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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

In a few short weeks our 1989 Annual Conference will be upon us. By now you should all have received your packets outlining the program and providing materials for registration. Let me encourage you to register promptly and make your hotel reservations. A key to successful programs is careful planning. Having a fairly accurate idea of the number of participants is a necessary figure for finalizing plans.

I hope you have all seen the attractive advertising for Religion Indexes on CD-ROM by The Wilson Company. This is a long awaited announcement. As of this writing, the product is not in hand. We hope a prototype will be demonstrated at our conference, with production following shortly thereafter.

I have mailed the statistical reports to institutional members. Remember, corrections can be made before the final printing. We have received a few reports since our mailing that we have added to the data base. We welcome as full a participation as possible.

Ballots for our new slate of officers have been coming in regularly. Counting will take place sometime in mid-May. Thank you for your participation.

We have received another resolution from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Association urging support of Senator Claiborne Pell's Resolution (SJ Res 57) in Congress to establish a national policy on the use of permanent paper. I will be submitting it to the Board for official action, but the cause is worthy of our individual attention.

Shortly, we will be mailing our renewal notices. Dues will remain the same for the coming year. The Committee on Strategic Planning is concerned about generating more revenues for the Association, but at the present time are not planning a major overhaul of the dues structure. Perhaps a slight adjustment at both ends will be called for. More on this soon. The fact is, one way or another, ATLA has to generate more funds for operating expenses. We have been reaching into reserves these past few years, even though we have been budgeting carefully.

Frequently I receive requests from library science students or M.Div. students asking whether there is some graduate program available that fosters a cooperative program for an MLS, M.Div. and/or M.Th. I believe that the University of Pittsburgh has a specific program of this nature, but I am not aware of any others and would appreciate any of you writing to inform me of programs that I might recommend to prospective students.

Simeon Daly, O.S.B.  
Executive Secretary, ATLA

## ATLA RECEIVES TEN NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

## Full:

- Ms. Cheryl L. Adams, Reference Librarian, The Library of Congress,  
122D Jefferson, Washington, D.C. 20540  
Ms. Marti Alt, General Humanities Bibliographer, Ohio State University  
Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, Ohio 43210  
Ms. Judy H. Barrick, Director, Ecumenical Music and Liturgy Resource  
Library, P.O. Box 30221, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503  
Ms. Evelyn Collins, Head of Reference, St. Michael's College Library,  
113 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1J4, Canada  
Mr. Peter G. Veracka, Director, Pontifical College Josephinum,  
7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235

## Associate:

- Mr. Vern Reeder, 92 Fred Lane, Urbana, Illinois 61801  
Ms. Virginia F. Rees, Librarian, Commonwealth Club of California,  
596 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Mailing  
address: 235 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94301

## Student:

- Ms. Amanda Moore, P.O. Box 2149, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02238

## Institutional:

- The Library, John Paul II Institute, 487 Michigan Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20017  
The Library, Taiwan Theological College, 20, Lane 2, Section 2, Yang  
Teh Highway, Shih Lin Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY INSTITUTES ILL CHARGE

The Jean and Alexander Heard Library of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, has recently instituted a \$5 per transaction fee for items requested through Inter-library Loan. Certain libraries may be exempt from the fee, and the Divinity Library has requested that ATLA member libraries be included in the exempted category. Unfortunately, the fee will be waived only for materials coming out of the Divinity Collection. Any exception to the free loan policy of Divinity materials will be based on the principle of reciprocity: in other words, if an ATLA library charges Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt will likewise charge that library for materials borrowed.

## COLLECTION EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Collection Evaluation and Development Committee plans to pack a number of items into its section meeting at the Annual Conference in June. Several individuals indicated an interest last year in learning more about collection development tools favored by theological librarians in their acquisitions decisions. The CED committee decided to ask a librarian overseeing a large collection and one supervising a medium sized library to speak on the following issue: "On those days, months, years when time is short and the stack of publishers' catalogs high, which acquisition tools do you make sure never to miss?" John Trotti from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and James Dunkly at Episcopal Divinity School/Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, have agreed to share their wisdom on the subject. Discussion will follow so that all can contribute.

The upcoming section meeting will also include a presentation by Bill Hook of the Divinity Library at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Bill will be discussing his library's program of employing doctoral students in the collection development process.

