MERLIN QUALITY CONTROL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 9, 1996 10-3
CLARK HALL RM.  542

ATTENDANCE: K. Schweitzberger (UMKC), Chair; R. Amelung (SLU-Law);  J.  Addison
(UMC- HSL);  S. Coleman (MU-Ellis);  N. Fair (MU-Ellis);  E. Grewe (UMSL);  G. Ho (UMR);
 J. Huang (SLU-Pius);  T. James (UMR);  R. Kespohl (MU (Ellis);  V. Lee (LSO);
R. McBride (SLU-PIUS);  D. Owens (UMSL);  G. Rickerson (LSO); V.Sha (UMC-Law);
N. Stancel (UMKC- Law);  A. Sylvester  (UMKC);  L.  Hulbert, SLU-HSCL Recorder.

The following were distributed by the chair: The agenda for this meeting, the minutes of
11/12/96 MQCC meeting, and the Merlin committee structure as decided upon
by Merlin Directors.

1. The minutes of 11/12/96 were accepted as corrected : item 6 Interactive
transfer _error in manual for authority : recs=a._   In item 7 _...to all non-LC call number
fields..._  (Italicized words added).

2.  LSO Update:

George: #11 from the agenda: LSO will extablish a new tag in the item record for
_no call number_ and _periodical_ types of call numbers. These will then be moved to a
non-indexed tag.  The tag has not yet been identified.

III is ready to test bar code validation.  They will establish a test and when
it is available we will be notified.

Bar codes are only validated when done in the interactive mode; no bar codes
created in OCLC will be validated.

Janet: Got notice from Shelly Reed with option groups.  Database 2-6, 11
database making choices by campus.  LSO can_t tell what is flexible
by campus; have to find out from III what_s there.

HEADING REPORTS OPTIONS:
First time use fields.
Duplicate use.
Limit holdings changed report to records with cat. date.
New bib record
New bib record duplicate check.
New item record: duplicate check.

Waiting for software from III to put item records in numerical order by volume
rather than by date of entry.  Examples currently available to look at Science,
Bioogical abstracts; JAMA : .b2698104x; .b26979901; .b26981233; .b2698117.
This program will only be run once.  Apparently can run against individual bib records.
We can request this to be run periodically against individual titles if we_re not ready.
Program will skip busy records.

Vivan: SLU load is complete.  Authority for SLU being loaded.  May cause
duplicates if there are U M  local authority records especially for series
(which are in the names index).  Last GPO tape was loaded to LUMIN.

Headings reports are here. They_ve been running the rearrange program; not
working right. Running _update_ instead. III says it_s fixed, but it_s not.
Ran for a week and overnight and didn_t do 1/3 of the database.
It takes 3 - 4 days to run updates thru the database.

Is III still working on _multi_ records - Yes, no response about the problem.

George: Release 10 - do they need to copy and send out or do all the coordinator
have? He met with Jerry Klein: release 10 was a disaster as far as III was concerned.
Quality control problems, admittedly; explains LSO problems associated with release 10.
Hopeful for improvements for future releases. 1. Searching performance - (scoping); 2.
Printing - we need for more than one person to be able to print from a program at a time
(E.G.Printing overdue notices.) He is hopeful for resolution as III seems aware of the
problems and willing to work on them.

Reverse records not sorted. _Move_ but cannot identify where it goes and there
is no solution because the numbers change. Be very careful!

#8 from the agenda: Reloading missing items from LUMIN to Merlin. Identified
bibliographic records which had at least 200 items. Searched Merlin to see if there were
items missing. Attendees requested a list of _partial items loaded_ with ISNs. Kurt will be
working on it. He will post the list of LUMIN ISNs to MQCC list by tomorrow.

#3 from Agenda: Interactive transfer demo and questions. LSO now has OCLC
access through Ellis account. Reminder do not delete old authority: code it D (in A suppress
code) so that it goes to BNA for deletion. Downloading authority needs to be coded _b_ to
insure that it goest to BNA.

