

**Quarterly Report of the
Metadata Subcommittee
May 2008**

In March, the Metadata Subcommittee discussed the nature of its relationship with the newly formed DISC Subcommittee. The Metadata and DISC subcommittees will concern themselves with different types of metadata. Eventually certain metadata issues between the two subcommittees will require collaboration since we are working in a shared union catalog environment. We will soon hold joint discussions on how descriptive metadata are to be implemented in Digitool.

Gail Clement of FIU is our liaison to DISC since she serves on both subcommittees. Lu Ai of FCLA also serves on the DISC subcommittee.

Metadata Subcommittee members have informed their respective cataloging departments that the term "PALMM (Project)" should be uniform in main and added entry headings so as not to cause indexing and faceting problems in Endeca. The correct term to use is PALMM (Project).

The Metadata Subcommittee charge was slightly altered to emphasize its role in collaboration and cooperation with other CSUL committees and subcommittees. The proposed updated charge has been posted to the CSUL website. We are waiting for final approval from CSUL and TSPC.

FCLA will migrate all NOTIS/LTQF records to Aleph DLU01. These records will not adversely impact users in MANGO since they have already been copied to MANGO directly from NOTIS/LTQF.

Doug Dunlop of UCF gave a presentation to the Metadata Subcommittee concerning Life Events metadata. No existing schema addresses all that is required for Life Events metadata, however, Encoded Archival Context (EAC) comes close. EAC has been successfully used in pilot projects such as the NC ECHO (North Carolina Exploring Cultural Heritage Online) project.

The Chair of the Metadata Subcommittee will speak with Salwa Patel, Chair of the DISC subcommittee to possibly begin a collaborative effort in using Life Events metadata.

Since the last quarterly report, the Metadata Subcommittee has held conference calls on February 28, March 12, April 9, and May 14.

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