Finally, the Collection Evaluation and Development Section has been asked to consider whether the ATLA should create a statement urging publishers to use chemically stable paper in their titles. Other library associations have formulated such documents, and some progress has been made with publishers.

Milton J. Coalter, Jr., Chair  
Collection Evaluation and Development  
Committee

## HYMNOLOGY COLLECTION AT CLAREMONT

Dr. Robert Mitchell, who recently retired as Professor of Church Music, Christianity and the Arts at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California, has placed his 5,000-volume hymnology collection on deposit in the Library of the School of Theology at Claremont, Claremont, California. Although the collection contains a large number of 18th to 20th century materials from North America and Europe, it is especially strong in hymnals written in non-Western languages. Over four hundred languages are represented. This collection, in combination with the Claremont Colleges' McCutchan Hymnology Collection, provides West Coast researchers with one of the largest concentrations of hymnological resources in the United States. It will also help to support work in the joint STC/Claremont Graduate School M.A. and D.M.A. programs in Church Music. Michael P. Boddy is Director of the Library at the School of Theology at Claremont.

## BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Serials Subcommittee of the Bibliographic Systems Committee sponsored the compilation in February of this year of a list of automated serials control systems currently used by ATLA member libraries. It is the hope of the Committee that the list will serve as a referral list for those who are planning to buy such a system in the future.

Ferne L. Weimer, Chair  
Bibliographic Systems Committee

## AUTOMATED SERIALS CONTROL SYSTEM SURVEY

Compiled by Mary Williams  
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Berkeley, California

1. Micro-based Serials Control Systems

## ALPHA/4

Institution: St. Mary's Seminary Library, 1227 Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44108. Contact person: Alan Rome; telephone: 216-721-2100 x66  
Software: Alpha/4, a database manager. Cost: \$550  
Hardware: IBM AT, 20 mb hard disk

## CHECKMATE (CLASS of San Jose, California)

Institution: St. Louis University, Divinity Library, Lewis Annex, 3650 Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri 63108. Contact person: Linda Sloan-Peterson; telephone: 314-658-3111  
Software: Checkmate (shared with Main Library). Cost: \$2,000-\$3,000 in 1984  
Hardware: Tandy M6000, 1 mb of memory, 2 hard drives with 140 mb (combined) storage, Xenix operating system, multi-user system with 4 additional terminals

## INNOVACQ (Innovative Interfaces Inc.)

Institution: Graduate Theological Union Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California 94709. Contact person: Mary Clare Altenhofen; telephone: 415-649-2531  
Software: Innovacq. Cost: \$60,000 (includes dedicated hardware costs)

## AUTOMATED SERIALS CONTROL SYSTEM SURVEY - Continued

## MICROLINX (The Faxon Company, Westwood, Massachusetts)

Institution: Princeton Theological Seminary, Speer Library, Library Place and Mercer Street, P.O. Box 111, Princeton, New Jersey 08542-0803. Contact person: Julie Eng Dawson; telephone: 609-497-7944

Software: MicroLinx. Cost: \$3,000

Hardware: IBM AT, 30 mb hard disk; back-up on Bernoulli cartridges (20 mb)

Institution: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, A. Webb Roberts Library, Box 22000-2E, Fort Worth, Texas 76122. Contact person: Robert Phillips; telephone: 817-923-1921 x2750

Software: MicroLinx. Cost: \$4,600 (first year), \$800 (subsequent years)

Hardware: Compaq 286, 640 k, 40 mb hard disk, 1.2 m floppy, IBM Proprinter; maintain 40 mb tape back-up

## OCLC-SC350

Institution: Billy Graham Center Library, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Contact person: Judith Franzke; telephone: 312-260-2532 (area code 708 as of 11/89)

Software: OCLC-SC350. Cost: \$5,000+

Hardware: OCLC-M330 workstation (WYSE PC with 40 mb hard drive, 1-5 1/4" drive, 1-tape back-up unit)

Institution: Columbia Biblical Seminary & Graduate School of Missions, P.O. Box 3122, 7435 Monticello Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29230. Contact person: Paul Roberts; telephone: 803-754-4100 x296

Software: OCLC-SC350. Cost: \$2,500

Hardware: M300 XT workstation with 50 mb hard drive (Tallgrass)

Institution: Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615. Contact person: Emilie G. Pulver; telephone: 312-753-0730

Software: OCLC-SC350. Cost: \$22,000 for software, fileserver, LAN network, etc.

