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## Message From the President— *Xiaoli Li*

We had a very rewarding year, and I would like to share some highlights with you.

During the past year, one of the Section Executive Board's focuses was to bring timely and exciting programs to our members at the upcoming CLA Annual Conference in Long Beach. The Section submitted a total of seven proposals and five of them were accepted – one pre-conference institute, three workshops, and one poster presentation.

Given the fact there are limited program slots for this year's CLA Conference, our Section really did a great job. Please read the Newsletter to find out more information about the programs that the Section is sponsoring. I hope you will be able to attend, and I look forward to seeing you in Long Beach!

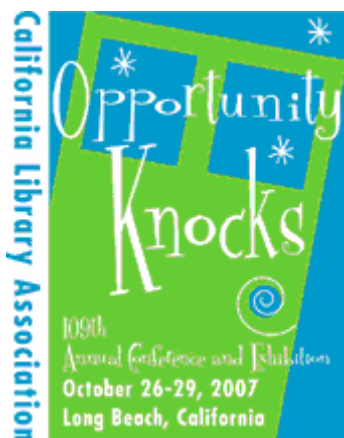


Continuing last year's President's theme "Perspective on the Future of Technical Services in Digital Era" (see fall 2006 issue of TechNotes, <http://www.cla-net.org/included/docs/technotes/TechNotesVol30No1.pdf>), the Section organized/co-organized two workshops on Metadata Standards and Applications, held in Davis (in April) and Northridge (in May). The workshop evaluations were very positive. Sarah Gardner who attended the workshop on the UC Davis campus shared her perspectives about the workshop in this newsletter.



It has been our Section's tradition to collaborate with our sister organizations and other sections within CLA. Last year was not an exception. First we co-sponsored Northern California Technical Processes Group Annual Meeting and Program "Going Further with FRBR" (PowerPoint presentations available at: <http://www.nctpg.org/programs/index.htm>); then we worked with the Southern California Technical Processes Group to offer the *Metadata Standards and Applications* workshop held in Northridge. Throughout the year, we collaborated with the CLA Information Technology Section to ensure that the program "Improving Online Catalogs: Fulfilling Patrons' Expectations" would be appealing. I am very pleased to share with you that two of the best speakers in this area, Roy Tennant (OCLC Programs and Research) and Beth Jefferson (the founder of BiblioCommons Inc), will be presenting this exciting and thought-provoking program.

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## 2007 CLA Annual Conference!

**October 26-29, 2007  
Long Beach, CA**  
For more information on the conference go to: <http://www.cla-net.org/events/confexhibition.php>

Useful links:

<http://www.cla-net.org>  
<http://www.carl-acrl.org>

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To stay vital and relevant, we know it's very important to have "new blood" in our Section. I believe providing the section workshops and programs is a great way to make ourselves "visible". I am also a big believer in personal contact. During the past year, we utilized different means to make such personal connections, for instance, talking to people who visited the CLA booth (the Section shared the booth), and sending greetings (emails) to those new to California. I know many of you also talk to your colleagues in your other organizations. All those efforts yielded positive results. During the last year, twenty new members joined the Section.



Last year's election went very well. We had strong slates for all positions. I am very excited that for the first time in three years since I have served on the Board the Section is going to have a representative from public libraries - **Ida Z. daRoza** (San Mateo County Central Library) is the incoming Vice President/President Elect. Many thanks to Becky Culbertson (incoming Secretary, outgoing Assembly Representative) and Julie Moore (incoming Assembly Representative, outgoing Secretary) for their willingness to take on new roles. Last but not least, THANK YOU all for your help in choosing the Section's future leaders.



As Chair of the ACTSS Annual Award committee, I am pleased to announce that the winner of the 2007 award is **Elaine A. Franco**. Elaine has served in several positions within ACTSS and has been helpful in recruiting and mentoring new members and officers (see announcement inside).



I have to say, it's been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me to serve as ACTSS Secretary (2004-05), Vice-President/President Elect (2005-06), and President (2006-07). I have worked with a wonderful group of people. It was an experience I would not have wanted to miss. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

ACTSS is a great organization. I encourage you to become more involved!



