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Who Are You...

Linked Data Advisory Committee (LDAC)
The Linked Data Advisory Committee (LDAC), whose charge has been updated to contain clarity in term duration and additions related to operational effectiveness with other groups, was not included in the previous issues of the PCC Comm Channel. The group includes the following personnel:

Members

Chair

Steven Folsom is Discovery Metadata Librarian at Cornell University. He is currently a member of the Task Group on URIs in MARC and chair of the Linked Data Advisory Committee. He starts a 3-year term as Representative-at-Large to the PCC PoCo in October.

Myung-Ja (MJ) K. Han is a Metadata Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include interoperability of metadata, relationships between collection description and item-level metadata, issues on bibliographic control in the digital library environment, and semantic web and linked data. She has been a member of the PCC Linked Data Advisory Committee.

Kirk Hess is Digital Projects Coordinator at the Library of Congress.

Karen Coyle is a librarian with nearly four decades of experience with library technology. She engages in a variety of areas relating to digital libraries and has published dozens of articles and reports, most available on kcoyle.net. She has served on standards committees including MARBI, NISO committee AX for the OpenURL standard, and was an ALA representative to the e-book standards development that led to the ePub standard. She follows, writes, and speaks on a wide range of policy areas. She is currently investigating the possibilities offered by the semantic web and linked data technology, working with the DCMI and taking part in standards efforts of the W3C.

John Chapman is a Senior Product Manager at OCLC. He oversees cataloging applications, including Connexion and WorldShare Record Manager, as well as the WorldCat Metadata API. He also helps direct strategy for linked data. Prior to working at OCLC, he was a metadata librarian for the University of Minnesota. John is currently a member of the Linked Data Advisory Committee.
Nancy Fallgren is the Senior Metadata Librarian in the Cataloging and Metadata Management Section of the Technical Services Division at the National Library of Medicine. She has been involved in promoting linked data in libraries since representing NLM on the BIBFRAME Early Experimenters. Nancy serves as a member of the PCC URI Task Group, which includes membership in its Real World Object subgroup, chairing the subgroup on MARC Object Reconciliation, and drafting and defending its MAC Discussion Papers and Proposals. This year, in addition to being elected to the PCC PoCo, Nancy is serving on the PCC Task Group on Linked Data Best Practices.

Christine Fernsebner-Eslao serves as Metadata Technologies Program Manager at Harvard Library Information &Technical Services, where she is involved in initiatives such as Linked Data For Production (LD4P) and the ISNI Pilot Project. The Linked Data Advisory Group is her first experience participating directly in a PCC task group.

Holly Tomren is Head, Metadata Strategy and Digitization Services at Temple University and is Temple’s NACO coordinator. Previously, she was Head, Metadata Services at Drexel University and Head of Monographic, Electronic Resources, and Metadata Cataloging at University of California, Irvine. Prior to joining the PCC Linked Data Advisory Group, she served on the PCC Hybrid Integrating Resource Records Task Group. She currently serves on the ALCTS Continuing Education Committee as co-chair of the Webinar Development Subcommittee and on OCLC’s Metadata Initiatives Advisory Group.

Luiza Wainer is a Metadata Librarian at Princeton University, with a specialty in Ibero-American languages. She is a member of the PCC Linked Data Advisory Committee.

Ian Bigelow is the Cataloguing Coordinator at the University of Alberta Libraries and is currently a member of the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and the Canadian Linked Data Initiative Metadata Working Group.

Tim Thompson is Discovery Metadata Librarian at Yale University.
Who Are You…cont.

