

**Summary Report: MAC (MARC Advisory Committee), ALA MidWinter Meetings, January 25-27, 2022** (compiled by Tamara Fultz, 2/22/2022, revised 4/27/2023)

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Summary:

- There were no proposals worked on or put forth by the CAC.
- All the proposals passed, some requiring amendments or changes.
- Most of the discussion papers will move on to be proposals.

I indicated interesting examples for the CAC below in **yellow highlights**.

1. [Proposal No. 2022-01](#): **Revising Field 340 to Reduce Redundancies Related to Newer Fields 34X in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format**

**Source:** OCLC, in consultation with Music Library Association (MLA) and Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC)

**SUMMARY:** This paper proposes revising the definition of Bibliographic field **340** (Physical Medium) subfield \$f, currently defined for "Production Rate/Ratio," to be specifically for microform "Reduction Ratio Value." It further proposes a new corresponding subfield \$q for "Reduction Ratio Designator." The object is to reduce redundancies and confusion about more recently defined 34X fields and their subfields that are now specifically suitable for several historical uses of field 340 subfield \$f.

**MAC Action:** Proposal approved.

2. [Proposal No. 2022-02](#): **Defining a Field to Express Record Equivalent Relationships in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format**

**Source:** Canadian Committee on Metadata Exchange; Library and Archives Canada; OCLC

**SUMMARY:** This paper proposes defining new field **788** (Equivalent Description in Another Language) to record equivalent relationships for descriptions in different languages of cataloging for a single manifestation, which contains expressions in more than one language for the same or different works.

**MAC Action:** Proposal approved.

**\*\*\*Chiefly for the Canadian libraries so they could have relationship links between their French and English language records. See the proposal for more examples:**

788 08 \$i French equivalent record : \$a Gendarmerie royale du Canada.  
Direction générale des services d'arbitrage. \$t Rapport annuel, gestion du  
régime disciplinaire de la GRC \$x 2293-2240 \$w (DLC)cf2014703332 \$w  
(CaOONL)20147033322F \$w (OCoLC)957054515

3. [Proposal No. 2022-03](#): Recording Non-Cartographic Scale Content in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

**Source:** MARC/RDA Working Group

SUMMARY: This paper proposes to revise the label and broaden the Field Definition and Scope in field **507** (Scale Note for Graphic Material) in the MARC21 Bibliographic Format to better align with the RDA definition when recording non-cartographic scale content.

**MAC Action:** Proposal approved

\*\*\*Wants to revise the 507 field label and definition to be broader:

**507 - Scale Note for Graphic *Visual* Materials (NR)**

**Field Definition and Scope**

Scale of a graphic *visual* material item given as a note. For visual materials, this field contains the scale of *still images, for example*, architectural drawings, or three-dimensional artifacts *forms*. For maps, the scale of an item is contained in this field only in pre-AAGR-2 cataloging records. Scale information is contained in *Use* field 255 (Cartographic Mathematical Data) *to record the scale information for cartographic materials* in AAGR-2 formulated records."

4. [Proposal No. 2022-04](#): Recording Representative Expressions in the MARC 21 Authority and Bibliographic Formats

**Source:** MARC/RDA Working Group

SUMMARY: This proposal discusses the potential for encoding representative expressions in the MARC 21 Formats using a new Field **387** with exceptions for music specific elements.

**MAC Action:** Proposal approved.

5. [Proposal No. 2022-05](#): Recording Data Provenance in the MARC 21 Authority and Bibliographic Formats

**Source:** MARC/RDA Working Group

SUMMARY: This proposal discusses the potential for encoding data provenance in the MARC 21 Formats using **subfield \$7** and other subfield values where \$7 is no longer available.

**MAC Action:** Proposal approved, with changes.

6. [Proposal No. 2022-06](#): **Designating Further Open Access and License Information for Remote Online Resources in the MARC 21 Formats**

**Source:** German National Library, for the Committee on Data Formats, in consultation with OCLC

SUMMARY: This paper continues Proposal 2019-01, which aimed at the definition of new subfields for open and restricted access and license information on the record level, in fields **506** and **540** of MARC Bibliographic, and in fields 506 and 845 of MARC Holdings. This paper proposes the definition of new subfields for most of this information in the context of a URL, through changes to field **856** (Electronic Location and Access) in the MARC 21 formats.

**MAC Action:** Proposal approved, with editorial revisions intended to clarify when to use the 506/540 fields and when to encode this data in the newly-defined 856 subfields \$l, \$n, \$r, \$t.

