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The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) met at the Library of Congress on November 1-2 this year. The meeting was chaired by Xiaoli Li. PoCo meets annually in November for 2 days and while much work is done during the year through conference calls and email, the November meeting is where all the work of the PCC is brought forward for review and action. Typically, progress on the Strategic Directions is reviewed first and action items are modified if necessary. Next the work of task groups, the three Standing Committees, and larger initiatives such as the ISNI Pilot are discussed. Members of the Secretariat and the Library of Congress report on items of interest and answer questions. PoCo members may vote on committee recommendations, seek further input, or assign responsibility for next steps as appropriate.

The Communications Board encourages everyone to read the reports cited in the Agenda and the Minutes (Outcomes). They contain up to the minute information on BIBFRAME, linked data initiatives, the ISNI Pilot, and other areas of interest.

The following are the latest updates from the committees, task groups, and pilots of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging:

Steering Committee
No update

Policy Committee (PoCo)

PCC Policy Committee Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2018

Outcomes

Standing Committee on Applications (SCA)

Report sent to PoCo for Nov 2018 meeting
See PCC PoCo Meeting Outcomes

Standing Committee on Standards (SCS)

Report sent to PoCo for Nov 2018 meeting
See PCC PoCo Meeting Outcomes

Standing Committee on Training (SCT)

Report sent to PoCo for Nov 2018 meeting
See PCC PoCo Meeting Outcomes

Communication Board Pilot
No update

Task Group on Engagement and Broadening the PCC Community

Interim report sent to PoCo for Nov 2018 meeting
See PCC PoCo Meeting Outcomes

George Prager (New York University School of Law Library) has been added as a member

Task Group on Linked Data Best Practices

No update

Task Group on Identity Management in NACO

The PCC Task Group on Identity Management in NACO issued their third informal progress report on November 1, 2018. Highlights of the report include the news that the committee has focused on lowering barriers and expanding the community doing identity management work within the framework of the PCC with support and training. Members have also presented and written extensively on the differences between Authority Control and Identity Management, and a list is provided in the full report.

Task Group on URIs in MARC

No update

Task Group on Legal Status

Report sent to the PCC Steering Committee at the end of September, 2018
See PCC PoCo Meeting Outcomes
ISNI Pilot

The list of ISNI Pilot members has been amended on page 35 of PCC Comm Channel 1(1)

Linked Data Advisory Committee (LDAC)

Report sent to PoCo for Nov 2018 meeting
See PCC PoCo Meeting Outcomes

LDAC Charge (DOC) updated July 2018; includes:

- additions related to operational effectiveness with other groups
- clarity on term duration

Updated roster:

Steven Folsom, Chair - Cornell University
Myung-ja Han - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Kirk Hess - Library of Congress
Karen Coyle - W3C/DC
John Chapman - OCLC
Nancy Fallgren - NLM, PoCo Liaison
Christine Fernsebner-Eslao - Harvard University
Holly Tomren - Temple University
Luiza Wainer - Princeton University
Ian Bigelow - University of Alberta
Tim Thompson - Yale University

PCC Playing an Important Role in Latest Linked Data for Production (LD4P) Project

submitted by Michelle Futornick

“Pathway to Implementation” is the tagline of the current phase of the Linked Data for Production (LD4P) initiative. This two-year project, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, aims to forge a pathway for the cataloging community to begin shifting to linked data to describe library resources. The project partners (Cornell, Harvard, Stanford, the University of Iowa, and the Library of Congress) and the PCC are building a cloud-based linked data creation environment where PCC members can explore the cooperative creation of linked data. This “sandbox” environment, called Sinopia after the Italian term for the preliminary drawing for a fresco or mural, is based on the Library of Congress BIBFRAME Editor.

Along with playing a key role in defining the scope of Sinopia, the PCC will provide ongoing training to members on all aspects of linked data cataloging, after an initial training led by the Library of Congress.

As part of the latest grant to LD4P, the Mellon Foundation included funding to allow a cohort of 17 PCC institutions to devote staff resources to working intensively with Sinopia, as well as funding to convert their MARC records to BIBFRAME descriptions, which will be available in Sinopia. This recent announcement from Stanford describes the project and lists the cohort members: http://library.stanford.edu/node/155851

“Pathway to Implementation” builds upon the work of the first phase of LD4P, which lacked an official tagline but in retrospect could be called “trip planning”: gathering supplies (format- and domain-specific extensions to BIBFRAME), mapping out a skeleton itinerary (“tracer bullet” workflows), breaking in our walking shoes (evaluating several linked data converters and editors), talking to other travelers (community-wide meetings), and forming our travel group (beginning the partnership with the PCC).

Visit the LD4P website (http://www.ld4p.org) to learn more about the current project and past efforts, and to keep up with the latest news.
LD4P2 Announcement
submitted by Xiaoli Li

The following seventeen PCC libraries have been selected to be part of the LD4P Cohort: University of Alberta, Harry Ransom Center/University of Texas at Austin, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Chicago, Duke University, Frick Collection, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, National Library of Medicine, Northwestern University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Texas A&M University, University of California Davis, University of California San Diego, University of Washington, and Yale University.

