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**Report from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)**

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**Metadata Management Standing Committee**

Prior to the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, the Technical Services Special-Interest-Section (TS-SIS) held a “virtual business meeting” for the first time. Among other changes, the four standing committees were officially consolidated and renamed. The former Acquisitions, Preservation, and Serials Standing Committees are now the Resource Management Standing Committee (RMSC). The former Cataloging and Classification Standing Committee (Cat & Class) is now the Metadata Management Standing Committee (MMSC). Two advisory groups active under Cat & Class have been discontinued: The Classification and Subject Cataloging Advisory Group (CSCAG) and the Descriptive Cataloging Advisory Group (DCAG). They have been replaced by the Metadata Policy and Standards Advisory Group (MPSAG), which will refer subject, descriptive, or other metadata policy issues to MMSC. MMSC may establish ad hoc advisory groups as needed to deal with specific issues.

**Deep Dive Program: FCIL Basics for Metadata Professionals**

In July, TS-SIS collaborated with the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special-Interest-Section (FCIL-SIS) to cosponsor the program FCIL Basics for Metadata Professionals: Collaborating to Ensure Access to Foreign and International Legal Materials. Moderated by Ajaye Bloomstone, Acquisitions Librarian at LSU Law Library, presenters included: George Prager, Head Cataloger, NYU Law Library; Loyita Worley, Director of EMEA Library Operations, Reed Smith, LLP (UK); and Susan Gualtier, Reference Librarian, University of Pennsylvania Law School Library. The speakers aimed to introduce seasoned catalogers to the peculiarities of cataloging foreign, comparative, and international law materials while also serving as a broad overview of cataloging legal materials for reference librarians and other professionals who weren’t familiar with the specifics of foreign and international law cataloging practices.

A significant portion of the presentation was dedicated to subject access. This included an overview of key differences between common law and civil law systems as well as tips and tricks for finding subject headings in foreign language catalog records.

**AALL Cataloging Liaisons Fund**

In November, the AALL Executive Board approved the creation the AALL Cataloging Liaisons Fund. This fund will help support the continued presence of law librarians on national and international cataloging committees. Donations can be made through the AALL Donate webpage: <https://www.aallnet.org/community/donate/>.

**LCGFT for Law Materials**

Work is ongoing to develop a cohesive plan to retrospectively apply Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms to law materials.