Library of Congress Cooperative Programs Section (Co-op) (Contacts)

The Library of Congress is committed to cataloging through cooperation. Immense benefits are derived by the world wide library community through cataloging cooperatively. The records created for serials, manuscripts, monographs, and name or subject authorities contribute to the world wide endeavor to bring all knowledge, regardless of format, under bibliographic control in order to make it accessible to the world wide community. The more we cooperate, the more we accomplish. The following personnel are the coordinators in the Cooperative Programs Section at LC:

**NACO/SACO**

**Paul Frank** is the coordinator of the PCC NACO and SACO Programs, and a staff member in the PCC Secretariat at the Library of Congress. He is a member of the PCC Task Group on Identity Management and the PCC URI Task Group. Paul is also one of the developers of the Resource Description & Access (RDA) BIBFRAME profiles used in the LC BIBFRAME Pilots Phase One and Phase Two, and is a lead trainer in the pilots. He also participated in the Art & Rare Materials BIBFRAME Ontology Extension (ARM) project through the Linked Data for Production (LD4P) initiative.

**CONSER**

**Les Hawkins** has been CONSER Coordinator since 2004 and is presently a program coordinator in the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division at Library of Congress. In that capacity, he supports the annual meetings of the PCC Operations Committee and the PCC PoCo. Les has served on numerous PCC task groups over the years including most recently the CONSER BIBFRAME Task Group and the PCC BIBFRAME Task Group. He has participated in the development and delivery of many PCC training sessions over the years, including RDA training and BIBFRAME training for participants in the LC BIBFRAME Pilot 2.0.

**Co-op Cataloging**

**Veronica Ranieri** became a Cooperative Cataloging Program Specialist at the Library of Congress in November, 2018. Prior to that she had spent two years in LC’s Data Integrity Section, and four years as an online reference librarian with OCLC’s QuestionPoint service. She also served two terms as the Carus Coin Collection Coordinator at Hillsdale College, where she organized and cataloged a collection of ancient and modern world coins.

**Co-op Cataloging**

**Roberto Sicre** is a Cooperative Cataloging Program Specialist at the Library of Congress.

**BIBCO; Co-op Cataloging**

**Manon Théroux** is a Cooperative Cataloging Program Specialist in the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division of the Library of Congress. She currently serves as acting coordinator of the BIBCO program and is a member of the PCC Standing Committee on Standards. Prior to coming to LC, she was Head of Technical Services at the U.S. Senate Library, Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services at George Mason University, Authority Control Librarian at Yale University, and a rare materials cataloger at both Yale and the Library Company of Philadelphia.
Welcome to New Members of PCC Programs!

The following institutions have been approved for and joined PCC Programs in the first quarter:

**BIBCO**
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art (joined as full-level member)
- University of Utah (joined as full-level member)

Additionally, the New Jersey BIBCO Funnel expanded its geographical scope and was renamed the New Jersey/New York BIBCO Funnel, coordinated by the City University of New York (CUNY) Central Office.

**CONSER**
- American University in Cairo (joined as enhance-level member)

**NACO**
- Wilmington Public Library District (Illinois) (joined as full-level member)
- Washington State University (joined Idaho NACO Funnel)
- William & Mary Libraries (joined Virginia NACO Funnel)

Additionally, the South East Academic Libraries System (SEALS), an academic library consortium in South Africa, formed the SEALS South African NACO Funnel. Founding members include: Nelson Mandela University (George Campus and South Campus); Rhodes University; International Library of African Music; and the University of Fort Hare (Main Campus, East London Campus, and Health Sciences Campus).

All of the new member libraries are currently undergoing training, submitting records for review, or in the process of being brought onboard. A big thank you to all of our trainers and reviewers!

A comprehensive list of the institutions that received approval to join PCC programs during the previous fiscal year (FY2018: Oct. 2017-Sept. 2018 (PDF)) is available on the PCC website.

**PCC Members Recognized**

**Ed Jones Recipient of Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award**
"Dr. Jones's service to the profession is unparalleled."
The Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award is presented by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Continuing Resources Section (CRS), "consists of a citation and $1,500 donated by ProQuest and is given for distinguished contributions to serials librarianship." ALCTS Awards Ceremony, June 22, 2019, Washington, D.C.

