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**USMARC format integration topic of four regional institutes**

"Implementing USMARC Format Integration" is the subject of four regional institutes sponsored by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). The program will be held in the following cities: April 26, Worcester, Mass., cosponsored by NELINET; May 5, Atlanta, Ga., cosponsored by SOLINET; May 12, Dallas, Texas, cosponsored by AMIGOS, and September 20, Chicago.

The program was developed by the Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information Committee (MARBI), an interdivisional committee of ALCTS, the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) and the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD).

Libraries will need to change their automated catalogs and their cataloging processes due to the implementation of format integration in the beginning of 1994.

The institutes are designed for catalogers, technical services librarians, library systems staff, USMARC format trainers and other staff involved in planning the implementation of USMARC format integration. They will included tutorials on the new format enabling participants to identify ways in which the changes will affect library procedures and

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operations, discover cost implications for implementation and discuss techniques for implementation management. Participants will receive handouts that demonstrate the application of format integration in various media.

Institute participants will include: Priscilla Caplan, head, Systems Development Division, Harvard University Library, Cambridge, Mass.; Karen Coyle, technical specialist, Division of Library Automation, University of California, Oakland; Anne L. Highsmith, NOTIS coordinator, Texas A&M University, College Station; Laura Kimberly, training and support manager, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Dallas, Texas; Glenn Patton, senior consulting product support specialist, OCLC, Inc., Dublin, Ohio; Paul J. Weiss, systems librarian, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Md., and Richard Greene, senior consulting database specialist, OCLC, Inc., Dublin, Ohio.

Registration fees are: **April 26, Worcester, Mass.**, \$95 for ALCTS and NELINET members, \$130 for ALA personal members and \$165 for nonmembers; **May 5, Atlanta, Ga.**, \$85 for ALCTS and SOLINET members, \$120 for ALA personal members and \$155 for nonmembers; **May 12, Dallas, Texas**, \$85 for ALCTS and AMIGOS members, \$120 for ALA personal members and \$155 for nonmembers, and **September 20, Chicago**, \$105 for ALCTS members, \$135 for ALA personal members and \$175 for nonmembers. **The deadline for registration is three weeks prior to the institute.**

Brochures will be mailed to ALCTS, LITA and RASD members as well as to organizations that are members of AMIGOS, NELINET and SOLINET.

For more information and registration forms, contact Yvonne McLean at 800-545-2433, ext. 5032. E-mail: U47209@UICVM.