\*\*\*Essentially wants to add more subfields to the 856 - this could be extraordinarily useful! Or could just be more things catalogers have to add to the field:

**856 40 \$l(star)Unrestricted online access**

**\$l[http://purl.org/coar/access\\_right/c\\_abf2](http://purl.org/coar/access_right/c_abf2)**

**\$nOpen access**

**\$r(cc)CC BY-NC-ND 4.0**

**\$r<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>**

**\$tAttribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International**

**\$qapplication/pdf**

**\$u<https://freidok.uni-freiburg.de/data/14656>**

**\$70**

7. [Discussion Paper No. 2022-DP01](#): **Modernization of Field 856 Second Indicator and Subfield \$3 in the MARC 21 Formats**

**Source:** OCLC

SUMMARY: This paper continues the modernization of the existing field **856** (Electronic Location and Access) in all MARC formats by clarifying the use of existing Second Indicator (Relationship) values, defining new Second Indicator values for subsets of resources, and updating the definition of subfield **\$3 (Materials specified)**.

**MAC Action:**\*\*\* Everyone loved this, so it was fast tracked!

8. [Discussion Paper No. 2022-DP02](#): **Enrichment of Web Archive Information in Field 856 in the MARC 21 Formats**

**Source:** ISSN International Centre, Paris, and Finnish National Library

SUMMARY: This paper considers options for adding new subfields to the existing field **856** (Electronic Location and Access) in order to establish a subfield for persistent identifiers (PIDs): ARK, DOI, Handle and URN; also to allow separation of current and past (i.e., functional and dead) URL addresses including valid and confirmed Web archive addresses for the latter. The paper also provides a place for indicating date ranges for relevant archived content. Finally, this paper explains the need for specifying file formats for archived content more precisely. This can be accomplished by making 856 \$q repeatable. In this document, the term Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) has been replaced by more precise terms PID, URN, and URL.

**MAC Action:** The paper will return as a proposal, taking into consideration the results of the straw poll favoring a new MARC field.

9. [Discussion Paper No. 2022-DP03](#): **Recording Concrete Action Interval Dates in Field 583 of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Holdings Formats**

**Source:** OCLC Shared Print Metadata Advisory Group

SUMMARY: This paper explores options within field **583** (Action Note) of the Bibliographic and Holdings formats to allow the recording of concrete end dates, in alignment with the convention in subfield \$c (Time/date of action). Additionally, the paper proposes refining and possibly relocating the date formatting instructions presently located under 583 subfield \$c

**MAC Action:** The paper may return as a proposal or follow-up discussion paper. The authors will explore implementing the EDTF standard within subfield 583 \$c to represent date/time intervals; coding end dates in a new subfield may form the basis of a second option.

10. [Discussion Paper No. 2022-DP04](#): **Adding Subfields \$i and \$4 to Field 373 of the MARC 21 Authority Format**

**Source:** PCC Standing Committee on Standards

SUMMARY: This paper proposes adding subfields \$i (Relationship information) and \$4 (Relationship) to field 373 (Associated Group) of the MARC 21 Authority Format.

\*\*\*Example:

100 1# \$a Alender, Katie

373 ## \$i Member of: \$a International Thriller Writers \$4  
<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/u/P60648> \$1 <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q12767555>

**MAC Action:** MAC agreed to process Discussion Paper 2022-DP04 as a Fast-Track proposal in a straw poll of all panelists with 22 for and 2 against. The paper was referred to the MARC Steering Group for final approval as a Fast-Track proposal.

11. Discussion Paper No. 2022-DP05: Accommodating Subject Relationships to Works and Expressions in the MARC 21 Authority Format

**Source:** PCC Standing Committee on Standards

SUMMARY: This paper considers ways in which subject relationships to works and expressions can be accommodated in the MARC 21 Authority Format. It explores the possibility of adding a second indicator value 7 and subfield \$2 for source of term in 5XX see also from reference fields, as well as options for using a new 3XX subject attribute field or the existing 381 field.

\*\*\*\* I am not a big fan of this one: it proposes adding subject headings to authority records which I think is ridiculous and outside of the scope of what an authority record should include and/or be.

100 1# \$a Casanova, Julián. \$t República y guerra civil  
551 #7 \$w r \$i Subject: \$a Spain \$2 fast \$4 <http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/P10256> \$0  
<http://id.worldcat.org/fast/1204303>  
547 #7 \$w r \$i Subject: \$a Spanish Civil War \$c (Spain : \$d 1936-1939) \$2 fast \$4  
<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/P10256> \$0 <http://id.worldcat.org/fast/1352321>  
548 #7 \$w r \$i Subject: \$a 1931-1939 \$2 fast \$4  
<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/P10256> \$0 <http://id.worldcat.org/fast/1355883>  
555 #7 \$w r \$i Category of work: \$a History \$2 fast \$4  
<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/P10004> \$0 <http://id.worldcat.org/fast/1411628>

**MAC Action:** The paper's status is to be determined.