

## **June 2009 Update**

### **ALA ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section Subject Analysis Committee (SAC)**

Linda Gabel (OCLC) is chair of SAC. SAC will meet Sunday, July 12, and Monday, July 13, at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

#### **Web sites:**

The SAC home page on the ALA web site is not up to date, except for the SAC roster. The page does have useful retrospective information.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/mgrps/ccs/cmtes/subjectanalysis/index.cfm>

### **SAC Subcommittee on the Future of Subject Headings (also known as SWOT Subcommittee)**

This subcommittee, chaired by Linda Gabel (OCLC), submitted a final report that “reaffirmed that controlled subject vocabularies are a valuable and needed tool for effective information retrieval for the library community.” The subcommittee discussions of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats with respect to LCSH and with respect to controlled vocabularies in general have been summarized at [http://gslis.simmons.edu/mw/swot/Main\\_Page](http://gslis.simmons.edu/mw/swot/Main_Page).

### **SAC Subcommittee on FAST**

The chair remains Qiang Jin (University of Illinois). The FAST database and the FAST manual are available on the FAST web site at <http://fast.oclc.org>.

### **SAC Subcommittee on Genre/Form Implementation**

Patricia Dragon (East Carolina University) continues as chair. The subcommittee maintains a Form and Genre Implementation discussion list ([form-genre@ala.org](mailto:form-genre@ala.org)) that considers questions raised by the subcommittee and questions raised by the Library of Congress at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsoc/genreformgeneral.html>.