The Cohort had its kickoff meeting last month and has been working with the LD4P2 project partners (Cornell, Harvard, Stanford, the University of Iowa, and the Library of Congress) on the development of the sandbox environment, known as Sinopia. Sinopia will be ready for the Cohort in spring 2019 and will be open to all PCC members for experiment likely in the later 2019. To learn more about what's happening with the Cohort and the LD4P2 project, please visit the project website: http://www.ld4p.org

Birthday coming up…

As of June 2019, the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) will reach the advanced age of twenty-five. Help us celebrate this anniversary in two ways—a scholarly half and a fun half!

The scholarly half will be a Special issue of the Cataloging and Classification Quarterly to be published as the last issue of Volume 57 in the fall of 2019. It will be devoted to the Program’s vision, history, organization and governance, and will include a look at the gradual addition and steady growth of the NACO, CONSER, BIBCO, and SACO nodes.

What will the fun half consist of? As you know, Sunday afternoon is the traditional time for the PCC’s Participants Meeting. This time the meeting will be anything but traditional—although at this point, plans are still under development. As more things develop, keep your eyes on articles in future PCC Comm Channel issues.

More on the PCC Directory

The PCC Directory web page has recently been revised. The period for reporting period BIBCO, CONSER, NACO, and SACO statistics has been changed from monthly to at least twice a year:

Beginning October 1, 2018, the directory is to be used for recording and running reports on statistics. Please report BIBCO, CONSER, NACO and SACO statistics at a minimum twice a year; statistics may be reported on a monthly or quarterly basis, if preferred.

Starting October 1, 2018, the PCC Directory will be used for gathering statistics, generating reports, tracking membership, adding an institution to a program, and for conducting elections.

The following contains important information about PCC funnel member profiles in the PCC Directory.

All PCC funnel profiles and PCC funnel member profiles were launched by September 1, 2018. Funnel member contacts should have received an email message with a request to click on a link to the PCC Directory, input a temporary password that is given in the message, and change the password for the PCC Directory, in order to activate the directory profile. PCC funnel member contacts: If you did not receive the activation notice, or you do not recall receiving the activation notice, please send an email to pccd@loc.gov to request a Password Reset. You will then receive a new message that will allow you to activate your profile in the PCC Directory.
If you are a PCC funnel member participant, please be sure that your PCC Directory profile has been activated as described above. As of September 5, 2018, approximately 25% of the PCC funnel member profiles in the PCC Directory had not been activated.

When a profile is not activated, it remains in a pending status in the PCC Directory and cannot be used for its intended purposes: to maintain contact information and to record PCC statistics. A profile that remains in pending status also is in danger of becoming deactivated, which impacts the membership status of the institution. A deactivated profile means that the institution is no longer an active PCC member.

Speaking of Funnels...Here are the PCC Funnels!

Africana SACO Funnel Project

Coordinator: Margaret Hughes, Metadata Librarian for Social Sciences, Humanities & Africana, Stanford University

The Africana Funnel [MARC21 code: CaStASA] provides a mechanism for proposing Africa-related subject headings and changes to existing headings. The goal of the funnel is to improve access to Africana resources (especially works on languages, ethnic groups, history, and politics) by promoting and facilitating the creation and revision of relevant subject headings.

The funnel began in 1995 as a project of the Cataloging Committee of the Africana Librarians Council. The Committee Chair, Liz Plantz (Northwestern University), was the first coordinator, followed by Joe Lauer (Michigan State University). Approximately half a dozen individuals at half a dozen institutions participate in the funnel. Most of us are active in the Africana Librarians Council, a coordinate organization of the African Studies Association. We average 38 new and revised subject proposals per year. A project I hope to resume is the reexamination of existing "Bantu" subject headings in LCSH. Some of these headings were based on works about black South Africans (once called "Bantus") not Bantu-speaking people as a whole.

We'd like you to think of the Funnel as a resource, a network of Africanists, happy to help with your Africa-related proposals or subject heading quandaries.

Contact information can be found at: http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/africanafunnel.html

Alaska NACO Funnel

Coordinator: Ed Kazzimir, Cataloger, University of Alaska Anchorage

The Alaska Funnel was launched in 2004 as part of an initiative to develop cataloging expertise in Alaska. Currently, we have three active catalogers among four institutions (university, special, and public libraries). (Incidentally, two of these libraries have independently joined CONSER just this year.) Our statistics fluctuate, but we currently average 314 new NACO records and 242 changed NACO records per year. Our work tends to focus on personal and corporate names in literature, art, history, and scientific material produced in Alaska and in materials about arctic, polar, or North Pacific regions produced around the world. These materials often cover indigenous issues, climate change, natural resource management, and cultural topics that are of major importance today and whose implications reach far beyond our region. Thus, we feel our ability to establish and maintain name authorities for these entities--some of which getting little treatment by other participants--makes a distinctive impact on bibliographic control.
Arabic NACO Funnel

Coordinates:
Iman Dagher, Arabic and Islamic Catalog Librarian, UCLA (left); Joyce Bell, Cataloging & Metadata Services Director, Princeton University (right)

The Arabic NACO Funnel is a group of libraries that have joined together to contribute authority records for Arabic names and titles to the national authority file. Members contribute records for personal names (modern and classical), geographic names, corporate bodies, works/expressions, and series.