**2006-2007 ACTSS Leaders**

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**ACTSS Board Meeting  
Sunday, October 28, 1:30-3:15pm**

## ACTSS Programs at CLA Annual Conference

### Electronic Resource Management 2007: How to Get the Biggest Bang for Your ERM Buck! Pre-conference, Friday, October 26, 1:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$75

*Speakers:*

**Navjit Brar**, *California Polytechnic State University*;  
**Tony Harvel**, *University of California, San Diego*;  
**Rose Nelson**, *Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries*

As more resources become available in electronic format, libraries face an ever increasing challenge of managing, providing access, and collecting e-metrics of electronic resources. We will discuss: Various ERM workflow designs that have been developed and the staffing needs to properly support an ERM system; how to assess your library ERM needs; getting started with an ERMS and evaluating ERMS; licensing issues; E-Metrics: extracting and analyzing electronic resources data; best practices; and future trends — educating on Open Access.

### Improving Online Catalogs: Fulfilling Patrons' Expectations Saturday, October 27th, 10:30-11:45am

*Co-Sponsored with the Information Technology Section*

*Speakers:*

**Roy Tennant**, *OCLC Programs and Research*;  
**Beth Jefferson**, *BiblioCommons*

It has become increasingly difficult for library patrons to search and navigate search results in library catalogs. Libraries across the nation are actively seeking new ways to improve their online public access catalogs (OPACs). Come to the session to learn more about new development and research findings in the area and hear what experts say about the future of OPACs.

### ACTSS President's Program & Annual Meeting: University of California Bibliographic Services Task Force (BSTF) Update, Sunday, October 28th, 3:15-4:30pm

*Speakers:*

**Amy Kautzman**, *Shields Library, University of California, Davis*  
**Patricia Martin**, *California Digital Library*

In 2005, the Bibliographic Services Task Force of the University of California issued a report, entitled *Rethinking How We Provide Bibliographic Services for the University of California*. This stunning report has recommendations for providing a better, more cohesive design for bibliographic search and retrieval and provoked interest far beyond UC. Many recommendations are applicable for all kinds of libraries. In 2007, 22 months will have elapsed since the BSTF report was issued. Has anything changed? This program provides an update on the report's current impact. This program will be combined with the ACTSS Annual Membership Meeting.

### The Fun of Cataloging Funny Formats (Realia) : From Hand Puppets to Mounted Bears and Beyond! Saturday, October 27th, 2:15-3:30pm

*Speaker:*

**Julie Moore**, *California State University, Fresno*

If the thought of having a human skeleton model, a musical instrument, or a marionette show up on your desk to be cataloged leaves your heart racing, this is the program for you! You will not only learn the rules and tools for how to tackle these challenging materials, but you will also find out how much fun it can be. If you can catalog these sorts of materials, you can catalog anything! Come to this empowering cataloging program!

## ACTSS Programs at CLA Annual Conference

**RDA: Resource Description and Access Update  
Poster Session  
Sunday, October 28th, 10:45-Noon**

*Speaker: Julie Moore*

RDA is being created as the new content standard for resource description and access in order to help us create logical, consistent, and flexible cataloging/metadata for all the various types of media and content. This poster session will delve into some possible effects that RDA may have on bibliographic records. Come and find out about ideas swirling around the future of cataloging.



**CLA Awards Dinner  
Friday, October 26, 7pm-10:30pm  
MOLAA—Museum of Latin American Art  
628 Alamitos Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Cost: \$70**

Put on your party clothes and come celebrate the 2007 California Library Association award winners. Enjoy the company of your colleagues and friends and honor the best, brightest and most dedicated California library leaders and supporters. This outstanding museum (and gift shop) will be open for a special viewing by Award Dinner attendees. Don't miss this evening of culture, music and celebration. The museum is a short cab ride from conference hotels. Tickets by advance registration only.