**ALCTS Piercy Award to Casey Mullin**
"Mullin exemplifies the qualities highlighted by the Piercy Award...his many contributions illustrate a passion for music cataloging."
ALCTS' Esther J. Piercy Award consists of a citation and a $1,500 grant donated by GOBI Library Solutions from EBSCO and "recognizes the contributions by a librarian with no more than 10 years of professional experience who has shown outstanding promise..."
PCC Guidelines for the Application of Relationship Designators in NACO Authority Records

2019 starts with the posting of the PCC Guidelines for the Application of Relationship Designators in NACO Authority Records to the NACO home page, and to the PCC Post RDA Implementation Guidelines and Standard page.

The guidelines were created by the Joint PCC Standing Committee on Standards and Standing Committee on Training Task Group on Guidelines for Relationship Designators in Authority Records. The task group members were: Bob Maxwell (chair), Chiat Naun Chew, Kelley McGrath, George Prager, Isabel Quintana, and Adam Schiff.

The task group has created a set of very useful and well-considered guidelines that can be applied in our current cataloging environment. Our cataloging environment is changing rapidly, though, so I am looking forward to the time when these guidelines can be expanded and enhanced to accommodate the changing environment.

PCC Task Group on Identity Management in NACO

Since late November, three different groups have been discussing individually and collectively what should be happening with the 024 fields in LCNAF records, once the current moratorium is lifted. Those groups are the Task Group on Identity Management in NACO, the Linked Data Advisory Committee, and the Standing Committee on Training. The MARC Proposal no. 2019-03 “Defining Subfields $0 and $1 to Capture URIs in Field 024 of the MARC 21 Authority Format” was approved at ALA Midwinter.

Some key questions are:

- Which registries or data sources are to be preferred/prioritized/PCC-recommended/considered “approved”?
- What criteria best determine this?
- Is there a suggested limit to the number of these fields?
- Can the compilation of 024 field data in the LCNAF be tested to learn how effectively it can be put to use in linked data pursuits?
- How can legacy data in 024 fields be cleaned up and how will it be kept current?

PCC Task Group on URIs in MARC

This group was officially discharged September, 2018; however two of the group’s proposals were approved at ALA Midwinter. These proposals were for defining Subfields $0 and $1 to Capture URIs in Field 024 of the MARC 21 Authority Format and defining Source for Names and Titles in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format.

Responsibility for ongoing work has been assigned to various PCC Standing committees, with the Standing Committee on Standards being the point of contact for public inquiries.

PCC Task Group on Legal Status

The PCC Task Group on Legal Status issued their report to the PCC Steering Committee at the end of September, 2018. Their report was discussed at the PCC Policy meeting in November 2018. The
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Policy Committee concluded that no change in legal status would be necessary to complete its goals, and this task group has completed its charge.

**Engagements and Broadening the PCC Community Task Group**

No updates.

**PCC Task Group on Linked Data Best Practices**

No updates.

**PCC ISNI Pilot**

The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) voted at its November meeting to continue the PCC’s membership in ISNI for 2019. While the PCC ISNI Pilot has officially completed with the close of the 2018 calendar year, the PoCo endorsement of PCC’s ongoing engagement with ISNI means that the ISNI Pilot group continues to have uninterrupted access to ISNI, whether it is for local institutional projects or to participate in one of the other PCC initiatives using ISNI.

As the PCC further develops its partnership with the ISNI International Agency to make the best use of ISNI and influence its development in ways that support the goals of the PCC, a few of the ongoing activities that have flowed from the PCC ISNI Pilot include:

- The PCC ISNI Pilot wiki will be modified to allow it to serve as a more generalized “PCC ISNI” wiki. The goal is to make the Pilot wiki a workspace that supports and represents ongoing PCC ISNI work and serves as a clearinghouse for information, training resources, documentation or other needs.
  - Pilot participants may be contacted by wiki administrator, Michael Beckett, if he has questions about any institution-based content that you may have on the Pilot wiki. He will work with participants as needed to ensure that content remains accessible.
- Access to ISNI is being expanded to PCC members who are part of the Linked Data for Production 2 grant. With that group’s need for identifiers for their BIBFRAME production, some LD4P2 cohort members may choose to learn ISNI policies and practices so that they can create ISNIs for persons and organizations encountered in their metadata work. Thanks in advance to participants from the ISNI Pilot who have offered through the October 2018 survey to be a training buddy or resource person for new PCC members learning ISNI. More information will be forthcoming when those training needs are more clearly understood.
- Experimentation with ISNIs in MARC subfield 1 is a Pilot group activity that was affirmed in the PCC Policy Committee meeting as having value. The Pilot group will convene a Webex online meeting later this spring for those institutions that have previously expressed interest in working on this, or for any new institutions who wish now to participate. Everyone would benefit from sharing ideas on our efforts so far or helping each other get started with this new application of ISNIs.

With regard to expanding ISNI access to LD4P2 cohort members, the LD4P2 cohort will be invited to a Webex online meeting to answer preliminary questions about ISNI and in deciding whether learning ISNI is a good fit for their institution. The same invitation will be sent to PCC ISNI Pilot participants in case they would like to contribute to that discussion, to answer their questions, and to describe their experiences to potential new ISNI contributors.
PCC Steering Committee

The PCC Steering Committee met in January during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, Washington. Among the topics on the agenda were a review and update of the PCC's Strategic Directions document (PDF) and preliminary planning for the PCC Operations Committee (OpCo) meeting in Washington, D.C. in May, 2019. The committee, chaired by Xiaoli Li, also discussed the upcoming PCC election and programming for the ALA Annual Conference, also to be held in Washington, D.C., in June 2019.

PCC Policy Committee (PoCo)

No updates.

Linked Data for Production (LD4P)

Preparing for Cataloging

In preparation for the launch of Sinopia in April, the technical development team at Stanford University is hard at work creating the “face” and the “guts” of the system: the “face” is the interface that catalogers will see and use, and the “guts” are the components that produce, store, and index the RDF data that will be created from the cataloging user interface.

Sinopia is LD4P’s implementation of the Library of Congress BIBFRAME Editor, transformed for use in the cloud by multiple institutions, and integrated with Questioning Authority (QA). The QA tool, built by Cornell University and the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa, allows catalogers to search a variety of authoritative vocabulary resources, and to retrieve URIs that can be easily incorporated into original cataloging in Sinopia.

In addition to technical development, work is progressing in converting MARC data, training participants, and developing best practices. The LD4P partners and subgrant institutions (20 institutions total) have delivered MARC data to the vendor Casalini, who will convert the records to RDF so that this data will be accessible for linking in Sinopia. The Library of Congress is tasked with initial training of Sinopia users, and has delivered two training modules giving background on BIBFRAME and the development of the Profile Editor tool. Several more modules are in development. A Profiles Working Group launched to explore best practices for developing and maintaining application profiles.

Visit the LD4P website (http://www.ld4p.org) to learn more about the project and to keep up with the latest news.

PCC Standing Committee on Applications (SCA)

No updates.

PCC Standing Committee on Standards (SCS)

During the past year SCS has curtailed much of its usual work producing guidelines and decisions while RDA has been under redevelopment. Timelines for resuming this activity should become clearer in the next few months.
**Membership**

Rotating off of SCS: Isabel Quintana  
New member: Honor Moody

**Work in progress**

Language expressions: SCS is still awaiting a response from LC about revisions to PS 6.27.3.

SCS considered the future of instructions in the BSR and CSR relating to rare materials in the light of the planned RBMS PSs and have provided feedback to RBMS.

NACO Consultation Board: SCS co-chairs discussed next steps with Paul Frank and expect an announcement shortly after Midwinter 2019.

PCC Task Group on Supplements and Special Numbers to Serials: Revised policy statement on 2.12 redrafted in response to LC comments and now awaiting posting. The task group has also drafted new PSs concerning supplement and special issues at: 0.0; 2.1; 2.3.17; 6.2.2.9.1; 6.27.2.2; 25.1.1.3; and 27.1.1.3 but pending the PS revisions that 3R will necessitate no decision has been made about posting them.