The funnel began in 1997 with two libraries joining immediately and additional members added over the years. We currently have a total of seven active members, including one international (Egypt). The funnel coordinators provide means of training and review to new members, as well as consultation to the existing ones. When transitioning to RDA, funnel coordinators completed a RDA training and review for all members.

The NACO funnel is active; in the previous fiscal year we have a total of 523 new names, 53 new series, 533 name changes, and 12 Series changes. The funnel contributes to the maintenance of the authority file by detecting and reporting duplicates. Adding Arabic script variants is one of the main requirements of the Arabic Funnel practice, as this feature can improve access to materials, contribute to the disambiguation between names, and prevent creating duplicates.

ATLA CONSER Funnel

Coordinator: Michael Bradford, Senior Continuing Resources Cataloger, Harvard University

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) CONSER Funnel began in 2010 with about a dozen catalogers, who were also members of the ATLA NACO Funnel. Catalogers are also dues-paying members in the Association, and we specialize in serials cataloging in the field religion and theology. We are based at seminaries, individual schools of divinity, or larger graduate theological schools at universities. With the nature of smaller seminaries and shifting workloads, our membership has dropped down to one robust active member.

I was part of that 2010 group and became Funnel Coordinator in 2016. While my own job has shifted from day-to-day work at the Harvard Divinity School, to work in the larger Harvard Library, I still am Harvard Divinity School’s designated NACO and serials cataloger. I maintain my ATLA membership, which allows my continued participation in the Association and in the Funnels.

The funnels have allowed me to complete a multi-year project to provide full NACO and CONSER cataloging to over 1,300 unique Unitarian Universalist church newsletters held in print and on microfilm at the Harvard Divinity School. This hidden collection was only described in a local database, but now is fully accessible to researchers. While we are a small Funnel, we maintain an average annual production of 150 new and maintenance of 250 CONSER-authenticated records annually.

Working in conjunction with the Association’s Professional Development Committee, the Funnel will be looking at new ways for Association member-catalogers to participate in the ATLA CONSER Funnel in the future.
CALICO South Africa NACO Funnel

Coordinator: Philip de Villiers, Head, Cataloguing Division, Stellenbosch University

The CALICO funnel includes 4 institutions in the Western Cape province of South Africa. While all institutions sent NACO trainees, only one contributed NACO records which was revised by an expert at the National Library of South Africa. Our reviser retired recently and we are waiting for a new appointee. Currently only two cataloguers contribute to NACO. Lack of funds and time slacked down our original good start with 260 records for the first year doing only new names if there is conflict. We only do South African names and has no special project. We have training scheduled for 2019 and hope the new young blood will give an enthusiastic boost to our output.

CJK BIBCO Funnel

Coordinator: Lia Contursi, Head of Cataloging, Columbia Law School Library

The BIBCO CJK Funnel was launched on October 2, 2018, with its official orientation webinar coordinated by Manon Theroux of the Cooperative Cataloging Program at the Library of Congress. Six catalogers from five different institutions are participating: George Washington University, Global Resource Center; Harvard Law School Library; Kennesaw State University; Ohio State University; University of California, Berkeley, East Asian Library.

We do not have any statistics yet, but the catalogers are working very passionately, and are consistently producing more records every week. There is no special subject specialty strength. The CJK Funnel brings together librarians with expertise in the three languages of East Asia that are most represented in American academic libraries: Chinese, Japanese and Korean. The catalogers contributing to the Funnel produce bibliographic records for resources that span from history, to literature, and social studies.

The immediate, most notable advantage is the significant growth of new name authority records that are required to satisfy BIBCO standards. This is very important in any area of cataloging but possibly even more dramatically crucial in CJK cataloging, since the need to disambiguate Romanized name headings is paramount. Furthermore, though we are still at the very beginning of the Funnel activity, the reviewers are realizing that there seem to be an urgency to propose some new best practices to the CJK Technical Services community of the Council of East Asian Libraries. In fact the new BIBCO catalogers under review are unearthing very interesting and somewhat ambiguous issues in describing resources in CJK languages. We are barely three weeks into the official kickoff and expect to see the production of substantially more NACO headings and some new SACO proposals in the very near future.

CJK CONSER Funnel

Coordinator: Charlene Chou, Distinctive Collections Technical Services Coordinator, University of Washington

Per CEAL (Council on East Asian Libraries) members’ requests and support, the CJK CONSER Funnel Group was established in 2017 with twenty-three catalogers from thirteen institutions, including: Getty Research Institute, George Washington University, Rutgers University, UC Berkley, East Asian Library, UCLA, East Asian Library, UC San Diego, University of Hawaii at Manoa Library, University of Maryland, University of Washington Libraries, Yale University, Columbia Law Library and Kennesaw State University. In August 2017, five training webinars in 4 modules were provided. In addition to the project members, some CEAL members joined this webinar series since they never received any formal CONSER training before. The website was created and training sessions were recorded and available there.
During the training webinars, there were enormous discussions on CJK best practices, especially for serials title changes. This topic was also presented and discussed in the 2018 CEAL Cataloging Workshop. Because LC cannot provide CONSER reviewers for this project, three trainers have volunteered to review records and they are Cathy Weng for Chinese, Steve Shadle for Japanese and Charlene Chou/Junghae Lee for Korean. Since the RDA Steering Committee is working with International ISSN Center to harmonize serials cataloging rules, we believe this group has the same vision, mission and power to keep CJK serials record or metadata accurate and synchronized globally. This group is also committed to collaborate with the CEAL ERMB Cooperative Cataloging for e-Resources project. Therefore, CEAL is able to manage, produce and share standards-compliant metadata for CJK e-resources globally.

