Advertisers' Index

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Random House, 1983). What an incredibly moving story of a son’s personal voyage to find his mother’s murderers during the savage Greek Civil War in the late 1940s.

Tom Leonhardt emails his greetings from the University of Oklahoma. He has been reading publishers’ catalogs and we hope to publish some of his meanderings in a future issue of ATG.

On July 8, 1993, representatives from Chadwyck-Healey and the United Nations announced the signing of an agreement creating a new UN database and authorizing Chadwyck-Healey to be the official publisher of the UN bibliographic databases on CD-ROM.

We are tired. And through for this issue. If you want to send information for inclusion in “rumors” we would love it. Send contributions, press releases, etc., to your editor or one of your Associate Editors Thanks! ☛

Although the SISAC X12 implementation provides a place for these match points, trading partners must obviously provide the data in order to make the match. If the ILS provides an order or renewal list with a many-subscription PO number instead of the LSID, or if the agent is unable to store an LSID, the agent can easily fill the order. When it sends back invoice information, however, the library system requires manual intervention to match up newly received invoice information with its order or renewal line items. A similar problem occurs if the agent is unable to provide a subscription-specific ASID or if the library system is incapable of storing the ASID. When the electronic claim is generated and sent to the agent, it must either carry much more information than necessary in order to make the match (library number, title information, etc.), or the agent must match up the claim manually. Either way, cost is increased and EDI advantages reduced.

Conclusion

The acceptance of the full EDI model dictates the storage of match points in both the agent and library systems. Specifically, the ILS needs to store the ACAT (PCAT) and LSID (PSID). The agent or publisher system needs to store LSIDs and LCNs. We recognize that for many library and agent systems, this necessitates changes to the specifications for their internal data management. Some have already seen the train coming down the tracks and have changed their systems to accommodate EDI. Others will need to modify their systems to play the EDI game. Both libraries and agents cannot expect EDI to change the way we do business unless we first change our business procedures to do EDI.

Additional information about BISAC and SISAC is available from the Book Industry Study Group, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010, 212-929-1393, fax 212-989-7542. ☛