

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

This document contains the report of the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC) to the Committee of Principals for AACR for the calendar year 2003. The report has been prepared by the Chair, Matthew Beacom.

Membership

The membership of the committee was as follows:

American Library Association:	Matthew Beacom (Yale University)
Australian Committee on Cataloguing:	Ann Huthwaite (Queensland University of Technology) until September Deirdre Kiorgaard (National Library of Australia) from September
British Library:	Sally Strutt
Canadian Committee on Cataloguing:	Margaret Stewart (National Library of Canada)
CILIP:	Robert Atkinson (Birkbeck, University of London)
Library of Congress:	Barbara Tillett
Chair:	Ann Huthwaite until September Matthew Beacom from September
Secretary:	Nathalie Schulz

Meetings

Two meetings were held in 2003. The first, hosted by the Library of Congress, was held in Washington, D.C., on 23-25 April 2003. The second was held in Brisbane, Australia on 8-10 September 2003. Mary Ghikas, Chair of the Committee of Principals, attended the April meeting.

Strategic plan for JSC and AACR

The draft strategic plan for JSC and AACR was approved by the Committee of Principals in June 2003. The plan has been mounted on the JSC public Web site, and a status report has been added to the site.

2004 revision package

A number of rule revisions were approved by the JSC in 2003 for inclusion in the 2004 rule revision package, including:

- changes to rules on punctuation in recording dimensions;
- some revisions to the rules for Malay names;
- removing predominance as the basis of description for multipart monographs;
- revision of the rules on basis of description at 1.0;
- changes to remove area 3 from chapter 9;
- rule 21.29 was changed to include instructions for added entries and corporate bodies;
- rule 12.1E1 was revised to remove the distinction between serials and integrating resources;
- the link was removed between series title transcription and the rules on the title proper of serials in chapter 12.

Ongoing proposals (included in the strategic plan)

A number of significant proposals are in progress in preparation for the next edition of AACR.

Revision of the general introduction and the introductions to parts I and II

At the April 2003 meeting JSC discussed the second draft of the revised introductions prepared by CILIP/BL. The CILIP/BL proposals were essentially a rearrangement of the existing rules, and JSC decided that the introduction should be rewritten instead. The LC representative will prepare a draft outline of the introductions for discussion in 2004.

Incorporation of the concept of authority control into AACR

The Library of Congress has submitted a paper on the incorporation of authority control in AACR for discussion at the April 2004 meeting. The paper contains a draft outline for parts II (Choice of headings) and III (Authority Control) of the new edition, a draft of the introduction to the new part III, and proposals on incorporating references into the chapters for form of heading.

Incorporating FRBR concepts and terminology into AACR

At the April 2003 meeting, the third report on incorporating FRBR terminology was discussed by JSC. Pat Riva, the author of the report, participated by teleconference. After the April meeting the Secretary prepared a new compilation of rules containing FRBR terminology in chapter 1 and 13. Constituencies responded to this document, and at the September 2003 meeting JSC decided that responses from all constituencies were required to issues raised by ALA and LC.

During 2003, LC prepared proposals on FRBR terminology in the Glossary and appendices. These proposals will be discussed at the April 2004 meeting.

Revising ambiguous and inconsistent terminology

JSC discussed at the April 2003 meeting a CCC proposal to change the definition of "main entry" in the AACR Glossary. JSC decided to pursue the issue after the completion of the revision of chapter 21. JSC asked ALA to identify rules where "entry" is used to mean "description" or "record" for discussion in 2004.

Consistency across part I of AACR

During 2003, JSC discussed proposals from the ALA Task Force on Consistency across Part I of AACR on areas 2, 3, 4, and 6. The Task Force has prepared revised proposals and a "prototype" for discussion at the April 2004 meeting. The "prototype" illustrates how AACR could look with duplicated rules removed. JSC has also charged the Task Force with reducing the number of examples in AACR.

Two reports from the Joint ALA/BL Task Force to Reconceptualize Chapter 9 were discussed at JSC meetings in 2003. Further guidance will be given to the Task Force after decisions on the reorganization of part I are made at the April 2004 meeting.

