

UC CONSER Funnel Activities

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Background:

This month, the UC CONSER Funnel celebrates its first year of existence. Established for the purpose of providing a way for continuing resources catalogers at UC campuses to contribute work to CONSER, the UC CONSER Funnel is currently engaged in "Phase 1"--incremental training and review of CONSER maintenance activities.

Achievements:

- **Education:** Carole McEwan organized two SCCTP workshops at UC Berkeley. First, on July 13-14, 2006, Adolfo Tarango (UCSD) and Manuel Urrizola (UCI) presented a highly-acclaimed SCCTP Basic Serials Workshop. Then in the fall (Sept. 14-15, 2006), Rhonda Lawrence, Melissa Beck, and Valerie Bross (all from UCLA) presented the SCCTP Advanced Serials Workshop, including a special preview module on the CONSER Standard Record developed by Melissa Beck.
- **Training & Review:** Melissa Beck and Valerie Bross developed UC CONSER Funnel training materials and tested these materials at UCSD, UCI, UCD, and UCB. Catalogers at UCLA (Melissa Beck, Valerie Bross, and Hong Cheng) and at UCSD (Margaret Christean and Adolfo Tarango) served as CONSER Funnel reviewers this past year. As a result of their efforts, UCI (under Todd Butler) and UCD (under Sarah Gardner) successfully completed CONSER maintenance review in the UC CONSER Funnel. (Independently of the UC CONSER Funnel, UCD also completed NACO training and is actively contributing authority records.)
- **Communications:** Renee Chin, Communications Coordinator for the Funnel, established and maintains the UC CONSER Web site and a Funnel discussion group. Renee Chin also helps maintain a Blog (created by Rachel Barnhart) on the CONSER Standard Record, to gather comments from UC CONSER Funnel members.

Future:

- **Campus outreach:** Melissa Beck and Valerie Bross began interviewing liaisons at UC campuses not yet actively involved in the Funnel to get a better understanding of campus needs and services that the UC CONSER Funnel could provide. These interviews should be completed by June 2007.
- **Training and review:** CONSER Funnel trainers and campus liaisons are at varying stages of discussion on two campuses.
- **Education:** Melissa Beck (with assistance from Valerie Bross) has been developing an SCCTP distance learning module on the CONSER Standard Record. Three SCCTP Train-the-Trainer sessions are scheduled for April; our goal is to make this module available to UC CONSER Funnel members by fall, 2007.
- **Communications:** With the imminent implementation of the CONSER Standard Record, we look forward to an expanded role for the UC CONSER Funnel discussion group. UCSD has led the way in sharing cataloging problems, suggestions, and ideas. As more campuses become involved in CONSER, we hope that the discussion group will thrive.