

Committee on Cataloguing

John Thompson, ACOC Chair, poses three questions on which he would like the views of ALIA members

THE AUSTRALIAN Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC) met in November last year at the National Library. ACOC is currently seeking the views of Australian libraries and librarians on three matters:

- the library literature indicates a tentative move (within the USA) to re-open the issues of successive versus latest title entry for serials. Australian libraries by and large use successive title entry for serials, although there are still major collections catalogued under latest title and some libraries mix methods of entry to suit local circumstances. While it is presently committed to the concept of successive title entry, ACOC seeks views on this topic given the context of the NBD, networking, etc.
- ACOC has received expressions of concern about the need for large scale revisions of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC), as proposed by

the DDC Editorial Policy Committee. Such revisions may not be economical and may be short-sighted in an automated environment. We probably need new numbers for new subjects, not changed ones for established topics. What do you think?

- ACOC seeks assistance from librarians with subject and classification expertise in monitoring and proposing new DDC numbers in specific subject areas. Such people need to be able to commit themselves (and possibly their libraries) to irregular work in chosen areas of the classification (which might be a Dewey range of ten).

Responses on these or any other ACOC matters should be addressed to the Australian Committee on Cataloguing, c/- ACLIS Secretariat, PO Box E202, Queen Victoria Terrace, Canberra ACT 2600. □

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Financial Service Manager,
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Hong Kong Library Association

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