

AAASS Bibliography and Documentation Committee
Subcommittee on Collection Development
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Purpose. The Bibliography and Documentation Committee on Collection Development is dedicated to facilitating the work, collaboration and sharing of information among librarians engaged in the development and management of Slavic and East European library collections.

Membership. The members of the B&D Subcommittee on Collection Development are Michael Brewer (University of Arizona) [2004-2007], Michael Biggins (University of Washington) [2005-2007], Wook-Jin Cheun (Indiana University) [2007-2009], Joanna Epstein (Harvard University) [2007-2009], Geoffrey Husic (Kansas University) [2005-2007], Liladhar Pendse (UCLA) [2007-2009] and Kristin Regina (Hillwood Museum Library) [2007-2009]. The group is chaired by Michael Brewer.

Three members will be going off the committee this year, including the chair. A new chair will be identified at AAASS. New potential members are welcome to attend the subcommittee's meeting at the AAASS Annual Convention on Thursday, November 15th from 3:45-5:45 in Preservation Hall Studio 5. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email the Chair, Michael Brewer, expressing your interest at brewerm@u.library.arizona.edu

Meetings. The group meets annually at AAASS conferences and members communicate by e-mail at other times during the year.

Activities.

Slavic Library Materials Database:

In 2006, the group organized & created the *Sources for Slavic and East European Library Materials* database [<http://www.library.arizona.edu/slavvend/index.jsp>], which has been managed by Michael Brewer at the University of Arizona. Portions of the database infrastructure were damaged due to a massive Internet security breach on the UA campus in December 2006. Currently the database is still operational, but cannot be updated. Because of other strategic commitments, repairs to the database are low on the priority list for UA technical staff. We hope that the database will be fully operational in the next year, but are also exploring options for another university to take over the serving and managing of this resource. Since November of last year, this site has been accessed nearly 3000 since last year's AAASS conference (11/06-10/07).

Slavic & East European Collection Management Survey

With the advice and support of the subcommittee, Michael Brewer and Liladhar Pendse created and distributed a survey to collect data on various collection management practices, policies & responsibilities in North American libraries. Initially, Slavlibs and the subcommittee were surveyed to provide input on what kind of information might be valuable for the field. A preliminary survey was then created (using Survey Monkey) and was reviewed by the subcommittee. Because of red tape associated with Human Subjects testing requirements at both the University of Arizona and UCLA, the survey was delayed until spring 2007. 40 librarians responded to the survey, 30 of whom were from academic libraries (the rest being from public, national or special libraries). The results of the survey will be

shared at AAASS at the “Collection Matters” panel and will then be put on the subcommittee website. An more detailed article in SEEIR may also follow.

Book Inflation Figures Project

Karen Rondestvedt (and others) suggested that the committee could serve the field by collecting data on book inflation for the various countries of the FSU and Eastern Europe. Wook-Jin Cheun agreed to initiate this work, and created an initial summary/analysis of sources for inflation figures for Russian books prices. This summary was shared with the subcommittee chair, who suggested that it should be reworked into an article for publication in SEEIR. Wook-Jin and Michael Brewer revised and submitted the article, which is now under consideration for publication. Much of the data collected in this article will be added to the subcommittee website, as will a call for specialists familiar with the other Slavic & East European countries to replicate Wook-Jin’s work in their own areas.

Website. Last year the group set up a basic website to provide access to the tools and documents created by the committee [<http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/brewerm/cd/>]. Content for this website is still being collected. The site will be developed as an ongoing committee project. Michael Brewer has been managing the website at the University of Arizona, but since he will be going off of the committee, we may see about moving the content and management of the website elsewhere.

2007 AAASS Program. The group is sponsoring the panel “Collection Matters” at the AAASS National convention. Joanna Epstein is chairing the panel, and Michael Biggins, Michael Brewer and Wook-Jin Cheun are presenting. Topics include the above mentioned collection management survey results, a report on using OCLC’s new Collection Analysis tool as well as one on assessing the campus impacts of Slavic collections.

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