**Florida NACO Project**

*Coordinator: David Van Kleeck, Chair, Cataloging and Discovery Services, University of Florida*

The Florida NACO Funnel dates back to 2004 and currently has eight member institutions from around the state, including a large public library system, four major academic libraries, two museum libraries, and the statewide shared collection of academic libraries in Florida. We have a nice mix of long-standing and brand new members. Approximately ten catalogers from these institutions participate in the funnel, contributing an average of 490 NACO records per year over the last three years. The strength of the funnel participants include creating and enhancing Florida-related personal and corporate name headings. The two museum libraries produce quite interesting headings related to their specialties. One focuses on auto racing and the other on the circus. From race car drivers and racetracks to circus owners and performers, it's always fun to see what they submit for review!

**Hawaii/Pacific Subject Authority Funnel Project**

*Coordinator: Nancy Sack, Catalog/Metadata Librarian, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*

The Hawaii/Pacific Subject Authority Funnel project began in 2002 as a means of encouraging catalogers in the department to submit more subject and call number proposals. Before the funnel started, UHM had proposed only a single subject heading change. The average number of records proposed through the funnel has been modest—around 25 per year. As the name of the funnel suggests, most of our proposals are related to Hawaii and the Pacific islands, with a smaller number relevant to Asia. The majority of our proposals are for place names, languages, art and literary genres, and species. It's always fun when we have the opportunity to propose subjects of wider interest, such as Coral bleaching, Sugar plantations, Sustainable aquaculture, Sustainable tourism, and Ho'oponopono.

**Idaho NACO Funnel**

*Coordinator: Linnea Marshall, Catalog Librarian, University of Idaho*

The Idaho NACO Funnel was formed in the summer of 2005 with five original members attending a week of training in Boise, Idaho. Currently, three institutions are members of the funnel with four catalogers at Boise State University and the University of Idaho actively contributing. Boise State also participates in SACO. Over the last five years, members of the Idaho NACO Funnel have edited or created an average of 170 name authority records each year. While it is natural that our collections support a strength in name headings for Idaho entities, our work is not limited to this region.
Latin American and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas SACO Funnel

Coordinator: Sara Levinson, Latin American and Iberian Cataloger, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Latin American and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas SACO Funnel began in 2017 and today a total of 26 people (most, but not all catalogers) have joined the Google Group that we created for the funnel (Group Forum). The idea for this funnel came about at a meeting of the Cataloging and Bibliographic Technology Subcommittee of SALALM (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials) in the course of our annual meeting in 2017. The topic came up of creating a SACO funnel for topics related to Latin America and indigenous peoples of the Americas. Many of us were enthusiastic about the possibility of creating such a funnel because there are quite a few of us who do not work at institutions that are members of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging and do not know how to propose subject headings for adoption. There is a growing feeling that there is a great need to propose new headings and to correct old headings that the communities being described do not feel accurately represent them. The focus of the group, therefore, in addition to proposing subject headings and subject heading changes would be for those of us who work at PCC-institutions to help those at non-PCC institutions in proposing and submitting their SACO proposals related to Latin America and topics related to indigenous peoples of the Americas.

The Funnel is just getting started, and several of us have proposed subject headings. To date, only four of those headings have been submitted and approved through the funnel (Ojibwa astronomy, Vigesimal system, and Zapotec numeration, Parra family). Other headings to be considered for submission include DACA recipients, Good living (Philosophical concept), and Brazil--History--Coup d’état, 1964. There may be others in the works. Funnel participants have fluency in Spanish and Portuguese. Some of our members and the people we are hoping to have put forward ideas dealing extensively with Hispanic/Latinx communities in the United States, some deal extensively with various indigenous peoples and bring a perspective often not available to the library community.

Initially, the funnel was using a WordPress-based wiki website called the Cataloging Lab to develop new proposals. The idea behind the Cataloging Lab was to provide a sandbox for crowdsourcing and workshopping subject heading proposals. Unfortunately, this website, which was created by an individual participant in the funnel, has had some maintenance issues, so we are looking for a more robust way to keep ideas and headings flowing in the right direction.

