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To: Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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Provided below are summaries of the proposals and discussion papers considered by MARBI at the ALA 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Complete text of the MARBI proposals and discussion papers summarized below is available from the MARC Advisory Committee web page: http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/marcadvz.html

Proposal No. 2010-06: Encoding the International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

Source: British Library

Summary: This paper proposes ways to encode the International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority formats.

Related MARBI documents: 2003-04; 2010-DP03

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2010/2010-06.html

MARBI action taken: Proposal approved, with the clarification that subfield Zero ($0) is not being defined for the 1XX block of fields in the MARC 21 Authority Format. Standard numbers such as the International Standard Name Identifier for Authority 1XX fields are recorded in the 024 field.
Proposal 2010-07: ISBD punctuation in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

**Source:** German National Library

**SUMMARY:** This paper proposes the use of Leader/18 (Descriptive Cataloging Form) to indicate the absence of ISBD punctuation at the end of subfields.

**Related MARBI Documents:** [2010-DP01](http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2010/2010-07.html)


**MARBI action taken:** Proposal approved, with editorial revisions.

**Ramifications for RDA Implementation:**

- Libraries encoding RDA records with ISBD punctuation will likely code LDR byte 18 as \(i\) and 040 subfield \(e\) as \(RDA\)
- Libraries encoding RDA records without ISBD punctuation will likely code LDR byte 18 as \([\text{blank}]\) and 040 subfield \(e\) as \(RDA\).

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Discussion Paper No. 2010-08: Encoding Scheme of Coordinate Data in Field 034 (Coded Cartographic Mathematical Data) of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

**SOURCE:** Library of Congress

**SUMMARY:** This paper proposes adding a subfield to field 034 to specify the type of encoding scheme used to express coordinate data.

**Related MARBI Documents:**


**MARBI action taken:** The proposal was turned down. The Library of Congress will revisit this topic with the communities who wanted it to determine if the proposal comes back in revised form.
Proposal No. 2010-09: Addition of Subfield $u to Field 561 (Ownership and Custodial History) to the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Holdings Formats

**SOURCE:** OCLC

**SUMMARY:** This paper proposes the addition of subfield $u (Uniform Resource Identifier) in field 561 to link to information about the provenance (ownership and custodial history) of a resource.

**Related MARBI Documents:**


**MARBI action taken:** Proposal approved.

Discussion Paper No. 2010-DP04: Encoding the International Standard Text Code (ISTC) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

**SOURCE:** British Library

**SUMMARY:** This paper explores options to encode the International Standard Text Code (ISTC) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority formats.

**Related MARBI Documents:** [2003-04]; [2010-DP03]


**MARBI action taken:** Option 2 in this paper was preferred. As the Discussion Paper notes, “this option would require no change to the MARC 21 formats.”

That being the case, no further action was required of MARBI. The MARC 21 documentation will be updated to include examples of encoded International Standard Text Codes.
Discussion Paper No. 2010-DP05: Language Coding for Moving Images in Field 041 of the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

SOURCE: Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC)

SUMMARY: This paper suggests revising the application of 008/35-37 and 041 $a and $j for moving image materials to create a spoken/sung/signed versus written language distinction. In addition it suggests distinguishing between original language and language of intermediate translations that are both currently coded in subfield $h.

Related MARBI Documents:

URL: http://www.loc.gov/marc/marbi/2010/2010-dp05.html

MARBI action taken: This paper will come back to MARBI as a proposal.