

# **MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee (MCDAC)**

## **MINUTES**

*Friday, April 6, 2001*

Meeting chaired by: Karen Letarte, (SWAN – Southwest Missouri State University)

Minutes: Mary Ann Mercante (BRIDGES – Maryville University)

### **Attendees:**

Jim Dutton, MOBIUS  
Robin Kespohl, MOBIUS  
Gary Harris, MOBIUS  
Hardy Pottinger, MOBIUS  
Joy Dodson, QUEST  
Ted Ostaszewski, WILO  
Pat Teter, LANCE  
Michael Golden, MERLIN  
Norma Fair, MERLIN alternate  
Karen Letarte, SWAN  
Pat Logsdon, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Cathy Roeder, GALAHAD  
David Glick, GALAHAD guest  
Inas El-Sayed, ARTHUR  
Mary Ann Mercante, BRIDGES  
Carol Bennett, ARCHWAY  
Kathy Schlump, ARCHWAY Guest

### **MOBIUS Update**

Gary Harris introduced the Help Desk staff members.

Jim Dutton reported the following:

Kickoff meetings have been held with GALAHAD and Central West clusters

BRIDGES cluster is in Test Pac phase

LANCE went live on Jan. 23, implemented the Get function on March 19, and will implement INNREACH on June 18

WILO went live on Dec. 12 and implemented INNREACH on March 12

SWAN implemented INNREACH in January

### **MCDAC Charge**

After discussion, it was agreed by consensus that MCDAC will continue to work on Web Design of pages related to the MOBIUS catalog. MCDAC Committee members are always welcome to bring others to meetings for consultation and input.

### **MCDAC Terms of Service**

Because of confusion over which clusters' terms are expiring, Jim and Robin will distribute information as to which clusters are scheduled to appoint or reappoint members to MCDAC and to the other Advisory Committees. Representatives to the Advisory Committees are selected by the clusters.

## MCDAC Voting Guidelines

On agendas, whenever possible, discussion items and action items will be so noted.

If a cluster representative does not feel ready to vote, the rest of MCDAC will respect the request for a delay in vote unless there is an external deadline that needs to be met.

## MOBIUS Web Page Design

On the page with MOBIUS members arranged by cluster, it was decided to have the phrase “not yet available” placed under the name of the cluster. The phrase “not yet available” will link to an explanatory page. Hardy Pottinger added these features to the page during the meeting and the change was approved unanimously.

The suppression of subfield z in the 856 tag requested previously by MCDAC had not yet occurred. Gary Harris activated it during the meeting.

## ReIndexing of the MOBIUS Catalog in preparation for Advanced Keyword Searching

The MOBIUS Office has requested reindexing for the MOBIUS union catalog for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August. The MOBIUS Office has requested the implementation of Advanced Keyword Searching for all implemented clusters for August.

The reindexing of the approximately seven million records in the MOBIUS union catalog will take several months. The MERLIN and Arthur clusters will be reindexed as well. As the earliest clusters, some of the decisions made in their original indexing were based on early understandings of indexing decisions and results. The rest of the cluster catalogs will not be reindexed. Reindexing is a record by record process. During the reindexing, result sets may be different for the same search done at different times.

Washington University requested, on behalf of its reference librarians, that there be a clickable link from the location to an explanation of the location. Gary explained that such a link might be difficult to do “on the fly” since the item information displayed in the MOBIUS Union Catalog is put together “on the fly” for that particular display. Within the Wash U cluster catalog a WUI option will make the locations clickable. Hardy Pottinger will investigate if there is a way to replicate this on the Union Catalog.

The Committee reviewed the MOBIUS Union Catalog Indexing (MOBI) handout prepared by the MOBIUS Office that lists the changes requested to date by MCDAC.

The Committee also reviewed the MOBIUS Bibliographic Index Rules document.

The following additional changes were requested at the meeting:

The 970 with a first indicator of 2 to be included in the Title Index

The 970 with first indicators of 1 and 2 to be included in the Keyword Index

Requested by ARCHWAY. Approved by consensus

The 533 subfield c to be included in the Keyword Index

Requested by BRIDGES. Approved by 6 to 5 vote, with the 5 no votes agreeing to accept the decision

The 538 and 546 fields to be included in the Keyword Index

Requested by SWAN. Approved by consensus.

The 505 g should not be included in the Keyword index.

Washington University pointed out that the 773 is indexed in the title index. It should also be in the keyword index.

### Index Labels:

SWAN cluster requested that the Index Label: Exact Title be changed to Title. Patrons seem to think that they need to know the exact title in the sense of the complete title, instead of just the beginning of the title. This change was approved by consensus.

### Composite Record Approach for Serials

ARTHUR Cluster raised the issue of one record vs. multiple records for serials in different formats (paper, microform, electronic). Discussion followed regarding patron confusion, cataloging rules, other clusters' policies, and how this is handled in OCLC. MCDAC decided by consensus not to make a recommendation on whether the composite record approach should be uniform for all clusters and libraries, but decided instead to let each cluster decide how to handle serials in multiple formats.

### Guidelines for Usage of the 229

MCDAC reviewed the draft Guidelines for Usage of the 229, Draft 2, prepared by Carol Bennett, ARCHWAY cluster. A suggestion was made to modify the 3<sup>rd</sup> bulleted item to read: "Record has 246, create 229 for each 246 as needed." The Guidelines, with this change included, were approved unanimously and will be posted on the MCDAC Web Page.

### MCDAC Liaison Policy

The MERLIN representative passed along a question from someone in MERLIN who didn't understand MCDAC's liaison policy since there is no definition of a liaison. Mary Ann Mercante will do a definition.

### Union Catalog Master Record Selection Hierarchy as New Clusters Are Added

Mary Ann reminded the Committee that at its March 10, 2000 meeting, the priority for the Union Catalog Master Record had been set as: MERLIN, Washington University, and Arthur. At that time these were the only clusters implemented. Mary Ann asked how the newer clusters were being put into the priority table. Robin said that the priority load was now: MERLIN, Washington University, all others. Since "all others" are on the same level, each new cluster's records are overlaying previously loaded records from other clusters except for MERLIN and Washington University. The Committee agreed that this seemed reasonable and that they will evaluate the load priority each year.

The next meeting of the MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee will be held on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.