Hardware: WYSE terminal with 115 mb disk drive

Institution: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Library, 616 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206. Contact person: Patricia G. Beam; telephone: 412-362-5610

Software: OCLC-SC350. Cost: \$2,500

Hardware: WYSE PC 386, model 3216

## AUTOMATED SERIALS CONTROL SYSTEM SURVEY - Continued

## PROFESSIONAL SOFTWARE

Institution: Graduate Seminary Library (Phillips University), Box 2218, University Station, Enid, Oklahoma 73702. Contact person: Marilee J. Pralle; telephone: 405-237-4433  
Software: Professional Software Serials Control System. Cost: \$1,200 plus \$300 for update and add on  
Hardware: IBM compatible with hard disk

## REFLEX

Institution: General Theological Seminary, St. Mark's Library, 175 Ninth Avenue, New York, New York 10011. Contact person: David Green; telephone: 212-243-5150 x211  
Software: Reflex, adaptation of a database system. Cost: \$79  
Hardware: Epson II

2. Union Serial Lists

Institution: Biblical Theological Seminary Library, 200 North Main Street, Hatfield, Pennsylvania 19440. Contact person: Jim Pakala; telephone: 215-368-5000 or 368-1822  
Software: WordPerfect. Cost: Approx. \$200  
Hardware: IBM XT, 10 mb

Institution: Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary Library, 1380 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446. Contact person: James F. Stitzinger; telephone: 805-259-2011  
Software: Developed in-house

Institution: Mt. Angel Abbey Library, St. Benedict, Oregon 97373. Contact person: Evelyn Kelley; telephone: 503-845-3317  
Software: dBase III

Institution: St. Mary's College, SS Cyril Methodus Seminary, Alumni Memorial Library, Orchard Lake, Michigan 48033. Contact person: Sister Mary Ellen Lampe; telephone: 313-683-0524  
Software: T.I.M. Cost: \$250  
Hardware: IBM PC 512K with 2 floppies

3. Serials Subsystems of Integrated Library Systems

## NOTIS

Institution: Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138. Contact person: Russell Pollard; telephone: 617-495-5710  
Software: NOTIS, as modified by Harvard University  
Hardware: IBM mainframe

## AUTOMATED SERIALS CONTROL SYSTEM SURVEY - Continued

## NOTIS (Continued)

Institution: United Library, Garrett-Evangelical & Seabury-Western Seminaries, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois 60201. Contact person: John Thompson; telephone: 312-866-3912

Software: NOTIS

Hardware: IBM mainframe 4381

Institution: Vanderbilt University, Divinity Library, 419 21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee 37240-0007. Contact person: Bill Hook; telephone: 615-322-2865

Software: NOTIS (participates through the University)

Hardware: IBM mainframe

## VTLS (Virginia Tech Library System)

Institution: Asbury Theological Seminary, B.L. Fisher Library, Lexington Avenue, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390. Contact person: Don Butterworth; telephone: 606-858-3581

Software: VTLS

Hardware: HP series 40. Component part of VTLS; cannot be purchased separately

## SEPTLA AND NYATLA HOLD JOINT MEETING

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association and the New York Area Theological Library Association held a joint meeting May 4, 1989, at Princeton Theological Seminary, in Princeton, New Jersey. The general session was welcomed by Dr. Thomas Gillespie, President of Princeton Seminary. Dr. Bruce Metzger delivered a talk on the making and characteristics of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

In separate business meetings, SEPTLA elected Cait Kokolus, Mary Immaculate Seminary, as President, and Linda Berg, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, as Secretary. The Catalogers' Interest Group, a sub-group of the organization, held its initial meeting, chaired by Linda Berg.

NYATLA elected James O'Halloran, Maryknoll School of Theology, as Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect. Dr. Suzanne Selinger from Drew University became current Chair. NYATLA voted to join SEPTLA members who have written in support of Senator Claiborne Pell's bill encouraging acid free paper in publishing.

Afternoon small group discussions focused on recent automation experiences at Speer Library and unique preservation techniques developed by the Library Archives Staff.

## REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM BOARDS

Telephone Number. Please note that the correct telephone number for the Program Boards is 312-869-7788. The Area Code was reported incorrectly in the February issue of the Newsletter.

Program Boards Receive Grants. The Pew Charitable Trusts has provided two grants to ATLA in support of both the Index and Preservation Programs.

