MLA Subject Access Subcommittee Report  
MLA Annual Meeting  
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Boston, MA

At the Subject Access Subcommittee meetings, Subcommittee members presented the following reports. In addition to these reports, changes to the Subject Access Subcommittee's membership were announced. Four Subcommittee members rotated off of the group: Mark Germer, Harriette Hemmasi, Taras Pavlovsky, Brad Young. Michael Colby has been appointed as the new Chair of the Subcommittee. Other new Subcommittee members will be appointed and announced later this year.

REPORTS

(1) Subject access to transcriptions and types of notation by Dan Cherubin (at both the business and open meetings). Dan addressed the lack of uniformity of treatment in cataloging and the need to define types of genre and possibly develop more format subdivisions.

(2) Update on literature review of user studies by Amanda Maple (at both the business and open meetings). Amanda related the Subcommittee's progress on reviewing selected articles on user studies, with emphasis on formulation transaction logs and questionnaires. The Subcommittee is still determining what direction to take with a possible user study of issues relating to access to music.

(3) Subject access news from LC was presented at both the business and open meetings by Geraldine Ostrove.

(4) A written summary of IFLA updates was distributed by Brad Young at the business meeting.

(5) Harriette Hemmasi mentioned the need for a review of the folksong headings project from last year and asked Michael Colby to lead this effort.

(6) Ways to search folksongs in the online catalog were discussed by Russell Hodges at the business meeting. His discussion led to a proposal that the Subcommittee members work together to make a presentation for next year's open meeting on how to search ethnic music in online catalogs.

(7) At the open meeting Harriette Hemmasi presented a talk on form/genre access to music materials with particular emphasis on the syntax of LC music headings traditionally used as "form" headings.

(8) The open meeting concluded with a question and answer period.

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