

CONSER At-Large Jan. 17, 2010

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Updates:

1. A new ATLA CONSER funnel is being formed. CONSER training for five participating libraries was given Friday Jan. 15, 2010. Valerie Bross, Hien Nguyen, and Les Hawkins provided the training. The funnel is coordinated by Judy Knop of ATLA and is modeled on the ATLA NACO funnel with some ideas from the UC funnel.
2. The Continuing Resources Section, Holdings Committee has set up a CONSER liaison. Les will serve for two years as liaison. It is hoped that some of the activities of the Publication Patterns Initiative can be carried forth with help from the Committee.

Cooperative Open Access Journal Project

Increasing the coverage of e-serial titles in the CONSER database has been a topic of many CONSER meetings through the years and was a recommended outcome of the CONSER Summit in 2004. At the 2009 CONSER Operations Meeting members suggested that we take a systematic approach to improving the coverage of journal titles in a variety of e-resource knowledgebases (see item 8 in the summary <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/Outcomes-April30-May1-2009.pdf> [PDF; 64 KB, 6 p.]).

Increasing the number of CONSER authenticated e-resource records increases the number of records available to subscribers of the CONSER MDS-Serials file. MDS – Serials file subscribers include companies that use the file to update a variety of e-resource access and management services that most of our libraries subscribe to (ERAMS, link resolvers, MARC record subscription services, and other e-resource services). Many of these services such as SFX make use of the ISSN for matching and distributing records from the CONSER database. A potential contribution for CONSER members who subscribe to the ISSN Portal would be to verify ISSN information on CONSER records for non-U.S. serials making that information further available to e-resource services.

Attendees agreed we should focus on the widely used list of open access journals DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals <http://www.doaj.org/> (around 5,000 titles). There are many records available in OCLC for titles in this collection making them relatively easy to CONSER authenticate. The collection contains titles that many of our institutions are targeting for selection and cataloging anyway. Most of the services subscribing to the MDS-Serials file have a DOAJ portfolio. An ISSN is required before a title is listed in DOAJ. The list includes many US titles that have CONSER records which are already confirmed by the U.S. ISSN Center. ISSN appearing on non-US titles can be verified by CONSER members who subscribe to the ISSN Portal.

Justification:

We need to provide a clear justification to our administrators for devoting time to this project. We will also need to be able to describe the workload to them.

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Maintenance:

Titles in DOAJ may be dropped by various providers without much notice. It would be useful to set up a mechanism so that we know which of these titles are dropped from provider lists.

Serials Solutions, EBSCO, and SFX all have a DOAJ portfolio and could probably provide information about titles dropped from the list.

Dividing the workload:

We might do this by non-English language capabilities among libraries, volunteers could target specific languages. We also might divide work up by those who have access to the ISSN portal.

Action:

- Distribute project description
- Form group: first or second week of March, finish work by the end of March, early April.
- Tasks of group:
 - Provide justification and rough estimates of workload.
 - Explore DOAJ to determine language coverage as a way to divide workload.
- CONSER evaluates project at OpCo

Repeatable 260 have there been any problems with implementation?

Few problems were identified, one comment was that acquisitions staff liked having the current publisher more prominent in the record. Another mentioned some confusion among staff with the multiple dates that appear in the record now, fixed field, 260 \$3, possibly 260 \$c. The idea of defining a new publication date field was raised, an idea that CONSER members have discussed in the past. This might work well with ISSN and RDA, several thought it was a good idea. Everette Allgood, member of the RDA MARC group noted the idea and the group agreed that it might be good to see if the issue comes up in the RDA testing.

Change from a CD-ROM serial to a DVD-ROM serial: footnote to LCRI 21.3B

This footnote established years ago requires that a new record be created when a CD-ROM serial changes format to a DVD-ROM. The footnote was added to provide consistency for the SMD options available for optical discs. The term in the list of SMDs in 9.5B1 "computer optical disc" can be used or, optionally terms in common usage CD-ROM, DVD-ROM can be used.

The LCRI will be revised to say don't create a record for this type of change no matter what term was used in the original record. The change can be shown by making a note, changing the SMD to the general term computer optical discs or both.

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Some questions left to address:

What to do with resources that change from CD-ROM to DVD-ROM and have a record with a uniform title that contains a qualifier "CD-ROM."

[Consultation with LC's Policy and Standards Division staff in February 2010: there is probably no need to do anything with the uniform title after the change is noted in the body of the record.]

What to do if the title proper of a serial CD-ROM contains the word CD-ROM and the format changes to DVD-ROM.

[Consultation with LC's Policy and Standards Division staff in February 2010: If the change is within the first five words, it is a title change, if after the first five words consider it minor.]

ISSN report (Regina Reynolds)

OCLC has implemented subfields "l" (ISSN-L) and "m" (cancelled ISSN-L) of the 022 field. Robert Bremer of OCLC will begin populating OCLC records with ISSN-L from the ISSN register using a macro in the next few weeks. The process will create a "critical mass" of records with ISSN-L.

In the process, the ISSN Network will receive US ISSN records that it already has and many other CONSER records (it receives the entire CONSER file). The Network has developed some filtering and error checking to avoid problems with "returned" records.

The section at LC that assigns ISSN assigned for U.S. publications has new tool to register ISSN and key titles. The tool automates the process, can be used by teleworkers and staff in different parts of the library, it makes obsolete the ancient process of recording ISSN assignments on paper.

The meeting of the ISSN Directors of ISSN National Centers was held at the National Library of China in Beijing Sept. 14-18th 2009. The meeting included ISSN-L issues as well as discussion of the types of integrating resources that should be the focus of ISSN assignment. Many national centers find the management of ISSN requests for integrating resources to be difficult since virtually any integrating resource could be technically eligible for ISSN and publishers could overwhelm a center with requests. Distinctions are being formulated to focus on databases, updatable directories, paper loose-leaf publications, and other types of resources. They wish to avoid assigning ISSN to personal web pages and to be selective about corporate and institutional web sites.

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Another topic at the directors meeting was the need for ISSN to identify aggregator packages, since these could be considered a type of integrating resource. Regina asked for input and any examples members might have.