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"
"[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 newsletter 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:

- 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:
  - 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 comments 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