Merlin Quality Control Committee
Minutes 3/10/99

Present: Kathleen Schweitzberger (UMKC), Richard Amelung (SLU-Law), Ellen
Grewe (UMSL), David Owens (UMSL), Nancy Stancel (UMKC-Law), Bob Heidlage
(LSO), Darcy Jones (MU-Law), Janice Carter (SLU-HSC), Anna Zaidman
(SLU-Pius), Pat Logsdon (WashU), Patrick McCarthy (SLU-Pius), Gary Harris
(LSO), Norma Fair (Chair, MU-Ellis), Carol Riley (UMKC), Vianne Sha
(MU-Ellis), Janet Jackson (LSO), Allison Holdaway (UMR-Recorder), Laura
Hunter (UMR-Recorder)

1. Announcements: New attendees are Bob Heidlage, Computer Specialist from
LSO, and Pat Logsdon from Washington University.

2. Minutes from Feb. 10 1999 meeting approved, except section 5, #8 should
say "of
 electronic government documents."
 Norma Fair named Nena Thomas, UMR Reference Librarian, to be on the GPO
records contract update committee.

3. LSO Update:
Janet Jackson reported that the EBS files were done through Feb. 25, so we
were on track again. Janet proposed that LSO report EBS error records to
libraries quarterly rather than monthly.  Approved by committee.

Richard Amelung wondered whether in the public search mode, the check-in
note could be put on the first level of view and not the second level, and
thought that this was supposed to have been an enhancement.  On the Web, the
note doesn't show if the record doesn't have a check-in card.   In the
character-based, "n" notes  show up, but truncated.  Several examples were
looked at, and a decision was made to ask III to make a fix.

4. Review of Action Items
     a.  655.7 limit: to MRSC to be reviewed; sent 3/9/99.
     b.  Vendor validation of 655 $2 terms and report invalid items: sent
to WLN.
     c.  090 call numbers with 1st indicator value "1" in some records:
to be sent to III; Janet needs more information and examples.
     d.  Request for III to update validation codes for 6xx $v, FF
literary forms, and the new authority record tags and codes from OCLC Tech.
Bull. #228; will be sent to III.
     e.  Choice of record for orig/micro/photocopy: some libraries
choose to use the original print record  and attach a note about specific
library holdings.  LUMIN standard 4.8.1. needs to be a standard for MERLIN;
Ellen Grewe will revise and give it to Janet.


5. SLU-Law major microforms load (Amelung): Upcoming microform loads
include the rest of the Civil Law set, Hein's Legal Theses and
Dissertations.  This will add about 1000 new records to the system.  Maybe
will also add 20th Century Legal Treatises (5000 records) and part of
Congressional Research Service with MU Law (2000 records).  These records
can be loaded using the OCLC record load table, with some preprocessing to

set the item record.

6. 539 data loaded into 533 $7 (Schweitzberger): Subfield $7 is fixed
data information about the reproduction. Does string on end of 533 note
display in MOBIUS? Yes, according to OCLC #40834753. Action item:
recommend to MRSC that display of 533 subfield 7 be suppressed in MERLIN
and Mobius.

7. Electronic resources:
   a. 856 for ECO-PSP titles: URLs will not change; no maintenance
required (per MLNC)
Action item: what if ISSN changes? Will we be notified? Gary will ask
OCLC.
   b. Loc for e-resources: MRSC has a scoping complaint re item
records. Scope is based on bib. location; get rid of "e" item locations?
Use only for public domain and full consortial purchases. E-resources held
by individual campus should have item location code scoped to the local
campus(es). (PSP-always have paper record)
c. Suppression of item records: Action item: ask MRSC about de-indexing
the phrase "Electronic Resource" as a call number 090 and/or suppress
e-location.
d. Project MUSE titles: Done by Kathleen S.; will get a refund for cutting
them from the ECO subscription.
   e. ECO-PSP 1999 titles - distribution of work: too early to
distribute the work. Certain to get 199-? Not sure yet; waiting on quotes
from OCLC for Aug. 99 through July 2000. Will postpone dividing up list.
For ECO 1998 titles, libraries need to clean up the item locations and close
out the 856 for titles not continued in 1999.
   f. Publisher information for electronic resources (from MRSC): MRSC
wants publisher information updated. A solution for this has been
identified on the campus having the concern.
   g. Treatment of stand-alone CD-ROMs received with print materials:
Stand-alone CD-ROMs should have separate records. Sometimes CD-ROMS and
diskettes come with other materials, and we wind up with multiple records
for the same title. Most cataloging centers treat them as accompanying
materials. Too variable to impose standard; use 300 +$e or a note for
accompanying material. If conflicting treatment is identified in MERLIN,
the holding libraries should collaborate to resolve.

8. Authority
   a. WLN notification service: Test-period problems reported by
Richard A. (need period at the end of MESH headings... ; "...N.Y.).$b____"
WLN incorrectly got rid of the period before the delimiter; bad corrections
and flips, ex. Taxation $z Canada was flipped to Canada $x Taxation... $h
when coded wrong in fixed field, WLN won't change the name to a subject
heading. Janet will check will WLN using list of problems, and ask if we
can have an "a" number for authority fields to search by. Action item: LSO
will start sending authority records to WLN no later than April 1.
   b. Blind references: need to consult standards in case of doubt!
Richard A. passed out examples of how to code authorities. We need to check
to see if the record needs to be name or subject heading, etc.
      1. If the last bib. record is gone, authority not needed.
2. Corporate headings: if there is a "see also" which is no longer held in
the local system, keep the parent for cross-reference purposes.

3. Pattern headings: (e.g. "Adoption|xReligious aspects|xBuddhism, [Christianity, etc.]. Do we want to retain in MERLIN?  Discuss at the next meeting.

c.  Janet will identify the cutoff date for the authority history files sent to WLN.  Any records downloaded from OCLC or created locally after that date needs to have ACODE2 coded "n" .  Richard will do a review file to identify records with a create date after the cutoff history file date that have ACODE2 "-" and do a rapid update to correct the code.

9.  Standards: 10.1 is the last one finished; 10.2-10.8 will be rewritten as they come up.
    a.  "Significant load" guidelines
     b. not yet revised from LUMIN version
         (1) Standard 16 Local subject headings and Appx. F.  Norma will work on.
         (2) Appx. C. LCRI 21.30J as supplemented for LUMIN. Kathleen will work on.

10. GuiCat revisited.  When editing bib records with multiple locations in GuiCat, UMKC cannot display all of the last variable field.  UMC cannot use backspace or delete key in the last variable field.  Kathleen will write up a description of the problem and send to Janet for reporting to III.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 14.