## Congratulations to the 2007-2008 ACTSS Officers!

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## ACTSS Listserv

You are invited to join the ACTSS e-mail discussion list (<http://lists.cla-net.org/listinfo.cgi/actss-cla-net.org>)

This list provides a forum for librarians, support staff and others interested in technical services to explore and discuss interests and concerns affecting the operation of technical services activities in California libraries. Members can discuss the wide range of technical services functions such as acquisitions, cataloging and preservation.

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## Reports

### Council of Regional Groups

At the CRG (Council of Regional Groups) Membership meeting at ALA Annual, both Helen Heinrich (SCTPG representative) and I commented on the successful cooperation and co-sponsorship between CLA ACTSS and SCTPG this year, an initiative that was sparked at a Midwinter CRG meeting. Another California librarian, **Louise Ratliff**, is the incoming SCTPG President and a new member of the CRG CE Committee. Louise was instrumental in starting the CARL TSIG, which is not (yet) a CRG affiliate. We chatted a bit about pursuing opportunities for further cooperation on programs, workshops, etc., among the TS groups in California.

CRG has committed to the development of a wiki. A CRG wiki would expedite the CRG Affiliate Relations Committee's efforts to keep the CRG Affiliate Directory up-to-date. Affiliates would be encouraged to post reports of their activities, thus enabling the CRG CE Committee to monitor programs and courses that are being offered by affiliates. The wiki would help CRG fulfill a gatekeeper role in moving programs created by affiliates to ALCTS programs at ALA conferences, and making materials from such programs available to members of affiliates who cannot attend conferences. The CRG Speakers' Bureau Committee also anticipates that a wiki would facilitate maintenance of the Speakers' Bureau list.

Planning is now underway to develop a CRG-sponsored forum on public librarians in technical services for ALA Annual Conference 2008 in Anaheim, CA.

Report submitted by ALCTS/CRG Representative, **Elaine A. Franco**



### Assembly

The spring meeting of the Assembly was held at the Sacramento Convention Center on April 17, 2007. Presiding was Margaret Donnellan Todd Her report included mention of the fact that Paul D. Meyer, Tecker and Associates, was hired as a consultant to work with us on reorganization of CLA. Meyer was currently working on interviewing a cross section of CLA members. The Assembly felt that he should include special librarians, non-librarians, and IT staff as part of the interviewing process. Conference planning for the October 2007 Conference at Long Beach is underway. There have been 192 program submissions. Of these, 70 will be accepted. The Awards dinner will be held at the Museum of Latin American Art. Major speakers at the conference will be Jamie Lee Curtis (actress), Sarah Vowell (NPR), Shawn Gold (My Space), and Craig Newmark (Craig's List).

Next came the Vice President/President Elect's report (Monique le Conge). She spoke about asking for volunteers for CLA committees and mentioned that since not all librarians can actually attend meetings face to face, that we should discuss meeting virtually.

Annette Milliron, Treasurer, reported that CLA is in sound financial shape. The CLA building has some new sub-tenants and another set has four years to go on their lease.

A carry-over discussion item was the status of Round Tables that were under consideration for dissolution. It was decided to eliminate the Trustees & Commissioners Round Table and the Fund Raising And Development Round Table. The Government Documents Round Table would be continued on probation until the October Assembly and the Gay and Lesbian Round Table was removed from probation. See **ASSEMBLY**—Page 6

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Unfinished business (Life Membership). The concept of life membership does not exist under current bylaws. Honorary membership requires the 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee prior to Assembly action. It was noted at the meeting that many individuals should receive honorary memberships based on their outstanding library association contributions. There was consensus that the original motion was made in error. The original motion makers would be informed of the Honorary Membership provision in the bylaws and would be advised that they could submit a revised motion to the Executive Committee, if they wished to have the issue re-considered.

The next Assembly meeting will be on the Friday prior to the CLA convention in Long Beach.

Report submitted by ACTSS Assembly Representative, **Rebecca Culbertson**.