Minnesota NACO Project

Coordinator: Mark Ehlert, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, University of St. Thomas

The Minnesota NACO Project started prior to 2003 and was coordinated by Edward Swanson for many years. We have 10 institutions in the funnel and about 16 catalogers. These institutions are mostly academic libraries along with the Hennepin County Public Library and the Minnesota Historical Society. In recent years, about 600 new name authority records were established, especially names for Minnesota and upper Midwest authors, musicians and ensembles, artists, etc.
Music BIBCO Funnel

Coordinator: Linda Blair, Head of Cataloging, Sibley Music Library at University of Rochester

The BIBCO Music Funnel was instituted in 2015, in coordination with the Music Library Association Cataloging and Metadata Committee. We currently have 14 institutions and approximately 17 individual catalogers contributing. On average, we contribute 2115 records per year, approximately 92% scores, and 8% sound recordings. In all, since its inception, our funnel has contributed a total of more than 6300 records. Most members of our group report their statistics as funnel-level members, but a few others report as part of larger BIBCO institutions. In addition to our regular BIBCO statistics reports, we have a voluntary reporting to the Music Funnel, which allows us to track our contributions by format. We maintain a community of music BIBCO participants, with a directory of members and a listserv, which is used for general communication about Music Funnel issues and to discuss music cataloging questions that specifically relate to BIBCO. Our funnel also serves as a clearinghouse to provide training and review for BIBCO catalogers of music materials.

NACO Canada Atlantic Chapter Funnel

Coordinator: Heather Pretty, Cataloguing Librarian, Memorial University

The NACO Canada Atlantic Chapter Funnel was created in 2014 to facilitate the contribution of name authority records for Atlantic Canadian authors who might not otherwise be established. This small funnel participates within the PCC NACO program, and includes 6 cataloguers across 5 institutions in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador, meaning that each of the funnel members is 1 of only 2 NACO cataloguers in their province. It has been challenging for funnel members to find time for authority work within their other job responsibilities, so much so that founding members from the province of Prince Edward Island made the choice to step down from the funnel in 2015. The coordinator is currently developing a group funnel project to aid members’ contribution through a workflow maintained external to any one institution.

NACO Canada Funnel

Coordinator: Linda Woodcock, Technical Services & Serials Librarian, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

The Canada Funnel was established in 2005 by Johnathan Makepeace, who was at that time a librarian at the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI). The funnel began with four charter members—CISTI, Vancouver Public Library, Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria. CISTI is no longer participating but several other research libraries have joined including University of British Columbia, University of Saskatchewan, Carleton University and York University. The Canada Funnel has now grown to 12 members and another chapter has also been started—the Canada Funnel - Atlantic Chapter. The number of cataloguers working on authorities across the funnel is currently estimated to be about 35. Our contributions started out quite low and there was a long dry spell around the time of RDA implementation. The last three years have seen a renewed interest in NACO participation and our contributions have now grown to almost 1200 annually. Naturally our focus leans toward Canadian authors, geographic names and government bodies.
NACO Chile UdeC Funnel

Coordinator: Ema Rosas Mansilla, Head, Cataloging Dept., Universidad de Concepción

The NACO Chile UdeC Funnel Project began in May 2016 with eight national institutions: Universidad Católica del Norte, Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile, Universidad San Sebastián, Universidad Católica del Maule, Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción, Universidad de la Frontera, Universidad de Concepción (Coordinator). The Funnel Project is specifically focused on the creation of authority records of personal, family and corporate names in Chile. Each participating academic institution has strengthened the LC NACO file by creating authority records for the names of its teachers, researchers and thesis students, for a total of 6,176 name records contributed. The benefits of the NACO Chile UdeC Funnel Project are numerous. Participation improves the presence and visibility of our institutions through linked data, connecting them to a global network of libraries with the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences as well as create collaborative networks at the national level. In addition, Funnel members promote the adoption of RDA (Resources: Description and Access) in Chile and keep the library community at the same level of knowledge regarding the changes and updates of the cataloging standards. It is a significant professional achievement within the concert of Latin American initiatives to advance the efforts of regional library cooperation and the application of international bibliographic guidelines.

NACO Medical Project Funnel

Coordinator: Marysue Schaffer, Associate Director, Collection Management, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

The NACO Medical Project Funnel began in 2005 with 8 institutions. Several more joined and participated through the years. Unfortunately, over time, many of these had to withdraw as cataloging departments were downsized. Currently only three institutions participate with 4 active catalogers. This funnel was created to meet the common needs of medical catalogers. Because medical literature is not cataloged by every type of library, we found that many important authors did not have existing standardized headings that allowed us to collocate their work. The National Library of Medicine fully supported our ambition and generously contributed to the initial training expense for our Medical Funnel project.

While creating headings for current medical authors is vital, our funnel has also constructed many name authority records for historical authors. It is often quite difficult to disambiguate the works of 19th century authors that have been erroneously conflated. This frequently happened during generational shifts when doctors with similar names and specialties continued in their father’s footsteps. Medical texts of the time were also often reprinted, translated and re-translated, leading to multiple name and spelling variations that were not recognized as representing the same individual. In our most productive year, 2011, we created 325 new names and changed 452. Sadly, cataloger retirements and other institutional priorities have greatly limited our recent contributions.

NACO-MEXICO Funnel

Coordinator: Julia Margarita Saldaña Martínez, Head of Organization and Control Information Department, Professor, Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí

The Library System of Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí coordinate since 2003 the NACO-MEXICO Funnel, when this PCC project born. NACO-MEXICO was constituted as the first Funnel in Latin America, with the participation of 12 institutions, 8 members of the RESBIUC, a network of academic libraries in central Mexico, 3 international institutions as
observers and 30 cataloguers. For 2018 we have 22 members, more than 100 cataloguers contributing to NAF. As a singular effort we have an annual training program to train new NACO cataloguers or give some special training course to members. Every year we contribute more than 4,000 name authority records, including series.

