



Welcome to the seventh SUNCAT newsletter. The newsletter appears twice yearly, to provide a progress report on SUNCAT.

#### New Libraries on SUNCAT

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Since the last newsletter serials' holdings of two new libraries have been added to SUNCAT: the University of Leicester, which was voted University of the Year 2008-9 by the Times Higher Education and the University of the West of England. In addition, almost 4000 freely available electronic journals from the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ):

<http://www.doaj.org> have also been added. A full list of SUNCAT contributing libraries is available at:

[http://www.suncat.ac.uk/description/contributing\\_libraries.html](http://www.suncat.ac.uk/description/contributing_libraries.html). This page has recently been updated to include links to each institution's library homepage and catalogue.

Of the 68 contributing libraries in SUNCAT, 62 (plus CONSER, DOAJ and ISSN) are in a regular updating cycle. To check when a library's serials holdings were last updated on SUNCAT, please go to:

<http://www.suncat.ac.uk/description/currency.shtml>

#### Impact and Satisfaction Survey

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We are currently conducting a survey to discover how SUNCAT is being used, the impact it has on users' workflows, projects, etc. and the current level of satisfaction with the service. The results of the survey will help the team to identify and prioritise improvements and future developments for SUNCAT.

The survey is available at:

<https://www.survey.ed.ac.uk/suncatsurvey> until 10th April so please take the time to express your views and contribute to the development of SUNCAT. We would also be grateful if you would distribute the survey as widely as possible, both to library staff and users. Completed entries will be entered into a draw for £50 of Amazon vouchers.

#### Review of Duplication on SUNCAT

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A survey was conducted at the end of last year as a follow-up comparison study to the duplication survey conducted with SUNCAT Contributing Libraries in June 2007. Since the last survey a number of changes have been made to SUNCAT in an attempt to ameliorate the effects of duplication on the catalogue. The aim of this survey was to ascertain if these changes had any significant impact on respondents'

experience and tolerance of duplication on SUNCAT.

The results from the survey with SUNCAT Contributing Library staff could not confirm any significant change in the level of duplication in SUNCAT. However, they did highlight that user perception of the issue had improved. In the original survey conducted in June 2007, respondents found 28% of the searches produced an unacceptable level of duplication; in this most recent survey this figure was reduced to 15% of the searches conducted. Further, the percentage of searches producing an acceptable number of searches increased from 38% to 54%.

The original survey suggested that it would be desirable to reduce the number of duplicate records for each journal title to a maximum of three, but that a maximum of seven duplicate records would be considered workable by the majority of users. However, this latest survey suggested that a maximum of five records would be desirable but that anything up to around ten records might be considered workable.

This apparent improved level of tolerance for duplication in the catalogue is most likely due to the addition of the institutions holding each title to the search results display. This change dramatically reduced the number of records respondents had to enter to check a particular institution's holdings for a title. Further, 80% of the respondents indicated that the change to the interface had made either a significant or major improvement to their experience of searching SUNCAT.

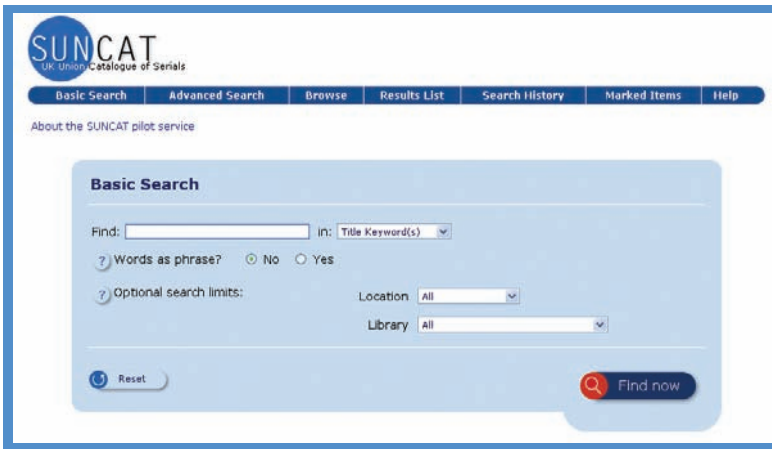
Overall this is positive news for SUNCAT, but it is recognised that there is still work to be done in this area. The list of holding libraries currently display in the order they were loaded onto SUNCAT, rather than in alphabetical order. Altering this is currently a development request with Ex Libris. Improving pre-or post-search limits would also be desirable.

