Funnel.

## **University of Chicago Library**

Our CONSER cataloging statistics are down slightly this year. From Sept. 2005-Aug. 2006 we authenticated 127 Original Full/Core records, compared with 156 last year, and 3 Original Minimal records, compared with 2 last year. We authenticated 4 existing Full/Core records, compared with 24 last year and we did subsequent authentication on 1 Full/Core record, compared with 2 last year. Our maintenance statistics were also down slightly. We made changes to 352 CONSER records, compared with 460 last year, and made 196 changes to non-CONSER records, compared with 378 last year.

One of the reasons why our statistics are lower this year is that we have been spending a lot of time with retrospective conversion cleanup as materials are being prepared to move into storage. We have also been involved in several digital projects which did not require creating new records.

We continue to be active in the CONSER/PCC PURL Project, although those statistics are also down. From Sept. 2005-Aug. 2006 we created 25 PURLs, compared with 59 last year. However, we revised 81 PURLs, compared with 39 last year, in spite of the fact that the PURL validation reports have not been produced for a number of months.

We were involved in the CONSER pilot project to test out the access level record for serials. Renette helped provide feedback on the cataloging guidelines which were developed, and then our serials cataloger, a library school intern, and two monographic catalogers were involved in testing out the guidelines. Our Reference, Serials Acquisitions, and Systems staff provided feedback on the records that we created. Renette was involved again in producing the final report as well as developing recommendations for authentication codes and encoding levels. Renette was also active in providing feedback on RDA through the CONSER RDA Task Force.

## **University of Florida**

2005/2006, while presenting many challenges, was a very successful year for the University of Florida's serials team. The productivity problems that occurred at the beginning of our shift from format specialization to distributed cataloging seem to have been solved.

### Staffing

Staffing has been fairly consistent for most of the year. Just as the year came to a close, we lost Tatiana Barr, the team member with extensive knowledge of Cyrillic-alphabet materials, to a new position at Yale. This loss has been somewhat balanced by a new team contributor to CONSER record maintenance, Todd Chisholm of our Copy Cataloging unit.

### Contributions

As of the end of July, (for final figures, see the appendix to the report) UF had contributed 417 records or changes to the CONSER database, of which 285 are original records, and 55 are upgrades. While we are delighted with these results, we're also pleased to see a slow and steady increase in our maintenance statistics. We think this reflects a growing understanding of the importance of maintenance by our former monographic catalogers. The majority of these contributions were in our areas of local emphasis: Special and Area Studies (Judaica, African Studies, Latin American Studies, and Asian Studies) and Agriculture. We are beginning to expand our authentication and maintenance of CJK serial records with the help of our East Asian Cataloger, Hikaru Nakano.

### CONSER Activities

Naomi Young attended the Operations Committee meeting in May, and continued work with the CONSER Task Force on coverage of e-serials; the CONSER FRBR Task Force; and contributed to the CONSER comments on draft chapters of RDA. In cooperation with Kay Teel of Stanford, she cataloged several serials for the Access Level Record Group's pilot study. She has shared preliminary results of the study and the highlights of the CONSER Record guidelines with the UF serials catalogers; their response was, "When do we start?"

### Other Activities

Although it did not directly affect our CONSER contributions, a major focus of our year was finalizing reclassification of our Dewey humanities and social sciences periodicals, and Florida and national microfilm newspapers. The newspaper reclassification involved creating an LC-like system that will shelve newspapers alphabetically according to the state and city of publication.

Naomi co-presented two workshops on FRBR for two Florida regional library networks: the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN), in November 2005; and the Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN) in September 2006.

## **University of Georgia**

Our CONSER statistics for 2005/2006 were slightly lower overall than last year. From Oct. 2005-Aug. 2005, we authenticated 435 records, and performed maintenance on 951 authenticated records. During 2004/2005 we authenticated 393 records and performed maintenance on 1,202 authenticated records. This decrease is due in part to the fact that for several months we stopped cataloging electronic serials, which comprises the bulk of our CONSER contributions. Though we have not yet fully resolved the issues which caused our slow-down of e-serial cataloging, we have resumed cataloging them, and expect our statistics to increase in the coming year. The University of Georgia continues to cancel print serial subscriptions in favor of the online. For the fiscal year ended 2006, 261 titles were converted from print to online only.

