TO: Subject Analysis Committee
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RE: MARC Advisory Committee - ALA Annual Meeting, June 2019

The MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) agenda at the ALA Annual Meeting includes one discussion paper of direct relevance to subject analysis:

Proposal No. 2019-06: Defining a Field for a Subject Added Entry of Unspecified Entity Type in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format
This paper proposes defining new field "670" to accommodate a subject added entry in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format when the type of entity is unspecified:

Field 670 – Subject Added Entry - Type of Entity Unspecified (R)
Subject added entry in which the entity type of the entry element is unspecified. The field is used if no information is available to which type the entity used as subject heading belongs.

> **First Indicator:** *Undefined*
> # - Undefined
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> **Second Indicator:** *Source of name, title, or term*
> # - No information provided
> 7 - Source specified in subfield $2
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> **Subfield Codes**
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> **$a – Name, title, or term (NR)**
> Name, title, or term used as subject heading.
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> **$e - Relator term (R)**
> Specifies the relationship between the heading and the described materials.
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> **$g - Miscellaneous information (R)**
> Data element that is not more appropriately contained in another defined subfield.
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> **$0 - Authority record control number or standard number (R)**
> See description of this subfield in Appendix A: Control Subfields.
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> **$1 - Real World Object URI (R)**
> See description of this subfield in Appendix A: Control Subfields.
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> **$2 - Source of name, title, or term (NR)**
> MARC code that identifies the source list from which the subject added entry was assigned. It is used only when the second indicator position contains value 7 (Source specified in subfield $2). Code from: *Subject Heading and Term Source Codes*.

$3 - Materials specified (NR)
Part of the described materials to which the field applies.

$4 - Relationship (R)
Code or URI that specifies the relationship from the entity described in the record to the entity referenced in the field. More than one relationship code or URI may be used if the entity has more than one relationship. A source of relationship codes is: *MARC Code List for Relators*.

$6 - Linkage (NR)
See description of this subfield in Appendix A: Control Subfields.

$8 - Field link and sequence number (R)
See description of this subfield in Appendix A: Control Subfields.

The vocabulary cited that would be used in field 670 is the Gnomon Thesaurus. An English version of the vocabulary may be viewed at https://www.philhist.uni-augsburg.de/lehrstuehle/geschichte/alte/downloads/Gnomon/Systematic_Thesaurus.pdf. The thesaurus contains terms for a wide variety of subjects, including topics, persons, places, and works, but it does not provide information about what type of entity any given term in the thesaurus belongs to.

Other papers to be decided on or discussed at MAC include:

Proposal No. 2019-04: Coding Externally Hosted Online Publications in the MARC 21 Holdings Format
This proposal recommends that changes are made to the Holdings Format character position 008/06 (Receipt or acquisition status) in order to accommodate online publications which are made accessible via a third party platform.

Proposal No. 2019-05: Subfield Coding in Field 041 for Intertitles and Transcripts in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format
This paper proposes adding two new subfields in field 041 (Language Code) for the language of film intertitles and the language of accompanying transcripts for audiovisual materials. The new subfields proposed are:

$i - Language code of intertitles (R)
For silent films, the language code(s) of the intertitles or title cards. Intertitles are filmed text that is shown between the scenes of a silent film to provide dialogue or narrative context.

$t - Language code of accompanying transcripts for audiovisual materials (R)
For non-musical audiovisual works, the language code(s) of the printed text of the spoken content of the work. For musical audiovisual works, the language code(s) of the printed text of the sung and/or spoken content of the work should be recorded in $e.

The paper also proposes some minor edits to the name and scope of subfields $g and $m.

[Discussion Paper No. 2019-DP04](#): Defining Subfield $g in Field 751 of the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format
This paper explores how qualifying information (a "Zusatz") can be introduced more specifically into MARC Bibliographic field 751 (Added Entry - Geographic Name). The approach outlined is the definition of a new subfield $g for "Miscellaneous information". The German library community separately subfields geographic qualifiers in its authority records in $g, and the addition of $g to field 751 will allow it to give added entries that match the form in the authority record.

[Discussion Paper No. 2019-DP05](#): Adding Subfield $0 to Fields 310, 321, and 521 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format
This paper proposes adding subfield $0 (Authority record control number or standard number) to the following fields in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format that currently do not have subfield $0 defined: Field 310 (Current Publication Frequency), Field 321 (Former Publication Frequency), Field 521 (Target Audience Note).