1. Preservation Grant for Filming Nineteenth-century Monographs of the American Protestant Evangelical Movement. The Preservation Board received a \$75,000.00 grant to cover the costs of filming the 1989-1990 year, cataloging and administrative overhead for the 1988-1989 and 1989-1990 fiscal years. This grant will support a subject subset of preservation filming of the American Protestant Evangelical Movement within the annual subject bibliography. Thirty-five thousand dollars of The Pew Charitable Trust grant will qualify the program for the Federal matching portion of the current National Endowment for the Humanities Office of Preservation Grant.

2. International Christian Literature Documentation Project (ICLDP). On March 2, 1989, the ATLA Religion Indexes was granted \$375,000 from The Pew Charitable Trusts for the three-year project of creating an index of Christian literature from the non-western churches. Software development for at-collection indexing and the creation of a unique database for this material are project mandates. All indexing will happen on-site at North American libraries which have committed themselves to collecting and making available this type of Christian documentation. Up to \$200,000 of the grant is allocated for smaller grants to be awarded to libraries where indexing will take place. Announcements of the availability of grants will be made this summer, and awarding of them by the Fall 1989.

Decentralized indexing is a new venture for the ATLA Religion Indexes. An Advisory Committee, as called for in the grant proposal, has been established to help coordinate this new method of operation and new index. Serving on this Advisory Committee are members of the American Theological Library Association and American Society of Missiology. This Committee will initiate a process of evaluation of this project in its third year. A final report should be available for the 1992 Annual Conference of the ATLA and the 1992 Biennial Meeting of the Association of Theological Schools. For more information, contact the project director, Douglas W. Geyer, at the ATLA offices in Evanston, Illinois, (312)-869-7788.

Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works, 1976-1980. ATLA libraries with paid-up subscriptions to Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works (RIT), 1987 should have received this volume by now. Libraries which prepaid or recently purchased the new cumulated, augmented edition of Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works, 1976-1980 should be receiving this two-volume set by the third week of May; for overseas subscribers, copies should arrive by late June. This new cumulation contains indexing for a total of 2,864 books and 36,560 articles for 78% more entries than the original 1976-1980 annual volume. Part of the costs for augmenting and cumulating the previous volumes was underwritten by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The price of the new two-volume cumulation is \$555.00 domestic; \$565.00 (USD) foreign. Libraries which purchased RIT, 1976-1980 on the

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prepublication offer will soon be receiving shipping labels for the return of these early volumes for credit or rebate.

Preservation Program. In late April we began to ship PHASE 3 fiche to full and partial subscribers. The delay in shipping PHASE 3 has been due, in part, to the move to Evanston, Illinois, and replacing staff who do final inspection of fiche. Second, we have also been trying to complete the final batches of fiche from PHASE 2. A number of quality-control problems developed in the later stages of PHASE 2 which we are working with the vendor to get corrected. As soon as these remaining PHASE 2 fiche pass final inspection, they will be shipped to subscribers.

Internally, we are making adjustments to the database system for cataloging for the Preservation Program. Important changes to the output part of our programs have been completed and will permit us to use Bib-Base more effectively in the future.

ATLA Conference. ATLA staff members will provide two half-day continuing education sessions at the 1989 ATLA Annual Conference. The first session on Monday morning, June 19, will deal with advanced search strategies for users of BRS and DIALOG. The Monday afternoon session will be oriented toward the use of the ATLA Religion Database on WILSONLINE. We are hoping that we will also have a prototype of the Religion Database on CD-ROM for the Monday afternoon session.

Preservation. One of the dominant themes at this year's Annual Conference will be Preservation. On Tuesday morning, June 20, the film "Slow Fires" will be shown, followed by a talk to be given by Patricia Batten, President of the Commission on Preservation and Access, Washington, D.C. On Wednesday, June 21, and at the denominational meetings, we will have staff available to discuss your library's role in the development of the bibliography for filming denominational books within the scope dates of the project.

Albert E. Hurd  
Executive Director of the  
Preservation Board and the  
Religion Indexes

VANDERBILT DIVINITY LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFT  
TO EXPAND ITS JUDAICA COLLECTION

The Vanderbilt Divinity Library in Nashville, Tennessee, has received a gift of \$500,000 from the Raymond Zimmerman Family Foundation, to expand and enhance its Judaica Collection. The Judaica Collection, which already includes more than 7,000 titles, will be named in honor of Raymond Zimmerman's parents, Harry and Mary Zimmerman.

## NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Jackie Ammerman has been appointed Reference Librarian for the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He holds the Master of Divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, the Master of Librarianship degree from Emory University, and the Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. Prior to assuming his new position, Dr. Ammerman served as the DOBIS Periodicals Subsystem Developer at Emory's Woodruff Library.

Freeman Barton was named Director of the Founders Memorial Library at Oakland City College, in Oakland, California, effective February 6, 1989.

Martin A. Cavanaugh has been appointed Humanities/Social Sciences Librarian for the Washington University Libraries in St. Louis, Missouri. He formerly served as Reference Librarian for the Thomas Jefferson Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and prior to that was Reference/Collection Development Librarian and Public Services Librarian for the Holman Library at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

Kathy Jastrab, Assistant Librarian at the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, expects to receive the Master of Arts degree in theology from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 21.

David L. Laughlin was awarded today the Master of Library Science degree by the University of Arizona at Tucson.

Sarah P. M. Lyons and the Reverend Paul Miller were married in an afternoon ceremony at the Bethel Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado, on April 15. Mr. Miller is pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church and Mrs. Miller is Librarian of the Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary.

Charles E. Nairn retired from the library staff of Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in August 1988. He had served there since 1968. Earlier Mr. Nairn had served as Head Librarian of Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, from 1960 to 1964, and of Upper Iowa University in Fayette from 1964 until 1968.

Thomas C. Rick was appointed Assistant Archivist of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, effective December 1, 1988. The ELCA Archives are located in Chicago, Illinois.

Kay Stockdale has resigned her position as Librarian and Museum Curator at the Presbyterian Study Center in Montreat, North Carolina. She is now serving as Information Center (Library) Coordinator at the Charles D. Owen High School near Asheville, North Carolina.

## SERIALS CATALOGING NEWS

by Clifford Wunderlich  
Andover-Harvard Theological Library  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

The CONSER Operations Committee met April 6-7, 1989, at the Library of Congress. The Operations Committee is responsible for the technical aspects of CONSER; it meets annually to discuss such topics as tagging, cataloging rules, rule interpretations, CONSER technical documentation, and other aspects of CONSER operational procedures. The focus of the meeting this year was the effects on serials cataloging of the 1988 revision of AACR. Other topics included serials cataloging simplification and MARC format integration.

AACR 2 (1988 Rev.). There are relatively few changes for serials cataloging from the first edition to the 1988 revised edition of AACR2, although some items that used to be Rule Interpretations are now Rules. Because of the addition and deletion of some of the rules, there has been some renumbering:

<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
12.1B2	12.1B3	12.7B7g	(dropped)
12.1B3	12.1B4	12.7B7h	12.7B7g
12.1B4	12.1B5	12.7B7j	12.7B7h
12.1B5	12.1B6	12.7B7k	12.7B7j
12.1B6	12.1B7	12.7B22	12.7B23

12.0B1 has been changed by adding a footnote about the colophon date for nonroman oriental materials and by adding the analytical title page in the hierarchy of chief sources. This is important for cataloging series and for choosing the correct title for series tracings.

12.1B2 (acronym or initialism vs. spelled out form of titles) used to be an RI; it is now a rule.

12.1B8 has been added here; it used to be buried elsewhere in the Rules.

12.1E1 has added material about acronyms/initialisms.

12.5B1 has expanded the extent designations to include "no." and "part"; LC will continue to use only "v."

12.7A2 has explicit instructions about transcribing notes about related titles.

12.7B3 has been clarified about source of information.

12.7B12. The first sentence has been dropped (as it was in RI).

21.2A has been added to rules from the RI; however, the RI should still be consulted for more explanation.

Rule Interpretations have also been revised. They are on a new publishing schedule, as announced in CSB. LC will not be publishing an in-house set of RI's that differ from the RI's that are published for the world outside of LC. The change of schedule may mean a temporary delay in getting the first new set out.

12.0A has been rewritten, rearranged, and clarified. Law codes and revised statutes have been dropped as a category and not treated as a serial unless they fall into another mentioned category. Category IVA (how to treat

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new editions) is new. Category IVB has a stronger statement: once a serial always a serial. Category IVB1 talks about a distinctive title for conference publications--i.e. a title in addition to the general title. Category IVC has no new ideas on loose-leaf publications, but it does clarify the problem of serial-like sections (which are not serials!) of these. Category (supplements to monographs are not serials) IVD is new.

