



November 4, 2015

European DDC Users Group
C/O Elise Conradi, EDUG Secretary
National Library of Norway
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Dear Ms. Conradi:

Thank you for your November 3, 2015, email which outlines the European DDC Users Group's (EDUG) concerns for the future of the Dewey Decimal Classification[®] system (DDC). I am grateful for the EDUG's strong history of support for the DDC and for your forward-thinking ideas on how to better incorporate the DDC into modern, multilingual information-retrieval schemes.

Please rest assured that OCLC remains committed to maintaining, updating and enhancing the DDC for the long term.

A leadership position for Dewey is planned. Later this week, we will post a position for a Director of Metadata Quality and Dewey Editorial. The person who fills this role will have responsibilities that include:

- managing continuous updates to the DDC,
- working with national libraries worldwide to maintain high DDC standards,
- coordinating DDC translations, and
- driving decisions about the exciting possibilities of working with the DDC as a key linked data reference in the semantic web.

If someone you know might be appropriate for this position, please have him or her contact me directly.

As you know, OCLC has released WorldCat[®] Works to the global community and WorldCat Person entities to pilot libraries as a way to use entity information to better search library catalogs. These efforts support our larger data strategy, which seeks to help libraries weave their data into the Web and integrate linked data into modern search habits. We are currently working on a way to leverage additional entities in a similar fashion, and the DDC will certainly play a prominent role in this effort.

As this entities project evolves, we will continue to evaluate the functionality that was previously available through the experimental dewey.info system. I value the feedback the EDUG and others have provided, and we will consider the community's input when determining the future of dewey.info.

Your commitment to the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the DDC and your ideas about its potential in the semantic web are as important now as ever. I appreciate your long-standing support, and I look forward to bringing the DDC into the future together with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Sauer-Games".

Mary Sauer-Games
Vice President, OCLC Product Management