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## I-Share OPAC Team Minutes

Conference Call 6 FEB 2007

[Minutes from last meeting \(11 JAN 2007\), approved by acclamation.](#)

### **Spell checking:**

Just need to describe what users need. Use Jan's analysis as a basis to create an expected features list and to illustrate what we do NOT want products to do as well. Lucien looks to be a stand alone product, others are not, possibly flaws are at the implementation level.

We will make list of 80% what features we want and 20% features/problems we don't want.

In any case, the spell checker is a highly desirable function to be added.

Add language from the Public Services User Forum about desirability to add spell checker. As spelling errors are the number one reason for null returns in searches.

Vocabulary sources: use Google or authority file. If we wrote our own we (CARLI) could design our own indexes (authority file). All libraries have a full set of LC authority files and can use these as a basis.

Proposal deadline for submission to CARLI is to be a floating date, with the group reporting back to IOPAC at our next meeting.

### **New Search Types:**

Review of draft proposal to IUG.

Make the second paragraph more insistent to get libraries to participate in usability tests. What kind of infrastructure can we implement for usability testing: Wiki? Distribution list?

IOPAC's job is to get ball rolling, IUG's job will be to implement.

Urge them (IUG) to think about an organized mechanism to facilitate usability testing to be developed and run. Stephen Wright will take that job to rephrase and insert into document. Hopefully be done by 8 FEB 2007 to be ready for IUG meeting on 9 FEB.

### **Other business:**

Accessibility of WebVoyage to visually impaired. Paige is trying to wring structural elements out of WebVoyage using style sheets and not configuration files. This makes it more accessible to screen reader software and customizing options open up using style sheets. This will allow more customization by all member libraries rather than just a few with the technical resources.

Local database "New Books List", look like WebVoyage but it is not, hopefully be more customizable.

Incorporated links from SFX into WebVoyage.

For demo see: [http://develop.carli.illinois.edu/i-share\\_dev](http://develop.carli.illinois.edu/i-share_dev)

Each local database will have SFX button appear in local database at top of record. The plan is to model implementation on Texas A&M site, with SFX buttons only appearing on periodical records.

Next Meeting:

13 MAR 2007 2:00PM