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

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**Dewey Development**

OCLC continues to prioritize updates to the classification to address historic biases, building on the work of inaugural Editor in Residence Kelly West. A second Editor in Residence will be announced soon, which will be a full-time position with a longer term.

The editorial team has been working more closely with translation teams on issues of shared interest, such as sharing built numbers across language instances of WebDewey, as well as editorial development overall.

We are working towards closer integration of DDC with other OCLC lines of business, such as leveraging the DDC’s subject description for linked data applications and enrichment of WorldCat records.

Building on developments from recent years, we continue to welcome user-driven proposals for updating the DDC. Suggestions, proposals, and other queries can be sent to [dewey@oclc.org](mailto:dewey@oclc.org).

**Editorial Policy Committee**

During the last SAC meeting, EPC Meeting 143 was being held concurrently, also as a virtual meeting. Most of the topics listed in the previous report have since been approved by EPC and their changes published to WebDewey. Highlights of these changes include updates to several aspects of Islam, created in coordination with users in Egypt and Pakistan; a brand-new graphic design hierarchy at 744, also covering design as a discipline; DEI-focused updates to terminology for groups of people, led by Kelly West; and disasters (including pandemics) as a cause of social change.

Melissa Parent, from the State Library of Victoria in Australia, was elected EPC chair for the 2022-2023 calendar years. A vice chair was not elected. Two new members appointed by ALA were announced at the previous SAC meeting but had not been publicly named at the time of the report. They are Andrea Kappler (Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Indiana) and Jo Williams (Middle Tennessee State University).

Two topics from Meeting 143 were returned for further work: Sufi orders in Islam, and immigration and movement of people in sociology. Updated proposals for both are part of the ongoing asynchronous electronic Meeting 143A. The full slate of 143A proposals follows:

* Further updates to terminology for groups of people
* Sufi orders
* Movement of people and international migration and colonization
* Sculpture and related arts
* Ionian Islands

These are visible on the public Google Drive page at [oc.lc/DeweyExhibits](https://oc.lc/DeweyExhibits).

Finally, EPC and the editorial team implemented some changes of note via listserv, including updates to numbers for COVID-19 and mpox (formerly monkeypox), and a new Table 2 number for Bangkok.

**European DDC Users Group**

The European DDC Users Group had its 2022 annual business meeting virtually on October 6, 2022. It plans to return to its in-person annual meeting, consisting of a symposium and business meeting, in Oslo, April 25-26, 2023.