12.0B1 takes into account that the series title page is now dealt with in the Rules, not in RI's. A RI is being proposed that would eliminate most brackets in the 260 and 362 fields; it calls for the whole publication to be used as the chief source of information.

12.1B4 category 2 adds the words "consider other records in the catalog."

12.1B4 category 2b adds the words "in case of doubt, treat as series."

12.1E1 has been expanded; information from 1.0D is added here and category 3 is added.

12.5B: use "v." as issued by publisher.

21.2A has been rewritten, although the concepts remain the same.

24.18 type 3 ("a name that is general in nature"): these will have to be changed as they are encountered in the catalog.

Cataloging Simplification. The Library of Congress has begun a period of seriously examining its structure and procedures. The staff is being re-organized into a more deliberate and less cumbersome administrative structure. As a cost-saving and efficient operation, the CONSER Program will remain an important aspect of LC's work; how it will fit in the new organizational structure is not yet known.

As part of its self-evaluation, all cataloging units at LC have been asked to suggest ways to simplify cataloging. CONSER has been simplifying serials cataloging, especially in the past few years; as a cooperative effort involving LC, NLC, OCLC, and major North American serials cataloging units, it has been able to effect changes quickly and easily. Changes ranging from eliminating unnecessary required elements in the fixed field of the MARC format to redefining AACR2's "title change" more broadly have made serials cataloging easier.

The Operations Committee agreed upon a general principle articulated by Edgar Jones of Harvard University: "Any proposed simplification of a rule or rule interpretation or USMARC data element should result in a significant cost savings without a corresponding significant adverse effect on the catalog." The discussion centered on the following areas:

A. Increasing the scope of materials to be considered serials to include titles not now considered in the RI's to be serials, especially items published annually or less frequently that lack a clear enumeration or chronological statement. Titles such as directories of associations and other titles often received by libraries on standing orders which have only publication or copyright dates are not now considered serials by LC. Including some of these as serials would make it less necessary to catalog each issue as a monograph.

B. Rethinking choice of entry. While universal title main entry or key-title main entry would require a change in the rules themselves, such a change would indeed be a simplification.

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C. Rethinking uniform titles. Qualification by place of publication is difficult for patrons and public services librarians; it was noted that this practice was begun because the older practice of qualification by corporate body meant creating a new title every time the corporate body changed--qualifying by place was a simplification itself! Additionally, verifying that one needs a qualifier because one has a non-unique title may involve extensive research (as noted above the RI's will probably be changed to allow for qualification when one suspects a duplicate title even if one cannot prove there is one).

D. Rethinking notes and added entries. Could added entries generate more notes to avoid re-keying? Which notes are for the cataloger and which are helpful to the patron? Do we really follow the AACR2 idea that notes are to be less regularized, or do we still want lists of "approved" notes? Could notes be less specific (e.g., numbering irregularities, editors) and thus require fewer changes?

E. Eliminating false subordination caused by RI24.13, type 5. This is a complex RI that is often interpreted in different ways. It appeared to be a popular idea to get rid of this type.

F. Rethinking successive entry cataloging. The problems of successive entry cataloging were discussed with humor. While going back to latest entry cataloging would simply return all the old problems, the simplicity and user-friendliness of latest entry cataloging was admired. The problem of links and missing links in the development of a serial were brought up. A French experiment of presenting tree diagrams and information screens about title changes was mentioned. Everyone agreed more thinking about this area was needed--in both technical and public services spheres.

Format Integration. "Format integration" refers to the integration of all MARC formats into one format (e.g., there will be no special "books format" or "serials format"--there will be only one MARC format). The purpose of format integration is that a field in a record for a serial will have the same meaning as that field does in a record for a book or for a score or for a computer file. The process of format integration has begun at the international level, and discussions have begun as to how it will affect USMARC. LC will implement format integration in 1993; when OCLC begins the process, the OLUC will probably undergo a gradual database conversion to change fields that can be converted.

There will be changes to the format we use for books--e.g., the 740/title field will be restricted to certain usages and the 246/title field (currently used with serials) will be used for many of the old 740-functions; the 440 will be eliminated and 490's and 830's redefined.

