AACR II... A REPORT.

What do you get when the co-editors of AACR II, Paul Winkler and Michael Gorman, the Chairperson of the Catalog Code Revision Committee, John Byrum, catalog code experts from across the country, over 350 participants pre-chosen to represent various geographic areas and types of libraries all meet in the same room in the middle of a hot summer in Dallas? What you've got is the AACR II Preconference held June 21-23 at the Dallas Convention Center. The fact that such an illustrious group of experts and such a large group of catalogers were brought together attests to the determination in the profession that the new cataloging code be properly introduced and implemented in the United States.

Sponsored by the Resources and Technical Services Division of ALA, the stated objective of the Preconference was: "to train resource people throughout the country who may return to their own geographic location to introduce of AACR II." and a goal that was not met, I'm afraid, in spite of the fact that there was a lot of information available, and all the afternoon and evening of the presentation by means of a videotaped program. The second day of the new code and some of was devoted to small group discussions on three topics relating to AACR II: descriptive cataloging, choice of entry, and form of entry. The experts visited each small group and were abundantly available to answer questions. The third and final day of the Preconference was devoted to a presentation on how to plan and lead an effective workshop, and on a discussion of future plans.

I don't believe that any of us came out of the Preconference completely in command of AACR II, but it was a big first step in the right direction. Many of my own questions were answered, but of course, new questions arose to take the place of the old ones. If nothing else, my participation in the Preconference forced me to sit down and read the entire code and spend some time figuring out its structure and intentions. The real success or failure of the AACR II Preconference will be determined by the follow-up that takes place. If the participants are kept up-to-date on AACR II developments and are encouraged to conduct local workshops, the Preconference will have served its purpose.

For those of you who want to begin getting acquainted with AACR II, there is a very recent article by Wesley Simonton entitled "An Introduction to AACR II." It appears in Library Resources & Technical Services, vol. 23, no. 3 (Summer, 1979). The article does a good job of outlining the major changes between AACR I and AACR II. Another way of keeping up on AACR II developments is through ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division Newsletter. The Newsletter includes a special column in each issue called

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"News about AACR 2 Implementation Studies." Also, in the coming year RTSD and the Library of Congress will be conducting AARC II training programs across the country. As of now, one of these training programs is scheduled to be held in Los Angeles in September, 1980, and another one in San Francisco in June, 1981.

So--you've only just begun to hear about AARC II. I'm sure that by January, 1981, we'll all be prepared to implement the new code, right?

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CIP SPRING WORKSHOPS . . . A REPORT.

Information on the Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication program was spread throughout the state this past May in workshops sponsored by the Technical Services Chapter of CLA. The Southern California workshop was held on May 16 at the USC Library School in Los Angeles. The program was repeated, along with an added discussion on collection development, in the North on May 18 at the Cal State Hayward campus.

Pat Del Mar gives the following account of the Southern California workshop:

They came by bus and by carpool but come they did. Over 80 members, guests and library school students participated in a workshop on CIP. The USC Library School graciously provided its lecture hall and its central location counteracted the gasoline crisis. After a warm welcome by the new Dean, Dr. Roger Greer, the whole program belonged to Susan Vita, Head of the Cataloging in Publication Division of the Library of Congress. For three hours she brought us up-to-date on CIP--its history, how it operates, and where it might go.

Members of the audience asked questions throughout the presentation. Many obviously had given much thought to CIP and brought specific titles for clarification. Several unpublished studies were touched upon and a questionnaire was distributed. We have an opportunity to influence future activities of the CIP program. Let's take time to write those publishers who are not CIP participants and let's let LC know what the priorities are for California libraries.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 24-25
CONFERENCE ON THE CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS. City of Commerce Hyatt House, 6300 E. Telegraph Road, City of Commerce, Calif. 90040. Sponsored by the Library Binding Institute and the Southern California Technical Processes Group, this conference will be devoted to binding and the conservation of rare books and materials. The speakers will include Fraser Poole, retired Director for Preservation, Library of Congress. The registration deadline is August 10. The registration fee of $48.00 should be made payable to LBI-SCTPG Conference, and sent to Mel Kavin, Kater-Crafts Bookbinders, 4860 Gregg Rd., Pico Rivera, Calif. 90660.

Sep. 16-18
LITA INSTITUTE: "AUTHORITY CONTROL -- THE KEY TO TOMORROW'S CATALOG." Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel. Cosponsored by ALA's Library and Information Technology Association and the California Library Authority for Systems and Services (CLASS), this conference will deal with the problem of authority control and on the effects that online catalogs and catalog closing will have on authority control. Speakers will include Michael Malinconico from the New York Public Library, Michael Gorman from the University of Illinois and co-editor of AACR II, and Lucia Rather from the Library of Congress. Details and registration forms can be obtained from: LITA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Registration deadline: Sept. 7, 1979.

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Dec. 8

CLA TECHNICAL SERVICES CHAPTER PROGRAM AT THE ANNUAL CLA CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO. The subject will be Serials Data Bases in California. Diana Reimer, Editor, Union List of Periodicals/Serials for the California State University and College, and Dianne Ellsworth, CULP Coordinator for CLASS, are working with the Technical Services Chapter officers to plan a lively program on this timely topic. The program is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, and will last all day. The morning session will be of general interest for those wishing to learn more about the subject; the afternoon session will be devoted to small workshop/discussion groups who wish to delve deeper into specific aspects of mutual interest. More information on the program will be available as the Conference draws nearer, but save that date: December 8, 1979 in San Francisco.

NOTICE: We would like to publicize any upcoming programs that would be of interest to Technical Services people. Please send information on your events to the Tech Notes editor.

*Footnote:* Much to her dismay, Technical Services Chapter President Pat Del Mar could not find her name on the membership list attached to the last issue of Tech Notes. Could it be that the President had neglected to pay her dues? For shame! But no---the CLA computer misidentified her as Mar, Pat Del. Ah, the joys of automation!