SCS received a submission from CEAL on Taiwanese access points but has deferred consideration of it until RDA revision timelines become clearer.

MARC discussion paper on defining $i for 6XX submitted to MARC Advisory Committee: SCS was asked to consider resubmitting with changes. SCS has taken no further action at this point.

A MARC discussion paper on demonyms was written but withdrawn pending discussions with LC about alternative approaches in id.loc.gov.

SCS is revising some of the explanatory text in the Provider-Neutral guidelines in order to provide readers with more context.

In response to a request from Stephen Kharfen, SCS is considering how to align BIBCO practice on the use of surrogates with CONSER practice.

Along with the PCC Linked Data Advisory Group and the PCC Identity Management Task Group, SCS is considering best practices for use of the authority 024 field for related identifiers.

**Other updates**

SCS reviewed its activities from 2014-2018 for PoCo and was given a revised charge that more explicitly reflects the broader metadata concerns that PCC now faces.

SCS was briefed by Kathy Glennan and Dominique Bourassa on changes to the RDA governance structure, on changes to RDA and Toolkit as a result of 3R. Also under discussion is a work plan for policy statements and application profiles.

SCS compiled information on MARC authority fields awaiting implementation and is receiving updates from LC.

SCS held an internal email discussion on the potential impact of linked data on NACO authority guidelines.
The SCS co-chairs were consulted on an OCLC MARC discussion paper on defining an open access indicator for 856.

Ed Jones chaired the Serials Task Force of the RSC Aggregates Working Group.

SCS will be taking over some ongoing tasks handed off by the PCC Task Group on URIs in MARC, which has recently completed its term.

The guidelines for relationship designators in authority records, developed in conjunction with the Standing Committee on Training, have now been released by LC.

**PCC Standing Committee on Training**

This report summarizes SCT activities since the ALA Annual Conference in June 2018. Please address any questions to SCT chair Beth Picknally Camden.

*Committee members*

The current SCT membership is:

- Beth Picknally Camden
- Melanie Wacker
- Adam Baron
- Ageo Garcia
- Nancy Lorimer
- John Hostage
- Richard Stewart
- Jackie Parascandola
- Brian Stearns
- Lisa Furubotten
- Paul Frank
- Laura Ramsey

**LRM Training Task Group**

Initially charged as the LRM/3R Training Task Group, this group has been recharged to focus solely on LRM (A new 3R group will be charged at a later date). This group is co-chaired by Nancy Lorimer and Jackie Parascandola.

The task group has completed the initial outline for training in IFLA-LRM. It focuses completely on the LRM model itself and only refers to other models and standards such as FRBR & RDA to offer broader context. They have envisioned the training as being a set of short modules (10 minutes or so), that concentrate on one aspect of the model.

For all of LRM and especially the complex areas such as serials and aggregates, this training is aimed at an introduction to the basic concepts, not an in depth class in applying the model. It should provide sufficient understanding of the terminology and concepts to form a background for understanding cataloging standards, such as RDA, that are built on the model. They are currently working on templates for each training module.

**ISNI Training Task Group**

The ISNI Training Task Group, chaired by John Hostage, supports the PCC ISNI Pilot (https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/PCCISNI/PCC+ISNI+Pilot+Home). The charge of this group is to develop an ISNI training curriculum for PCC ISNI participants, document procedures and workflows for creating and maintaining ISNI records, and for using ISNI tools.
Since ALA Annual, the task group created an outline of existing documentation for ISNI in order to identify gaps, see how to better organize, and respond to issues identified in the survey of ISNI practitioners. Task Group members have volunteered to take on the specific tasks listed in the outline and review, organize and if necessary update the corresponding ISNI training materials. They are currently focusing on training needs for existing participants. If the pilot is expanded at a later date, they will complete training for new participants.