NACO Music Funnel

Coordinator: Mark Scharff, Music Cataloger, Washington University in St. Louis

The NACO-Music Project (NMP), established in 1988, is the oldest funnel within NACO. Originally organized under the auspices of the MUSIC OCLC Group, oversight moved to the Cataloging and Metadata Committee of the Music Library Association in the summer of 2016. Its approximately 60 institutional and 80 individual members contribute new and updated name and name/preferred title authority records to the LC/NACO Authority File. In FY 2017, the funnel contributed around 14,500 new and updated records. Members are accepted into the funnel through an application process overseen by the NACO-Music Project Advisory Committee; the funnel follows a “train-the-trainer” model where independent contributors mentor and review new members. While NMP accepts independent-contributor status for name records from either NMP or general-NACO review, name-title records for musical works have been identified as an area where NMP membership and review are conditions for independent contribution of records. NMP members have played an active role in the development of RDA instructions for music, and of the supporting Library of Congress/PCC Policy Statements and the Best Practices for Music Cataloging Using RDA and MARC21. An NMP member has developed and maintained a handbook of examples for crafting 6XX statements for musical works. Visit our website for more!

NACO Texas Funnel

Coordinator: Adam Baron, Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, University of North Texas Libraries

The funnel began in 2016 as the North Texas Area NACO Funnel with four academic libraries in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex: Southern Methodist University, Texas Woman’s University, University of North Texas, and University of Texas at Dallas. Over the past year, the funnel has expanded its membership and geographic area to include Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas Medical Center Library in Houston, the Irving Public Library System in Irving, and the Lone Star College System in Houston. On October 31, 2018, the funnel was renamed the NACO Texas Funnel to better represent the geographic area covered by the funnel. There are approximately 25 catalogers across the eight institutions who create a variety of authority records based on their local collections and institutional needs; however, most funnel members create/update personal name authority records, particularly for people from Texas. The funnel contributes approximately 100 NACO records annually. At the end of September 2018, training was provided for new and existing funnel members.

New Jersey BIBCO Funnel

Coordinator: Cathy Weng, Head, Resource Description and Metadata Services, City University of New York

The NJ BIBCO Funnel was established in 2013. We currently have 5 participating institutions, with 2 independent contributing institutions. The majority of us are small and medium-sized academic institutions. Using funnel to contribute to the PCC community works well for us. It is a privilege to contribute quality bibliographic records with local expertise to PCC and beyond. We are working to expand the NJ BIBCO Funnel into becoming the NJ-NY BIBCO funnel. The proposal will be reviewed by the PCC Steering Committee later this year. Last year (Oct. 2017-Sept. 2018), the funnel created/upgraded 120 BIBCO records.
New Jersey NACO Funnel

Coordinator: Cathy Weng, Head, Resource Description and Metadata Services, City University of New York

The NJ NACO Funnel was established in 2006. The Funnel has 8 participating institutions as of summer 2018. The majority of us are small and medium-sized academic institutions. Using funnel to contribute to the PCC community works well for us. Starting in October 2018, the Funnel expanded to become the NJ-NY NACO Funnel, with the City University of New York, Central Office, joining the funnel. Our near-term goal is to invite other CUNY institutions to join NACO. This year we also have new catalogers from funnel institutions and are looking into offering a training workshop for both NJ and NY catalogers. Currently the Funnel has 9 institutions, including 4 independent institutional contributors. The Funnel is committed to establishing names associated with New Jersey and New York. Last year (Oct. 2017-Sept. 2018), the Funnel created/upgraded 337 NACO records.

Ohio NACO Project

Coordinators: Roman Panchyshyn, Head of Cataloging, Associate Professor, Kent State University (left); Sevim McCutcheon, Catalog Librarian, Associate Professor, Kent State University (right)

The current Ohio NACO Project (Funnel) began in 2013. The coordinators are Sevim McCutcheon and Roman Panchyshyn, both from Kent State University Libraries. There are currently seven active participating libraries, with more than a dozen catalogers, that contribute NACO records through the Ohio Funnel. On average, the funnel contributes about 120 records annually to the Library of Congress Name Authority File. We mainly process personal name and corporate body authority records. Funnel membership consists of various types of libraries, academic, public and special. The geographic scope of the funnel is not limited to Ohio; libraries from neighboring states may join. Funnel coordinators will also provide NACO training upon request to any member library that requires it.

PALNI NACO Funnel

Coordinator: Richard Lammert, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne

We have been a funnel since June 2015. The PALNI NACO funnel consists of 24 small to mid-sized academic colleges, universities, and seminaries in Indiana. We formed to support the quality of records in WorldCat upon moving to WMS whereby WorldCat became our main catalog. We have a NACO group from a subset of the PALNI schools that creates name authorities on behalf of the other schools as part of our deep collaboration and sharing staff and expertise.

