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The 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) will be held in Philadelphia in July.

Genre/Form Terms for Law Materials

In November 2010, the Library of Congress announced the incorporation of the law genre/form terms into the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT). The following January, the AALL Law Genre/Form Implementation Project began. A team of law catalogers joined forces with Ed O'Neill from OCLC to develop strategies for identifying WorldCat records for retrospective application of law genre/form terms. Our first step was to develop criteria for the creation of a subset of law-related WorldCat records and we are currently putting the final touches on those criteria. The AALL team also began working on strategies for specific terms like "Law reviews", "Restatements of the law", and "Casebooks" and will soon start testing these strategies with Ed.

Once the terms are added to WorldCat, we hope to get a crosswalk between the OCLC numbers and the relevant terms so we can globally merge these terms into our existing records. We will also publicize our strategies on the AALL TS-SIS site for libraries that prefer to run these strategies locally.

International Criminal Law

Many changes were made recently to LCC and LCSH in the area of international criminal law. LC has already established most of the new call numbers and subject headings prepared by PSD Law specialist Jolande Goldberg, with the assistance of George Prager from NYU Law Library and the LC law team.

Major LCC changes

KZ7000-KZ7500 -- new international criminal law section

K5301-K5304.5 (Crimes against humanity, War crimes) -- now KZ7145-KZ7177

K5277 (Piracy at sea) -- now KZ7212

K5256 (Terrorism) is still valid for comparative works on national legislation on terrorism.

Terrorism as an international crime -- now KZ7220

KZ6304-6332 (International criminal courts and tribunals) -- now KZ7230-KZ7490.

LCSH changes

International offenses was replaced with International crimes and many new SH were established, including International criminal law, Amnesty (International law), Criminal investigation (International law), Defense (International criminal procedure), Genocide (International law), Human trafficking (International law), and Terrorism (International law).