For serials, some of the implications of format integration include: a) price and subscription address will go into the 037 field instead of the 265 and 350 fields; b) there will be changes in the 246 field as it takes over some of the 740 non-serial functions; c) the 321 ("former frequency") will probably be eliminated and the 310 adjusted to record both current and former frequencies.

New Documentation for Serials Cataloging. With Update 4, the CONSER Editing Guide now contains all the main portions originally designated. It

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is high quality documentation--complete in scope and easy to use; all catalogers of serials benefit from the CEG, not just CONSER participants. Update 5 is being worked on to clarify and update a few sections.

The Serial Records staff at LC are working on a Serials Cataloging Handbook to complement CEG. It is being designed to be of help to anyone who catalogs serials; it will explain things in a way that is not possible in CEG or in the RI's. The format will include "pictures" (of title pages, covers, etc.), a usable index, and an extensive glossary. It is being designed so that although its first incarnation will be a printed document, it could be part of a future online "serials cataloger's workstation." Topics to be covered in the manual include: basic serials cataloging (descriptive and subject elements); pre-AACR2 cataloging (understanding and interpreting it, problems with online records, retrospective conversion); special types and problems in serials cataloging (conference publications, computer files, indexes, legal serials, maps, microforms, newspapers, other language editions and translations, rare serials, reprints, series, sound recordings, supplements, videorecordings); and CONSER modifications (interpreting online records, adapting online records, database maintenance). Most likely the Handbook will be issued in parts; the first parts may be issued within the year.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SOLICITS SUGGESTIONS

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting suggestions for nominees to fill the elective positions of the Association open in 1990. Nominations will be published in the November 1989 Newsletter, and elections will be held by mail next April. The Committee needs the assistance of all of the membership to identify qualified nominees. The future strength of our Association depends on the quality of the nominees you suggest.

The elective positions to be filled in 1990 are: Vice-President (President-elect) and two of the six Class A Members-at-Large of the Board of Directors (elected to three-year terms).

Much of the work of the Committee will be done at the Annual Conference in Columbus. Please do not hesitate to give your suggestions to any Committee member before, during, or after the Conference. Finally, the Committee would like to remind the membership that Article 8.4 of the Bylaws provides for a simple procedure for the nomination of candidates other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Diane Choquette  
Roberta Hamburger  
John Muether, Chair  
Nominating Committee

## 1988 ANZTLA CONFERENCE HELD IN CANBERRA

In terms of decisions made and long-range consequences, the 1988 conference of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association was probably the most important one held to date. The venue was Burgmann College, a residential college of the Australian National University in Canberra. The conference was held September 8-10.

Responding to the lack of adequate local reference materials in the fields of theology and religion, the 23 members present committed themselves to the production of what will be the Australasian Religion Index. The Editorial Board will be centred in Melbourne, with support from each of the ANZTLA chapters, and the production will be in the hands of the Centre for Information Studies, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. (Subsequently, Dr. Lawrence McIntosh has been appointed Chairman of the Editorial Board and Mr. Philip Harvey Chairman of the Technical Sub-committee.) Further information about the ARI will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

The conference also finalized its ANZTLA Standards for Theological Libraries, a document which it is hoped will do much to improve standards in aspects of theological librarianship. The standards cover: objectives, governance and administration, staffing, finance and budgeting, delivery of service, collections, facilities, instruction, associations, and cooperation. Dr. Lawrence McIntosh was the main contributor to the documents. For readers in the United States, the Executive Secretary of the ATLA has a copy.

The meeting also heard a progress report on the updating of the Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections, originally compiled and now being updated by Mr. Hans Arns. (All libraries have since contributed revision data and production is in progress.)

The meeting resolved to retain subscriptions at A\$20 for full membership (including Newsletter) and A\$15 for Newsletter subscription only (plus A\$5 surcharge for overseas subscribers). Interested persons should write to: Hans Arns, Catholic Institute of Sydney, 151 Darley Road, Manly, New South Wales 2095. The Reverend Trevor Zweck and Hans Arns were re-elected President and Secretary/Treasurer; Mrs. Lynn Pryor and Mr. Philip Harvey were re-elected Editor and Assistant Editor of the Newsletter. The newly-elected Statistician is the Reverend Coralie Jenkin (Swinburne Ltd.), and the extra member of the Executive is Mrs. Judith Bright (St. John's, Auckland).