### Announcing an SCCTP

#### Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop

Announcing an SCCTP Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop. Two days of intensive training for new catalogers (and catalogers who need to brush up on their serial cataloging understanding). This workshop is scheduled for **Dec. 3rd and 4th, 2007 at National University in San Diego.**

**Adolfo Tarango** (University of California, San Diego) and **Manuel Urrizola** (University of California, Riverside) will be the trainers.

The workshop is basic serials, but we have invited **Melissa Beck** (University of California, Los Angeles), who will be a special guest trainer for the CONSER Standard Record.

Please contact **Becky Culbertson** ([rculbertson@ucsd.edu](mailto:rculbertson@ucsd.edu)) or 858-822-6415 for details.

Announcement submitted by  
**Rebecca Culbertson.**

## Reports

### Metadata Standards and Applications Workshop

This two-day workshop was held during April 25-26 at the University of California, Davis. It was taught by **Luiz Mendes** (Electronic Resources Librarian) and **Mary Woodley** (Collection Development Coordinator) from California State University, Northridge.

The instructors gave participants a broad and thorough introduction to the world of digital libraries and metadata. The instructors compared traditional library environments and the unique needs of digital library environments; and how different types and functions of metadata aim to meet these needs. The workshop was tailored for people with experience in traditional library models of bibliographic description, and the instructors often used traditional examples to compare and contrast the way that information is organized in emerging metadata models.

During the first day of the workshop, the instructors presented an overview of metadata models and relationships, and then presented specific metadata schemas such as Dublin Core, MODS, and ONIX. They also discussed the different "wrappers" or syntaxes used to encode metadata, such as HTML, XML and METS. Each chapter was followed by group exercises, which really allowed people to have a hands-on experience applying metadata schemas to objects such as websites and posters. What I found most helpful was the discussion on which types of metadata schemas are being adopted by particular communities, such as art and museum libraries

On the second day of the workshop, the instructors discussed metadata interoperability and distribution, which is key to managing all the different schemas in the digital world. The instructors looked at cross-walking and mapping (matching the different "fields" of data in metadata schemas), and where data loss occurs. Finally, they looked at controlled vocabularies in digital libraries and "application profiles," which document a community's consensus over the usage and standards of a particular metadata schema or schemas. Application profiles are even popping up in the traditional bibliographic world, such as the CONSER Standard Record, which has its own application profile.

Overall, the workshop greatly enhanced my knowledge of and experience with metadata, recommended for all types of cataloging and technical services staff. Luiz and Mary were excellent and engaging instructors.

Report submitted by **Sarah Gardner**,

Electronic Resources Serials Librarian  
Shields Library  
University of California, Davis

## RDA: Resource Description and Access, an Overview

by Julie Renee Moore

New cataloging rules are on the horizon, titled ***RDA: Resource Description and Access***. The new standard for resource description and access will be designed for the digital world, and it will be a completely new work (i.e., a successor to AACR2; not AACR3).

The main source for information on RDA is the website of the **Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA**.

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/index.html>

### So what is RDA? Here are a few basics:

The JSC website explains the Statement of Purpose for RDA in clear terms (JSC website, 2007, 'Prospectus'):

- *RDA - Resource Description and Access* will be a new standard for resource description and access, "designed for the digital world."
- "Built on foundations established by the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR), RDA will provide a comprehensive set of guidelines and instructions on resource description and access covering all types of content and media."
- "RDA will enable users of library catalogues and other systems of information organization to find, identify, select, and obtain resources appropriate to their information needs."

The developers of RDA are committed to:

- "A flexible framework for describing all resources - analog and digital."
- "Data that is readily adaptable to new and emerging database structures."
- "Data that is compatible with existing records in online library catalogue."

(JSC website, 2007, 'Frequently Asked Questions.')

RDA is being built on the FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) conceptual

model. It will be published electronically and is meant to be used electronically. However, a paper version of some sort will also be published secondarily. RDA will have two main sections: Part A. Description and Part B. Access Point Control. The biggest changes appear to be happening in Part A.

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### What's new with RDA?

⇒ One of the more exciting pieces of recent news is that at a Data Model Meeting (British Library, London, April 30-May1, 2007) the participants recommended creating a RDA-DC (Dublin Core) application profile. Since DC is one of the largest metadata schema, this will push forward the whole notion that RDA is also for other metadata schemas (and not just MARC21).

