The Slavic Cataloging Manual: 
Introduction to the Revised Version

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The Slavic Cataloging Manual (SCM) brings together rules and practices pertinent to the cataloging of materials in Slavic languages as well as some other East European and Eurasian languages used in former Soviet bloc countries. It outlines and explains best practices for descriptive and subject cataloging of such materials and related authority work based on the current cataloging standard - RDA. It also embodies best practices developed by members of the Slavic cataloging community over the years. References to earlier standards still in widespread use, namely AACR2, are also included as appropriate. Wherever appropriate, it gives the cultural and historical background of the topics addressed.

As a rule, the chapters include concrete examples of the cataloging practices that they present, most of which are presented in MARC format. The SCM is intended primarily as a tool for the experienced cataloger, but it also will prove useful to catalogers currently in training, reference librarians, and researchers.

**How to use the SCM:** The contents of the SCM can be found by using the Subject Index, searching for keywords in the"Search this site" option (top right-hand of page), or browsing the alphabetical list of chapters in the Sitemap. "Please note that the searching function does not currently find words with diacritics.

A brief history of the SCM (the first version of which was created in 1992) can be found in the History page. The present version, SCM 2.0, was published June 1, 2016. A list of those who contributed to SCM 2.0 can be found in the Credits page.

The SCM is a living document and changes will be incorporated periodically as needed. Subjects which have already been suggested for future work can be seen here. Suggestions for corrections or additions to the SCM and alerts to broken links can be emailed to: SlavicCatalogingManual@gmail.com. The site is best viewed using Google Chrome.
Timeline

• 1992: James Weinheimer’s original Slavic Cataloging Manual created (print version)
• 1994: Contents transferred to Princeton University website
• 1994-2001: SCM hosted by Princeton University; James Weinheimer, webmaster and contents editor
• 2001: SCM transferred to ACRL SEES (Slavic and East European Section); hosted by Indiana University; Jacqueline Byrd, webmaster
• 2001-2014: SCM hosted by Indiana University; maintained by the Automated Bibliographic Control Committee of ACRL SEES
• 2014: ACRL SEES ABC forms a Task Force to revise the SCM
• 2014: Contents migrated to Google platform by Geoff Husic
• 2015-2016: Review and rewriting by Task Force members with the leadership of Larisa Walsh
• 2016: New version of SCM launched; maintained by ACRL SEES ABC; Mel Bach, webmaster
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(hosted by Princeton University, 1994-2001)
Second online iteration
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