Serials cataloging staff spent a significant amount of time on projects/revision and new cataloging of Georgia State Documents last year. Also, we continue to contribute publication patterns.

Sophie Dong, Beth Thornton, Carolyn Towner, and Mary Winter were pleased to participate in the CONSER Access-Level record pilot project. In general we are enthusiastic about this standard and look forward to working with it. Comments from holdings, reference and acquisition staff were generally favorable as well.

The Serials Cataloging Section welcomed Jacquelyn Foley in January as our Serials Cataloging Assistant. Her position, which on paper was devoted entirely to bibliographic work but in point of fact was a mixture of bibliographic and holdings work, was re-written to include more updating of holdings and cleanup.

Sophie Dong, our Serials Cataloger, was recognized for her work with a significant gift of Chinese materials to the Libraries. Beth Thornton taught two SCCTP Basic Serials Cataloging workshops in the spring. Sophie and Beth are each spending 5 hours weekly building their professional knowledge by working in areas outside of Cataloging; Sophie in the Serials Dept. working with electronic serials and the SFX Knowledgebase and Beth at the reference desk.

## **University of Maryland**

Carlen Ruschoff served as a member of the CONSER Policy Committee and as a CONSER representative to the Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Committee. Carlen prepared a vision statement on "Cataloging, Discovery, and PCC's Future" as part of the PCC's strategic planning documents for its Nov. 2005 Policy Committee meeting. Carlen continued as Chair of the CONSER Task Force on Publication Patterns and Holdings. Jeanne Baker served as co-trainer with Esther Simpson (Library of Congress) for the SCCTP Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop sponsored by the Maryland Library Association and held at the University of Baltimore on Dec. 8-9, 2005.

## **University of Texas at Austin**

CONSER productivity dropped this year, due to cataloger time devoted to planning for implementation of a new ILS, and to professional staff filling in for classified vacancies during a hiring freeze. CONSER activity is still primarily centered on Latin American serials. Both Sue Fuller and Jim Holmes served as members of the group charged with reviewing Part 1 of the draft of RDA

## **University of Washington**

As part of our "Defining the Future" process, the Serials Services Division, University of Washington Libraries was reorganized at the beginning of the fiscal year, with Serials

Receipts' processing staff and workload absorbed into the Serials Cataloging Section -- and the workflow of materials back and forth between the two sections pre- and post-cataloging eliminated. Linda Pitts, the former head of Serials Receipts, is the new Assistant Head of the Serials Cataloging Section and is delighted to return to CONSER cataloging work after several years away from it. Two new copy catalogers and one existing one had their job descriptions combined into that of copy catalogers with processing duties. As a result of the reorganization and also due to a NEH-funded preservation microfilming project for state literature in fisheries, forestry and agriculture, staff in the section also moved twice during this year. In March 2006, we also welcomed a new Associate Dean of University Libraries, Bill Jordan, Resource Acquisition and Description/Information Technology Services. Previously responsible for Information Technology Services, Bill's portfolio now also includes International Studies, Monographic Services, and Serials Services.

Management of electronic resources remained a high priority in the division, requiring careful assessment and wide consultation by staff in Serials Acquisitions as well as Steve Shadle; they also contributed to ongoing implementation of the Innovative Interfaces Electronic Resource Management (ERM) module. In cooperation with Information Technology Services, the Steve Shadle took on more responsibility for loading bibliographic records and holdings data for electronic serials from Serials Solutions for e-packages and individual titles.

A new CONSER effort to create an "access level" record involved many staff in the UW Libraries. Steve Shadle and Kristin Lindlan served on the CONSER Working Group to Develop an Access Level Record for Serials, including participating in two meetings at Library of Congress in fall 2005; Jim and Steve organized meetings with relevant Libraries' staff; Steve led those meetings and did a statistical analysis; and Linda Pitts, Peggy Jenner and Steve participated in a pilot to test the new "access level" guidelines against existing full level cataloging practices.

Kristin Lindlan chaired the CONSER Ad Hoc RDA Task Force, which prepared comments on drafts of Resource Description and Access for submission to ALA/ALCTS/CCS/Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access.

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