SLU Law reported probelms with interactive download. They have received the
message _bib and items îwill be created.__ But a number is not given and so far, the records
have not come across. Everyone should document these, when and what they were doing and
report to LSO. The message should indicate successful transaction. The problem appears
to be with Merlin.

Discussion of batchloading out of Merlin up to OCLC setting individual library
holdings symbols. Each library can decide whether or not to do this and when to do this.
However, as the decision is made, LSO and OCLC must be notified for changes in
parameters. (Handout B from OCLC on batchloading.) LSO would like to do a weekly upload.
(Handout C includes pricing for the process). Discussion around closing shelf lists.
All of the UMlibraries which currently have open shelf lists are considering closing them.
UM Ellis will close theirs on 1-97.

We need a code which can be used to indicate reinstatement of missing item. Is
there an _i_ code we could use. _i_ code for each holding library - three letter symbol.
LSO has to pull it weekly and upload an item record with _i_

The following was agreed upon. There will be some additions
Columbia Ellis -        MUU= C
Columbia HSL -         MMU=  D
Columbia Law -        LMU= L
Kansas City           UMK= K
Kansas City Law      BLK=  B
Kansas City Med AV          V
Rolla                UMR=  R

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UM St.  Louis          UMS = S
SLU - Pius             XII = X
SLU - Parks            JNJ =  P
SLU- HSCL              LTL= H
SLU - Law              SLU= A
State Hist Soc         MXM=  TBA
Columbia archives     UMW= TBA
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If you are going to make the change:
1.  These codes need to be in place
2.  LSO needs to be ready to upload
3.  LSO will have to send a test tape to OCLC
4.  Library lets LSO know they want to change to interactive and to batchload
with LSO.

#4 from the agenda: Geographic names used as a name.  A Code 1 G= Geographic
used as a name heading.  G= Geog as name.

#6 L Hulbert reported on the conference call with SLU HSL, UM HS, LSO and
Kathleen.  According to NLM the MeSH Marc tapes are ready simultaneously with the printed
version.  They get the printed done so that it can go to the printer and then make the
on-line version available - tape load, ftp, or Web download.  The print was available in early
November and L. Hulbert got a letter informing her that the file was available for lisencees.
 BNA is a lisencee.  Dean will check with BNA to see if they can load it in a timely
fashion.  If not, we will discuss not using BNA to do authority work on MeSH.

#5 Series do have duplicate authorities test with a report.  There is no
automatic overlay of series authorities.  To trace or not to trace.  Lumin standards not
understood in the
same way across the campuses.  Some campuses believed that if one volume were
traced, all the volumes had to be traced (henceforth).  Some campuses believed that the
decision was volume by volume - duplicate resolution process respecting the library_s tracing
decision.  Norma will tackle a new standard for series tracing.  Others will send her email
with their thoughts.

Duplicate resolution.  Richard will do a revision of 6.2 of the Lumin standards
for monographs and Vianne will work on one for serials.

Robin s invalid headings.  3.  BNA no match for names.

Jane made a plea to ask everyone to leave MeSH headings in place.

#13 Merlin structure.  All decisions should be documented.  All voting must be
documented.

This is not designed to exclude anyone who has historically attended, but only
the members will be informed of minutes and have expectations of participation.  How each
campus arrives at the vote is up to the campus.  Must have a process on each campus to bring
forth a campus decision.  A charge for each committee will be written by the Merlin directors.
If a committee cannot reach consensus, issues needing resolution will be referred to
the Merlin Library Directors.

Gary had a great idea! Functional groups should meet once a year together with
presentations a good times.

#7 Authorizations: look at the choices of 100-199 and discuss these with your coordinators.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 29 at LSO.

Robin asked the assembled to consider a change in the display so that more of the information displays to the user:

Location = LOC; Volume = VOL.  Barcode =Bar.  Accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully


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