As was reported on the British Library website (viewed on 10/5/07)

<http://www.bl.uk/services/bibliographic/meeting.html> :

"The benefits of this activity will be that:

- The library community gets a metadata standard that is compatible with the Web Architecture and that is fully interoperable with other Semantic Web initiatives.
- The DCMI [Dublin Core Metadata Initiative] community gets a libraries application profile firmly based on the DCAM [Dublin Core Abstract Model] and FRBR (which will be a high profile exemplar for others to follow).
- The Semantic Web community gets a significant pool of well thought-out metadata terms to re-use.
- There is a wider uptake of RDA."

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### A few of the more interesting tidbits and trends of things that are likely to come to pass with RDA:

- ⇒ **ISBD** is on its way out, or at least considered “optional” and will be tucked away in the appendices.
- ⇒ It looks as if the **GMD** (general material designator), as we know it today, is on its way out. The GMD/SMD Working Group is replacing this with three new and separate data elements: **Media type**, **Carrier type** and **Content type**. How all of this will be coded or displayed is still under discussion. There is an important Working Group that is studying this.
- ⇒ “**The Rule of Three**” looks to be on its way out as well, i.e., “optional.”
- ⇒ The idea behind **Main Entry** is still hanging in there! It might be called something different, such as “Primary Access Point”, but the idea is the same. This is a concept that has been in cataloging history for a long time, supported by the Paris Principles.
- ⇒ There is a significant amount of **mapping** work that is being done at the moment to see how the various RDA elements work with MARC21, for example.
- ⇒ RDA was initially envisioned as an web-based product that is meant to be used online. It is still being executed as an online product; however, plans for a paper version will also be published.

- ⇒ The timeline of a publication date of **spring 2009** remains firm.

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### Making comments

RDA is taking commentary from many people around the world. There are many organizational stakeholders and constituents who are providing input. This is surely the largest, most international, and most inclusive cataloging undertaking ever. All catalogers are invited to enter the discussion and make official comments.

### Discussion

There is a listserv that is set up for people to ask questions and bring up conversations. It can be found at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rdadiscuss.html>

### Official

For making official comments, be sure to check the closing date for comments of the draft section in question. Within the comment period, comments may be sent to:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rdadiscuss.html>

In reading about RDA, there are many hopes for RDA. There is hope for simplification, ease of use, internationalization, flexibility, ability to be used by many encoding schema (such as MARC21, Dublin Core, DACs, MODS, MPEG 7, VRA, and EAD), ability to be used by other metadata communities (such as publishers, museums, and archives) ... while also remaining compatible with existing catalogs and AACR2.

Time will tell if these hopes will be realized ... Spring 2009, coming to a library near you!

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## New Faces at ACTSS

**Ida Z. daRoza** has been elected to the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect of ACTSS. Ida embodies the new face of librarians. All you have to do is look at the last paragraph about her contact information, and you will discover the next generation librarian who is all plugged in and rarin' to go! She has a lot of energy and enthusiasm for librarianship, cataloging in particular.

Ida began her cataloging career as a cataloging assistant and then became the Cataloging Manager at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She is now the head catalog librarian for the San Mateo County Library System which is part of the Peninsula Library System consortia in the Bay Area. She has also done part-time work assignments for Redwood City Public Library and San Francisco City College.

Other than her involvement in CLA, Ida is an ALA Spectrum Scholar and has been an active volunteer at ALA conferences. This year she was a presenter at one of the Spectrum tenth year anniversary programs at the ALA conference in Washington D.C. She was also initiated into Beta Phi Mu, the library and information studies honor society.

Besides cataloging, Ida enjoys the study and practice of foreign languages. She is fluent in Italian and Spanish and has a beginning level knowledge of French, Japanese and Mandarin. She wishes there were more ethnic librarian groups as she is a member of Reforma, Bibliotecas para la Gente and CALA – if there are any more out there, please let her know!