**Series policies and training documentation**

SCT is working with the Standing Committee on Standards to review and update current series policies and series training documentation. In July 2018, we appointed co-leads, Lisa Furubotten (SCT) and Bob Maxwell (SCS).

The object of the task group is to resolve the problems outlined in the task document given to the team. Work began with a review of Module 6A, the slide deck for the basic overview training for creating series authorities, including the current state of series authority concepts, the structure of the manual itself, and the current thinking of the series authority team. This became an auxiliary project of reformatting and cleaning the slides. The byproduct benefiting the series catalogers is a more user-friendly 300-item slide deck for SAR training.

In December, the task group has completed a preliminary review of the original ten Series Manual problems, but identified several additional problems needing review before the work is completed.

**URI Training task group**

Following the SCT meeting at ALA Annual 2018, a URI Training task group was appointed, with Paul Frank as chair. This task group will develop training based on the work of the PCC URI group. They will build on existing materials where available, including Nancy Lorimer’s ALCTS webinar on URIs, and Jean Godby’s materials on Real World Objects (RWO). The work of this task group was put on hold until after ALA Midwinter 2019 when the work of the PCC Task Group on Linked Data Best Practices is further along.

**Conser Manual update**

Minor changes were completed to the Conser Manual and are waiting publication on the web and in Cataloger's Desktop.

**PCC response to ALCTS CAMMS SAC "A Brave New (Faceted) World”**

SCT participated in the PCC task group which reviewed and prepared a response to the ALCTS CAMMS SAC white paper "A Brave New (Faceted) World". SCT plans to work with PCC and SAC on future training in faceted vocabularies.

**Next Steps**

At ALA Midwinter 2019, SCT will be discussing several areas that may need new or update training:

- ISBD punctuation removal
- Linked Data
- NACO training in OCLC Record manager
- Faceted vocabularies
- RDA 3R

We will also follow-up on the work of current task groups.
PCC Operations Committee (OpCo) Meeting, May 2-3, 2019

The PCC Operations Committee will meet at the Library of Congress (LC) on Thursday May 2, 2019 and Friday May 3, 2019.

Due to the limited capacity of the Montpelier Room, one of LC’s largest meeting rooms, we will be restricting the number of registered attendees. We will accommodate invited speakers and those attendees who have been notified that they are eligible for partial travel reimbursement. A limited number of additional registered PCC attendees will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Because of space limitations, we ask that no more than two additional persons from the same institution register to attend the meeting.

Please note: A link to register for the meeting will be sent to the PCC email lists on Friday March 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm Eastern Time. The registration form will be closed when the maximum number of registrants has been reached or on March 15, 2019, whichever occurs first.

A waiting list will be established after the survey closes. Openings that become available will be filled from the waiting list. Preference will be given to members of the Operations Committee and the Policy Committee. Otherwise, openings will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Tentative agenda topics

- Actions taken to accomplish PCC Strategic Directions
- Reports from the standing committees on standards, applications and training
- OCLC and SkyRiver
- Developments in the BIBCO, CONSER, NACO, and SACO programs
- BIBFRAME and PCC participation in the LD4P2 project

Tentative optional workshop

- Wikidata workshop Friday May 3, 2019, 1:00-4:00 pm, Library of Congress

Thanks for Reading!

What do you think of the PCC Comm Channel so far?

Send us your feedback!

The PCC Communication Board is on its 3rd issue of the 4 planned as part of the PCC Communication Board: Pilot. Following the next issue will be a survey of PCC membership, informing the PCC PoCo "whether to continue with this model and, if so, what adjustments might be appropriate." (Read the full pilot proposal (PDF) for more details) In each of the issues so far, the PCC Communication Board has been requesting feedback! Feel free to share likes and dislikes, suggestions for improvements, or other comments/concerns in the feedback form; the PCC Communication Board would love to know what you think so far so that it can continue to improve from issue to issue and make appropriate recommendations to the PCC PoCo at the completion of the pilot. Want a different font? Don't like the colors? Love one topical section but hate another? Give feedback!