It was decided that the 1989 conference be held at the College of St. John the Evangelist in Auckland, New Zealand, July 2-4, and that future conferences be held in Brisbane (1990) and Sydney (1991).

One of the workshop sessions was taken up with hands-on experience of searching the DIALOG database, courtesy of St. Mark's Library. In other sessions, papers were presented on the handling and care of rare books, by Margaret Dent of the National Library of Australia, and on the secondhand book market in Australia, by Brian Howes of the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education. There was also a joint session with the Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools, at which Trevor Zweck presented a paper on "The Future of Theological Libraries in Australia and New Zealand." It pointed up the glaring deficiencies of these libraries and emphasized the need for major increases in personnel and finance, as well as cooperation in collection development.

AUSTRALASIAN RELIGION INDEX ANNOUNCED

Despite the fact that there are more than 200 theological and religious serials published in Australia and New Zealand, there is at present no comprehensive indexing service devoted specifically to this literature. Furthermore, indexing and abstracting services of a more general nature, whether Australian or foreign, provide inadequate treatment of this Australasian output. To fill this gap the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association (ANZTLA) and the Centre for Information Studies at the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, New South Wales, have joined forces to begin producing the Australasian Religion Index (ARI).

ARI is a comprehensive author, subject, and scriptural passage index to selected list of religious and theological serials published in Australia and New Zealand and representing all religious traditions. It also provides selective indexing of certain other serials published in these countries which occasionally include articles of theological or religious interest. The number of indexed serials is currently set at sixty, but this will increase as additional titles are suggested and approved for inclusion. ARI indexes articles, scholarly notes, and book reviews in religious studies, theology, and related fields in the humanities and social sciences which are pertinent to research or which reflect social or pastoral interests of clergy and others concerned with religion. Accordingly, intended users of ARI are those engaged in theological or religious study at all levels, clergy and other religious leaders, and the general reader interested in religious issues in Australia or New Zealand.

Beginning in June 1989, ARI is to be published twice yearly in June and December, the latter issue being an annual cumulation. It is compiled by professional librarians and indexers in Australia and New Zealand using descriptors from the Religion Indexes Thesaurus by arrangement with the American Theological Library Association, and other authority files as required.

The Editorial Management Committee of ARI, convened by Dr. Lawrence McIntosh of the Joint Theological Library at Ormond College in Melbourne, would welcome subscriptions from overseas libraries at an annual subscription of Aus \$50.00. Subscriptions should be made payable to the Centre for Information Studies and sent to: Mr. S. J. Henri, Centre for Information Studies, Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, P.O. Box 588, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales 2650, Australia. Further information on the project may be obtained from the Coordinating Editor, Father G. E. Gorman (an ATLA Associate Member) at the above address.

## POSITIONS OPEN

**HEAD LIBRARIAN.** The School of Theology of Boston University is seeking a new head librarian to administer its theological library. The librarian is responsible for a full-time staff of seven plus student assistants, and the administration and development of a library collection of over 120,000 volumes. The librarian is also an active member of the school's academic program by assisting doctoral students in the preparation and presentation of their research, and should enjoy the challenge of working in a professional school dedicated to preparing students for various learned ministries. The requirements for the position are: an M.L.S.; five years of library or other relevant experience; experience or expertise in teaching research methodology; theological degree or training preferred.

The School of Theology is the oldest United Methodist seminary in the United States with just under 400 students. The library further provides service to the graduate students of the Division of Religious and Theological Studies of the Graduate School, as well as students from the member institutions of the Boston Theological Institute. The Boston University School of Theology is an equal opportunity employer. Deadline for applications is July 15. Send letter of application and resume to: Dr. John Berthrong, Associate Dean, Boston University, School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215.

**LIBRARIAN/CATALOGER.** The World Council of Churches located in Geneva, Switzerland, needs a Librarian/Cataloger for its 90,000-volume library. Entry date: September 1, 1989. We request complete theological studies, librarian degree and English mother tongue. Other languages an asset. Our new colleague will amongst other duties be responsible for the organisation of resources of the library (books, microfiches, etc.), for the indexing of the new acquisitions, and will have to participate actively in the production of reference works and bibliographies. Our library is fully computerized. Applications, stating salary requirements, are invited in writing to the World Council of Churches, Personnel Office, P.O. 2100, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.

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