SACO Slavic Funnel

Coordinator: Larisa Walsh, Head of Metadata Management Services and Metadata Librarian for Slavic Languages, University of Chicago

The PCC Slavic Subject Authority Funnel was established in 2010 at the request of the Slavic librarians from Harvard. The Funnel creation was supported by the larger Slavic cataloging community which expressed a need for improved access to Slavic materials through a deeper and richer controlled vocabulary for subjects. Since 2010 the Funnel has been administered by the Slavic Cataloging and Metadata Committee (SCMC) of the Slavic and Eastern European Studies Group of the European Studies Section of ACRL. The purpose of the Funnel is to promote and facilitate the creation of
subject authority records for all subjects relating to the cataloging of Slavic materials. Proposals for new call numbers to accommodate Slavic related subjects in the Library of Congress Classification schedules also have been accepted.

Current Funnel participants include University of Chicago, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Toronto, University of Michigan and University of Pittsburgh. Some occasional requests to propose a new subject heading or a call number come from other institutions as well.

From 2010 about 40 important Slavic specific subject headings were added to the LC Name Authority File through the Funnel. Among them are: Calendar, Czech; Dirschau, Battle of, Tczew, Poland, 1627; Moscow Basin (Russia); Tsakhurs; Poland ix History iy Interregnum, 1586-1587; Women poets, Romani; Elena (Name); Uman, Battle of, Uman’, Ukraine, 1941, etc.

The list of recently proposed call numbers includes: DU122.C9 for Czechs in Australia; PG3205.P43 for peasants as theme in collections of Russian fiction; PG7035.P75 for Protestants as special class of Polish authors; PG1408.2.M37 - Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint as special topic in Serbo-Croatian literature of the 19th century.

Besides the Slavic related subject headings proposals, the Funnel also welcomes submissions for topics connected to geographic areas of the former Soviet Union – republics of Central Asia and Caucasian Mountains region, and countries of the Central Europe. Catalogers, subject specialists and researchers are encouraged to suggest or propose new subject headings or call numbers relating to Slavic field of study. More information on the Funnel and how to propose a new heading can be found here: http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/Slavic_Funnel.html

South Dakota NACO Funnel

Coordinator: Dustin Larmore, Interlibrary Loan/Cataloging Librarian, South Dakota State Library

The South Dakota NACO Funnel Project began in 2005 and currently has two active institutions with three catalogers total. Our strengths include creating and upgrading name authority records for South Dakota-related persons, geographic places, government agencies, and other corporate bodies. We plan to contribute at least 200 records to NACO by the end of 2018.

UC CONSER Funnel

Coordinator: Kevin Balster, ERM/Continuing Resources Metadata Librarian, UCLA

The UC CONSER Funnel was established in April 2006 to support UC participants to streamline UC consortial cataloging efforts, but we currently do have other California institutions (Getty and CSL) in the Funnel. Today, there are 11 institutions and 48 catalogers participating. Seven of these institutions are active CONSER contributors, while 4 others are members in order to receive more information about CONSER practices. In fiscal year 2017, 415 authenticated records and 3521 maintained records were contributed.

Thank You to the coordinators for coordinating us, and to funnel members for contributing records!
Other News...from the PCCList

Get in on the PCCList action to hear the latest! Find out how to join the PCC, BIBCO, CONSER, and SACO discussion lists here: https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/discussion.html

Obtaining NACO Statistics from OCLC Usage

An updated and expanded version of the document called “Obtaining PCC NACO statistics via the OCLC Usage Statistics Portal” was posted today. It is the final document linked on the PCC Directory page: http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/pced/

Hiatus on 024 Addition/Modification

The MARC Authority Format 024 field (Other Standard Identifier) is used in NACO records to record identifiers from sources outside of the LC/NACO Authority File. For example, you may see ISNI (International Standard Name Identifier) numbers, or VIAF (Virtual International Authority File) numbers, recorded in the 024 field of NACO records. You may see identifiers from other sources recorded in the 024 field, too. There is an instruction sheet in DCM Z1 on the use of the 024 field in NACO records. Generally, an identifier is recorded in subfield $a of the 024 field, and the source of the identifier is recorded in subfield $2.

A URI may also be recorded in the 024 field of NACO records. A URI will appear in subfield $a, with subfield $2 uri indicating that the “source” is a Uniform Resource Identifier.

Please refrain from adding new 024 fields, or editing existing 024 fields, in NACO records, for the time being. There is a temporary moratorium on adding or editing 024 fields in NACO records. The PCC Policy Committee has approved the implementation of this moratorium, for the reasons outlined below.

As the 024 field is defined in the MARC Authority Format, and as it is being used in NACO records, both identifiers and URIs are recorded in subfield $a. MARC Discussion Paper No. 2018-DP08, Use of Field 024 to Capture URIs in the MARC 21 Authority Format, outlined several options that would define the use of subfield $0 (Authority record control number or standard identifier) and subfield $1 (Real World Object URI) for the 024 field. The discussion paper will be resubmitted as a MARC proposal, and should be discussed at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in January 2019. If the proposal is approved, and if NACO adopts the recommendations in the proposal, NACO policies on the 024 field will change. In anticipation that the proposal will be approved, and that NACO will implement a policy for the 024 field based on the proposal’s newly defined subfield $0 and subfield $1, the 024 field will be used in a much different way. DCM Z1 will be updated to reflect the new NACO policy on the 024 field, and there will be training materials available to assist in the implementation of the new policy.

