Members: Kathryn P. Glennan (Chair), Janet Bochin, Paul Cauthen, Paul Frank, Alice LaSota, Ralph Papakhian, Robert Sherrane, William Walker, Jay Weitz

As the MLA representative, Kathy Glennan attended the MARBI/MARC Advisory Committee meetings during ALA Midwinter and Annual meetings. At the January 2000 meetings, MARBI approved encoding URL/URN (now known collectively as URI) links in fields other than just 856, specifically 505, 514, 520, 530, 545, and 552. The group agreed to the principle that a label be supplied in each field where a URI is defined, either as an indicator or a subfield for a textual note. During the July meetings, MARBI approved adding a subfield to field 856 for link text, to be displayed instead of the URI. Also at these meetings, MARBI continued to discuss the implications for changes in MARC when seriality changes are incorporated into AACR2.

At the Subcommittee's open meeting in Louisville, we continued with the BCC theme of metadata. Eric Childress of OCLC spoke about the Dublin Core standards and how they relate to MARC 21. Stephen Davison gave an overview of EAD. A panel discussion featuring Scott Landvetter (University of Chicago), R. Wayne Shoaf (University of Southern California) and Lois Schultz (Duke University) addressed different uses of metadata in their institutions.

During the summer, we received word from the Library of Congress that they had followed our recommendation to remove the "Compact disc" example from the Systems Detail Note (field 538) in MARC 21 Bibliographic.

The New York open meeting will feature the usual review of MARBI activities and late-breaking MARC issues.

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