Harmonization of AACR and ISBD (CR)

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What we will cover

- What is ISBD (CR)?

- Why do we care about it?

- What are we doing about it?

- Comparison of ISBD (CR) with AACR revision

What is ISBD (CR)?

- "International Standard Bibliographic Description for Serials and Other Continuing Resources"

- Replaces "International Standard Bibliographic Description for Serials" [ISBD (S)]

Scope of ISBD (CR)

- Continuing resources: "resources issued over time with no predetermined conclusion ... [C]ontinuing resources include serials and ongoing integrating resources"
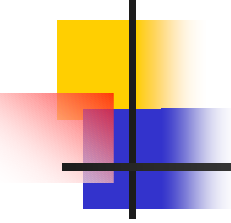
Scope of ISBD (CR) [cont.]

- "[S]erials are issued in a succession of discrete parts…"

- "[I]ntegrating resources are added to or changed by means of updates that do not remain discrete and are integrated into the whole."

Scope of ISBD (CR) [cont.]

- Also included are: "those resources issued in successive parts bearing numbering, that bear other characteristics of a serial…and that serve the same function as a serial, but whose duration is limited (e.g. the newletter of an event).
- And: reprints of a serial

Why do we care about ISBD(CR)?

- Harmonization efforts
- Worldwide resource-sharing
- Agreement on basic principles:
  - How many records are needed?
  - Has the title changed, and if so: when did it change?
  - Can users of all standards identify appropriate copy?

What are we doing about it?

- CC:DA Task Force on the Review of ISBD (CR)
- CSSC review
- Responses of both committees
- Worldwide review by other constituents

Comparison of AACR and CR

Title

- Title:
  - AACR: Continuing Resources
  - CR: Serials and Other Continuing Resources

Scope

- AACR: includes finite integrating
- CR: excludes finite integrating

- AACR: excludes map series
- CR: doesn't mention map series

Definitions

- Many differences, including Periodical:
  - CR: A type of serial, published at regular intervals, more frequently than annually and *less frequently than semiweekly*
  - CONSER: A serial appearing or intended to appear at regularly stated intervals, generally more frequently than annually, *each issue of which normally contains separate articles, stories, or other writings*

Definitions (Task Force recommendations)

- Some definitions in CR should be added to AACR

- Some definitions in CR improve on their AACR counterparts

- Some definitions in CR must be revised if they are to harmonize with terms in general use in AACR community

Sources of information

- Chief source vs. prescribed source
- Direct access computer files
- National bibliographies as prescribed source

Area 1 (title, etc.)

- Major and minor changes
  - CR includes in area 1
  - AACR includes in an appendix
- Bracketing
  - CR calls for addition of information in brackets much more than AACR

Area 1 (cont.)

- Rules for serials vs. rules for integrating resources
- Transcription of other title information
- Transcription of statements of responsibility

Area 2 (edition)

- Bracketing, as in area 1
- Editor information transcribed for all continuing resources

Area 3 (numbering)

- Chief (prescribed) source
- Multiple area 3 statements
- Completion of incomplete dates

Area 3 (cont.)

- Notation of new designation patterns:
  - CR: Vol. 1 (1921)-vol. 19 (1939) ; n.s., vol. 1 (1946)-vol. 30 (1975)

  - AACR: Vol. 1 (1921)-v. 19 (1939) ; new ser., v. 1 (1946)-new ser., v. 30 (1975)

Area 4 (publication, etc.)

- Chief (prescribed) source
- More than one place associated with a body
- Use of [etc.]
- Higher place name as qualifier
- Parallel place names
- Dates: transcription style, copyright date and instructions regarding when to omit

Area 5 (physical description)

- Notation of volumes (vol. vs. v.)
- Noting changes in dimensions

Area 7 (notes)

- Effect of main entry concept
    - CR: no main entry or catalog entry; key title used in all linking entries and notes
    - AACR: includes main entry concept; catalog entry used in all linking entries and notes; key title not mentioned at all

Area 7 (cont.)

- Notation of changes in dimensions
- Wording of notes:
    - Title from…
    - Changes in frequency
    - Linking notes

Area 8 (standard numbers)

- CR: ISSN or ISBN "is given when known"
  - What exactly does this mean?

General coments on ISBD(CR) harmonization issues

- Usually does not distinguish rules for serials vs. integrating resources, resulting in numerous differences between CR serials rules and AACR serials rules
- Lack of main entry/catalog entry is problematic
- Reliance on key title is problematic

General comments (cont.)

- National bibliographies as prescribed source is problematic

- Liberal use of brackets for adding information is problematic in some areas