However, legacy data in 024 subfield $a of NACO records may not be easily converted in an automated way to the newly-defined subfields, and manual conversion may be equally difficult. So, data currently recorded in 024 subfield $a may be lost and become “in actionable” for linked data use.

The current moratorium on adding or editing 024 field information in NACO records should last until there is a decision on the MARC Proposal at ALA Midwinter 2019 to define the use of subfield $0 and subfield $1 in the MARC Authority Format 024 field, NACO implements the use of the newly-defined subfields in coordination with all the NACO nodes, and training is available on the new policy.

As progress is made, look for updates sent to the PCC list. Please send any questions to naco@loc.gov.
Descriptive Cataloging Manual (DCM) Expanded

New sections of interest to PCC catalogers have been added to the Descriptive Cataloging Manual (DCM) and the LC Guidelines Supplement to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data.

DCM Z12 is called “Special Projects for Name Authority Records and Bibliographic Records.” This document contains general information about name authority records and LC bibliographic records that have been updated as part of a special project. Hopefully, this document will answer some questions either not covered in the existing documentation or covered by announcements, etc. that are not easily available. For example, I have been asked periodically about Chinese NARs where the 1XX form does not appear to be justified by a 670 field. The answer is explained in Z12: “When the 1XX form in a name authority record was converted to pinyin, the 670 field justifying the authorized access point was retained in Wade-Giles form.” Instructions about these NARs are provided and should be used with other appropriate cataloging documentation. Not every special project is described in Z12, but we hope it has covered the major ones that included special 667 notes and other unusual values in fields.

An Appendix has been added to the LC Guidelines Supplement to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data. This Appendix describes how changes to the MARC 21 Authority Format are implemented. There are no instructions in the Appendix.

These sections will be appear in the Cataloger’s Desktop 2018 Issue 4. They are also available as PDFs on LC’s website. DCM Z12 is available here: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/DCM_Z12.html. The complete LC Guidelines is available here: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/z1andlcguidelines.html. The complete update, containing the new sections and revisions to others, is available here: http://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeDCM/freedcm.html. Please note that the complete update files may contains sections of the DCM that only apply to LC catalogers.

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has recently become a member of NACO and would like to alert you to some differences you may see in NACO authority records contributed by this National Library.

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Enters the Mix

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) entered into a signed agreement with OCLC to replace its existing Integrated Library Management System, AMICUS, with OCLC’s WorldShare Management Services (WMS). LAC has long maintained the Canadiana authority file, the national, bilingual authority file that allowed for the creation of linked, equivalent pairs of English and French authority records using the 7XX MARC 21 fields. LAC will soon begin contributing English-language authorities to the LC/NACO Authority File.

A new, separate file of French-language authorities (the Canadiana Name Authorities in French/ Autorités de noms Canadiana en français) will be created and maintained within OCLC’s interface starting late this fall.

Because of its unique mandate serving as the National Library of an officially bilingual country, LAC has arrived at an agreement with NACO that will allow it to continue to link between equivalent English and French name authorities using the 7XX fields in the NACO records it contributes to the LC/NACO Authority File. As well, LAC will add its own Canadiana control number in the 016 field of the records it contributes to the LC/NACO Authority File.

LAC asks that other NACO members not edit or delete these 016 and 7XX fields. There are no NACO policy differences between LAC and the PCC.

LAC added 90,000 corporate name records through batch load processes to the LC/NACO Authority File as part of the Canadiana Conversion Project. A 667 note in the records identifies them as a part of the project, and
indicates that a minimal amount of revision work has been done to the records. LAC catalogers are reviewing the Canadiana Conversion Project records for RDA, though.

In fact, NACO RDA training is taking place at LAC this week, as part of a larger training program to bring LAC into the NACO Program. LAC NACO catalogers will undergo NACO review by a large pool of existing NACO volunteers.

LAC is also updating a large number of LAC web pages to reflect the ongoing changes, both the system changes and the changes to the LAC authority file, that are a result of LAC’s NACO membership. The pages covering the Canadiana Conversion Project have not been posted yet, but when they are, LAC will notify the PCC list.

ISO 8601 With EDTF to be Published

The new version of ISO 8601 is being prepared for final ballot and is now expected to be published in mid-2019. There will be two parts. Part 1 is essentially the same as 8601-2004 (with some corrections). Part 2 is extensions. There are many extensions, including EDTF functionality (some syntactic changes were necessary, to satisfy international requirements), and in addition, EDTF is included as an ISO 8601 profile.

The draft specification from 2012 has therefore been superseded and a revised EDTF Specification based on the revised 8601 is now available.

YOU Are What Makes This Great!

We have taken your feedback about the PCC Comm Channel (this newsletter) to heart. Check out the modifications the PCC Communication Board has made in this issue!

✓ “I find the large “PCC Comm Channel” header on each page distracting. I would like to see a much smaller one, maybe over on the right side above the page number.”

✓ “I would also like to have a small section header on the left side top of the page. I found as I was scrolling down and reading, if I had to leave it for a while, when I got back to it, I would have to page back up to see what I was reading about.”

Thanks for Reading!

What do you think so far?

Send us your feedback on this issue of the Communication Board Pilot’s communication!