

2010 CONSER Annual Report

At the end of September 2010, the CONSER file grew by 29,131 records, a decrease over last year's 32,508. The size of the CONSER file has grown to 1,215,663 records. ¹

CONSER Membership

Two new associate level member institutions joined CONSER: American University in Cairo (AUC) and University of Colorado at Boulder (UCB).

Walid Ghali Nasr is the CONSER operations representative from AUC. Walid's CONSER trainer and reviewer will be Ayman El-Masry, Lead Serials Librarian/Assistant Section Head, from the Library of Congress Cairo Field Office.

Paul Moeller is the CONSER operations representative from UCB. Wen-ying Lu is now working at UCB and will be contributing CONSER work. Many thanks to James Castrataro of Indiana University who has agreed to work with UCB

Five new members joined a new CONSER ATLA funnel: Harvard Divinity School, St. Paul School of Theology, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Drew University.

Highlights from the CONSER Operations Meeting

Operations Representatives met at the Library of Congress on May 6-7, 2010 to discuss many issues concerning serials and cooperative cataloging. Discussion documents used for the meeting are available from links on the meeting [agenda](#).

CONSER agreed to change the coding of 246 variant title (other than parallel title) from 246 13 to 246 1# The [CSR documentation and MAP](#) [PDF: 195 KB; 24 p.], CONSER Standard Record [SCCTP Presentation](#) [PowerPoint] and [Cataloger's Cheat Sheet](#) [PDF: 25 KB; 1 p.] were updated to reflect this change.

A discussion of dropping the requirement of [ISBD punctuation in WorldCat records](#) [PDF: 15 KB; 1 p.] resulted in the request to form a PCC task group to examine what local systems can do to supply ISBD punctuation in displays based on MARC 21, the impact on the vendor community generally, and other consequences and requirements of this proposal.

Of special note at this meeting was a presentation of a panel of three CONSER affiliate members to discuss how they use and enhance CONSER records. Representatives from

¹ These numbers are based on an actual count of records in the CONSER file distributed to subscribers of the MDS-Serials file, includes contributions from all CONSER members, records for serials and integrating resources.

EBSCO Information Services, Proquest/Ulrich's, and Serials Solutions gave overviews of how CONSER records interact with their company's services and contributions made to the CONSER database.

CONSER meeting attendees were given an overview of the US RDA Test, the RDA Toolkit, and resources made available to testing institutions by the test coordinators from Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, and the National Agricultural Library. Several institutions participating in the RDA test mentioned plans for documenting institutional decisions.

[Outcomes and action items](#) from the meeting are available from the CONSER website.

CONSER Open Access Journal Project

CONSER members implemented the CONSER Open Access Journal Project in September 2010. The project is a systematic approach to making CONSER records available for the journals in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). Over the years CONSER members have discussed cooperatively increasing the number of e-journal records in the CONSER file of records that are distributed by the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS).

The project aims to assure that CONSER records are available to CONSER file subscribers including companies that produce link resolvers, electronic resource access and management systems (ERAMS), MARC record subscription services and other e-resource management systems. The products of these companies are used by many libraries and having CONSER records available for these journals benefits a wide audience.

More information is available from the [Open Access Journal Project web page](#).

Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program (SCCTP)

Revision of the SCCTP Integrating Resources Cataloging Workshop was completed in April 2010. The revision was led by Jian Wang (Portland State University) with contributions from the [SCCTP Integrating Resources Workshop Review Group](#).

Jian and Shana McDanold (University of Pennsylvania) delivered the SCCTP Integrating Resources Cataloging Workshop online in four sessions during April 2010. Attendees included catalogers from various locations in North America, India and Spain. A face to face workshop was delivered by the same pair of trainers at Library of Congress during the ALA Annual conference in Washington, D.C. All were given free of charge.

Margaret Mering (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) and Adolfo Tarango (University of California, San Diego) completed revision of the . They were assisted by the [SCCTP Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop Review Group](#).

In addition to coordinating the revision of the SCCTP Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop, Adolfo Tarango and Margaret Mering delivered a free face-to-face session in June 2010 in conjunction with the ALA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Wen-ying Lu (MSU) and Everett Allgood (NYU) delivered the SCCTP Holdings Workshop in a free face-to-face session in June 2010 in conjunction with the ALA Annual Meeting

A great thanks to GPO CONSER colleagues for hosting two of the workshops at the U.S. Government Printing Office. The revised workshop materials are available from the SCCTP website.

Webinars

CONSER in addition to the 4 part holdings workshop mentioned above, 5 CONSER webinars were given during the fiscal year. Webinars included sessions on the repeatable 260 field, use of the 588 field, CONSER standard record use by CONSER members in the RDA test, and an overview of CFFIG ALA Midwinter 2010 program on Recent Trends in Catalog Architecture.

Additional Links:

[CONSER Member reports](#) [PDF 113 KB; 13 p.]

[Current CONSER Operations Committee Representatives.](#)

[Current CONSER member institutions listed by membership level.](#)

CONSER Publication Patterns Statistics: <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/pdf/ppp2010-total.pdf> [PDF: 15 KB; 1 p.]

Program for Cooperative Cataloging Statistics:
<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/stats/>