**Report on OCLC Dewey Activities and the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee**

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**Dewey Development**

OCLC has continued develop the DDC by working with community members to propose changes that speak to users’ needs. Two of the most substantive proposals in EPC’s current meeting – a slate of additions in Islam and a revamped graphic design hierarchy – have been created in tandem with users.

This also extends to the DDC Editorial Support System (ESS), the central database of DDC data in MARC Classification format. Technical upgrades in early 2020 have allowed users to work directly in ESS to draft changes. Contact Alex ([kyriosa@oclc.org](mailto:kyriosa@oclc.org)) if interested.

Changes related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) have also been a major focus. Earlier this year, Alex worked with Kelly West, our first Editor in Residence, in identifying potentially problematic terms for groups of people used in the DDC, with change recommendations being transmitted to EPC. This will help provide a blueprint for future changes regarding names of Indigenous peoples and LGBTQ+ groups. It also initiates ongoing discussions between OCLC, EPC, and the worldwide DDC community on addressing structural biases in the classification.

**Editorial Policy Committee**

Despite hopes to return to an annual in-person meeting, the EPC instead held a virtual meeting June 7-9, 2022 due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 and international travel. At this meeting, exhibits related to the following areas were discussed as potential changes to the DDC:

* Revisions to the Tables
  1. Terminology for groups of people (T1)
  2. Kosovo (T2)
  3. Philippines (T2)
  4. Eastern Himalayan people (T5)
  5. Eastern Himalayan languages (T6)
* Changes to the Schedules
  1. Islam (297) – This exhibit contained five separate proposals addressing a variety of subtopics, such as Islam and secular disciplines; rites, ceremonies, prayers, and meditations; Sufi orders; Zakat; and individual observances.
  2. Disasters as cause of social change (303.485) – This exhibit proposed new numbers for two topics previously in standing room: wars and epidemics/pandemics.
  3. Population movement; movement of people; migration (304.8) – This exhibit attempts to clarify placement of work about internal migration and international migration.
  4. Graphic design (744) – This exhibit addresses a major relocation of topics related to graphic design, typography, and other forms of communication design.

In addition, elections were held at this meeting for the positions of EPC Chair and Vice-Chair. The general editorial work plan, reports from various constituencies, and the DDC marketing report were also shared at this meeting.

The EPC members and the DDC Senior Editor have been working with ALA CORE leadership to ensure full representation from ALA on the Editorial Policy Committee. We are still waiting for confirmation of the appointments at the time this report was due.

**European DDC Users Group**

The European DDC Users Group plans to hold its annual meeting in Oslo, October 6-7, 2022.