One of her professional goals has been to work in a place where she could provide Spanish cataloging to librarians serving Latino communities. She is doing that now at San Mateo County and will also be helping on the acquisitions side by being one of the 150 ALA librarians this year going to the Guadalajara International book fair to purchase Spanish language materials.

She would like ACTSS members to know that they are welcome to contact her through various social networks or email : [daRoza@plsinfo.org](mailto:daRoza@plsinfo.org) at work or LinkedIn; and [idzeec@yahoo.com](mailto:idzeec@yahoo.com) in Facebook or MySpace.



## 2007 ACTSS Award

### ACTSS Award Recipient Elaine A. Franco

by Ida daRoza



Elaine A. Franco has been chosen as the 2007 Access, Collections and Technical Services Section (ACTSS) Award Recipient.

Elaine Franco is a librarian's librarian. She has been active as a catalog librarian for thirty years and a leader in California library associations, helping to create a strong voice for cataloging and technical services issues for the past seventeen years.

Elaine Franco has provided leadership internally through her role as the Principal Cataloger at the University of California Davis, a leading academic institution in California and has also played a leadership role in the UC System with her work in the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC).

Despite her challenging professional role, she has provided leadership every year of her career. First with the Nebraska Library Association, and now with even more vigor at the California Library Association and on the national level through her various responsibilities with the American Library Association.

Elaine has continually attended conferences throughout her career usually in a leadership role working with or leading committees, presenting, authoring and coauthoring works, overseeing relevant workshops, and mentoring many catalogers across the state and nation. She has advocated for regional accessibility to national level continuing education programs.

She has been president or committee chair in most cataloging and technical service groups to which she has belonged, and even creator of a few groups. We owe a large debt to Elaine for her work in keeping ACTSS an active and thriving association throughout the many years with which she has been involved.

Her service to others is awe inspiring, and knowing Elaine, we are sure that she will continue her tireless work of being a guiding light and inspiration to other catalogers for many years to come.

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**Highlights of her leadership include:**

**California Library Association**

Chair, Cataloging Interest Group, 1996-1997

President, ACTSS, 1998-1999

CLA Assembly, Member-at-large, 2006-2009

**ALA- Association for Library Collection and Technical Services**

ALCTS CCS Heads of Cataloging Discussion Group Chair, 2000-2001

CLA ACTSS liaison to ALCTS CRG, 2001-present

Chair, ALCTS Council of Regional Groups, 2005-2006

ALCTS Board of Directors, 2005-2006

Chair, ALCTS Council of Regional Groups Affiliate Relations Committee, 2007-2008

**ALA Council**

ALA Council, Councilor-at-large, 1987-1991

**ALA - Association of College and Research Libraries**

Chair, *MLA Bibliography* Scope and Overlap Committee, 1991-1994

**ALA – New Members Round Table**, then known as Junior Members Round Table

Affiliates Council President, 1985-1986

**Librarians Association of the University of California, Davis (LAUC-D)**

Chair, LAUC-D Professional Activities Committee, member, 1993-1994

Chair, LAUC-D Academic Personnel Action Review Board, 1994-1995

**Nebraska Library Association**

Secretary and editor of conference proceedings, College and University Section, 1982-1983

Nebraska JMRT representative to ALA JMRT Affiliates Council, 1982-1984

**Modern Language Association of America**

Field Bibliographer, MLA International Bibliography, 1979-present

Chair, “Literary Bibliographies: Defining Standards for Their Creation and Evaluation,” special session presented at the MLA Convention, 1983

Advisory Committee on the MLA International Bibliography, 1989-1992

Congratulations, Elaine!



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**Other Library Technical Services  
Organizations in California**

**NCTPG** (Northern California  
Technical Processes Group)

website: <http://www.NCTPG.org>

**SCTPG** (Southern California Tech-  
nical Processes Group)

website:

<http://library.csun.edu/sctpg/>

**CARL-TSIG** (California Academic  
and Research Libraries--Technical  
Services Interest Group)

<http://www.carl-acrl.org>

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<http://www.cla-net.org/weblog/>