ANNUAL REPORT

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING

Members: Matthew Wise (Chair), Deta Davis, Laurie Phillips Gibson, Marguerite Iskenderian, Margaret Kaus, William Walker

Activities: As the MLA representative, Matthew Wise attended CC:DA meetings during the ALA conferences in Washington, DC and San Francisco. Following recommendations submitted by the Subcommittee, additional examples of performance-manifestations were incorporated into the draft report of the Task Force on Works Intended for Performance and corrections to the AACR2 index for computer disk/disc definitions were approved. However, since the Joint Steering Committee will not meet again until after the Toronto conference in late October, several LC-initiated rule change proposals for serials, as well as MLA's proposal 3JSC/ALA/11 ("Work" in connection with music uniform titles), remain unresolved.

During its open meeting in New Orleans, the Subcommittee discussed its review of ALA's Guidelines for Bibliographic Description of Interactive Multimedia and heard a report from Deta Davis about recent developments in uniform title correction in the MUMS database and the automated creation of authority records at LC. In April, the Subcommittee completed another extensive review of the Guidelines for Sheet Music Cataloging and their suggestions have been incorporated into the final draft being reviewed by the BCC. Currently the Subcommittee is looking at the cataloging guidelines of the Dance Heritage Coalition and at issues regarding the possible usage of the 538 tag for "Compact disc" notes.

During the past year, Subcommittee members Laurie Phillips Gibson and Margaret Kaus participated in the Library of Congress cataloging internship program. Laurie has also been very active in the creation of the Subcommittee's webpage.

Plans are underway to feature Jennifer Bowen, who will share her impressions as a Toronto Conference participant, at the Subcommittee's open meeting during the annual conference in Boston. And a training session on formatted contents notes, to be sponsored jointly with MOUG, is being planned for their preceding conference.

Submitted by Matthew Wise

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