Class of materials and GMDs

At meetings during 2003, JSC reaffirmed the importance of a solution to the issues posed by class of materials. A discussion paper written by Ann Huthwaite in 2002 was issued as a formal JSC document, as was a response from Tom Delsey. Further comments by John Attig were also issued. The Delsey and Attig documents propose new outlines for part I of AACR that will be discussed at the April 2004 meeting.

Treatment of multipart items

Although some rule revisions relating to multipart monographs were approved during 2003, the issue of the seriality of multipart items remains outstanding. CILIP/BL have prepared a discussion paper on this issue for the April 2004 meeting.

Review of chapter 21

During 2003 work continued on the terms of reference for the review of chapter 21. At the September 2003 meeting JSC decided that the terms of reference would be folded into the duty statement for the editor of the new edition of AACR.

Other ongoing proposals

A number of other proposals are also under consideration, and one deserves special mention:

Specific material designations (SMDs)

During the discussion of the specific characteristics of electronic resources (area 3 in chapter 9), JSC added to chapters 6, 7, and 9 the option to "use a term in common usage to record the specific format of the physical carrier." However, there was no agreement amongst the constituencies to proposed changes to the lists of specific material designations (SMDs) in these chapters. At the September 2003 meeting, JSC asked ALA to prepare a discussion paper on SMDs.

Format Variation Working Group

The work of the Format Variation Working Group (FVWG) is related to a number of aspects of the preparation for the new edition. FVWG interim reports were presented at both JSC meetings, and the FVWG Chair, Jennifer Bowen, attended the final day of the April 2003 meeting.

The FVWG has two Subgroups working in different areas: the Chapter 25 Subgroup; and, the Form of Expression Identifier Subgroup.

The Chapter 25 Subgroup has been examining the use of identifiers for both works and expressions. At the April 2003 meeting, JSC discussed a status report from the Subgroup that contained recommended changes to chapter 25, and related issues for consideration. For the September 2003 meeting, the Subgroup prepared a draft outline of the chapter. At the April 2004 meeting, JSC will discuss specific rule revision proposals. The revision of chapter 25 to incorporate expression-level citations is included in the JSC strategic plan.

The Form of Expression Identifier Subgroup has been exploring the "deconstruction" of the GMD through the use of a term or device in the bibliographic record to represent the mode of expression. At both meetings in 2003, JSC discussed the initial explorations of the Subgroup. In 2004, the Subgroup will be working closely with the ALA/CC:DA Task Force on SMDs.

JSC Web site

In 2003, John Attig completed the redesign of the JSC public Web site. The Web site now includes the strategic plan, and links have been added to archived copies of papers from the International Conference on the Principles and Future Development of AACR. Responsibility for the JSC Web site now rests with the Secretary.

Following the September 2003 meeting an announcement of the new edition of AACR (written by the Chair) was mounted on the public Web site.

Members of the Committee of Principals have been provided with access details for the JSC internal Web site, and will be notified of password changes.

Coordination with the ISBD Review Group

At the September 2003 meeting, JSC discussed a summary of highlights from the ISBD Review Group meetings in August 2003, supplied by John Byrum. JSC will consider commenting formally on ISBD(G), ISBD(ER), and ISBD(A) when they are issued for world-wide review in 2004.

IFLA Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code

Ann Huthwaite, Barbara Tillett, and Robert Atkinson represented the JSC at the first IFLA Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, held in Frankfurt, Germany during July 2003. A draft Statement of International Cataloguing Principles was approved by the participants and will be the focal point for further regional meetings throughout the world over the next four years.

Program of work

The program of work developed at the September 2003 meeting in Brisbane may be found in the minutes for that meeting (item 594).

Although some new proposals have been submitted for consideration at the April 2004 meeting, the main focus will be on revisions for the new edition.

JSC membership

Deirdre Kiorgaard has replaced Ann Huthwaite as the ACOC representative on JSC. At the Brisbane meeting, JSC members expressed their appreciation to Ann Huthwaite for her work as Chair of the JSC. Matthew Beacom will be the Chair until the end of his term as the ALA representative in June 2004. A Chair Elect will be elected at the April 2004 meeting. The new ALA representative on JSC will be Jennifer Bowen (University of Rochester Libraries).

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