#### MARC Record Download Service

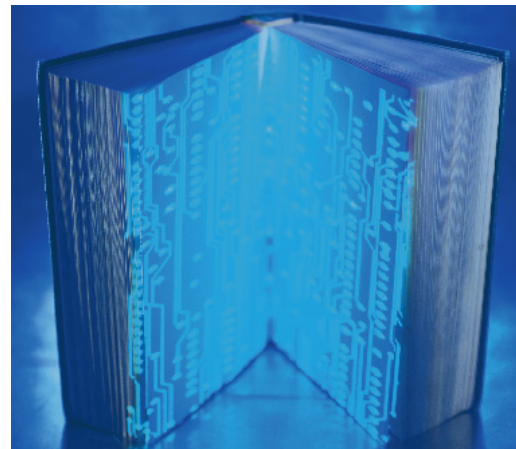
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The MARC record download service now provides access to two separate databases. The first contains CONSER records only, thus enabling quick and easy access to these high quality records. The second currently contains both CONSER and ISSN records and it is hoped that it will expand in the future to contain MARC records from SUNCAT Contributing Libraries.

Unfortunately it has not proved possible to make records from our Contributing Libraries available as yet due to concerns regarding Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues, particularly with regard to MARC records obtained from third party commercial agencies. Although there generally appears to be a movement towards open access for



basic search screen



improving resource description and discovery, e.g. services such as [biblios.net](#), Open Library and LibraryThing, some agencies still place restrictions on sharing MARC records. The SUNCAT team are currently considering these IPR issues before expanding the download service further.

A reminder that the existing service is free to all our Contributing Libraries, with details of how to set up and configure the Z39.50 connection available at:

<http://www.sunecat.ac.uk/support/z-target-auth.shtml>

Please contact the EDINA helpdesk at [edina@ed.ac.uk](mailto:edina@ed.ac.uk) if you require a reminder of your password details.

### Bibliographic Quality Advisory Group

Since its inception in 2004, SUNCAT has utilised the combined resources of its Bibliographic Quality Advisory Group (BQAG). The group's initial aim was to advise on bibliographic quality, and, as such, were very helpful in the setting up of the SUNCAT entry and upgrading standards. However, SUNCAT has been a service for nearly three years, and the many issues have moved on from being those of a purely bibliographic quality nature. With that in mind, the last meeting of the BQAG in its current format was held in mid-January, 2009. A new advisory group will be set up which will provide advice, comment and information to the SUNCAT service staff.

The SUNCAT team thanks all members of the BQAG, past and present, for all their input.

### Discovery to Delivery (D2D) Project

Issue 6 July 2008 of the SUNCAT newsletter:

<http://www.sunecat.ac.uk/news/newsletters.html> announced the Discovery to Delivery at EDINA and Mimas, JISC funded, twelve month project.

Steady progress has been made in the first six months. The key developments have been:

- Technical specifications for data transfer and exchange have been agreed and a prototype for Copac to Zetoc exchange has been implemented.
- A design for a Scholarly Communications resources website has been agreed and content for the website is being prepared.
- Users' surveys were carried out to ascertain requirements for Inter Library lending and for the collection of information to create use cases.
- The addition of other Table of Contents services has been discussed and it is hoped to be able to add the ticTOCs

service ([www.tictocs.ac.uk](http://www.tictocs.ac.uk)) thereby complementing Zetoc.

- The project progress and future plans were discussed with members of the D2D Reference Group at a one day meeting on 23rd February 2009. The Reference Group is an advisory group comprising thirteen expert individuals actively involved in different aspects of discovery to delivery and able and willing to advise the project team.

### Changes to SUNCAT Team

Celia Jenkins joined the team in October 2008 as a Bibliographic Assistant, assisting Moira Whitson with the processing of Contributing Libraries' updates and new libraries as well as checking data conversions. Celia previously worked as an Information Officer at the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC), working on the website and various electronic services, such as SCONE, CAIRNS and SLIR (see <http://www.slainte.org.uk>).

Before SLIC she was a Research Assistant at Loughborough University, working on the JISC 'Partnering on Copyright' programme - looking at copyright issues with regards to Open Access and digital repositories.

Paula Cuccurullo will join the team at the beginning of May 2009. Paula currently works on the EDINA Helpdesk, and previously worked as Slide Librarian for the University of Edinburgh's Fine Art department and Cataloguer at Harvard's Widener Library. On joining SUNCAT she will be helping Moira and Celia with update and new library conversions and checking. Nicola Osborne is leaving the SUNCAT team, but staying at EDINA to take on the brand new post of Social Media Officer.

### SUNCAT at UK Serials Group Conference

Two members of the SUNCAT team, Natasha Aburrow-Jones and Moira Whitson, will be attending the UKSG annual conference in Torquay from 30 March to 01 April 2009 (please see <http://www.uksg.org/event/conference09>).

Natasha and Moira will be attending the workshops and briefings but you will be able to find them at the EDINA stand during most session breaks. Please visit the stand if you have any questions about SUNCAT or just to catch up with the latest news.