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I-Share Users Group Report
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The I-Share Users Group (IUG) has met monthly since July 2006. Personnel matters such as term limits for IUG members, officers and liaisons to work groups were established and named. The members and terms are:

> 1-year: Judy Anderson (CC), Tony Glass (Pr), Felix Chu (St.U), and T.J. Urbanski (St.U)
> 2-year: Tom Goetz (CC), Jenny Hansen-Peterson (Pr), David Bell (St.U), and Stephanie Atkins (St.U)
> 3-year: Larissa Moebs (CC), Xiaotian Chen (Pr), Carlos Melian (St.U), and Beth Cox (St.U)
> (CC=community college; Pr=private; and St.U=state university):

The officers are as follows:

> Chair: Felix Chu
> Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Larissa Moebs
> Secretary: Judy Anderson

The Liaisons are:

> Acquisitions and Serials Team: Carlos Melian
> Cataloging and Authority Control Team: Tony Glass
> Resource Sharing Team: Jenny Hansen-Peterson
> Instruction Team: David Bell
> OPAC Team: Tom Goetz

In October, Beth Cox resigned as a member of IUG and was later replaced by Stephanie Graves.

A decision was made to hold one meeting per semester at locations other than Champaign so that IUG members may get to know I-Share member libraries around the state. The October 2006 meeting was held at Illinois Central College. The March 2007 meeting was held at Bradley University.

The Nominating Committee for IUG openings for next year consisted of Larissa Moebs, Jenny Hansen-Peterson, and Stephanie Graves.

Listed below are accomplishments, works in progress and discussions related to the use of I-Share at our institutions. Applicable CARLI values pertaining to each item are listed in parentheses.

Accomplishments

Personnel matters such as term limits, officers, and liaisons to working groups were established. Subsequent open positions on Resource Sharing and OPAC teams were filled. Taken into consideration are expertise, type of institution, and other diversity factors. (*Cooperation, Respect for diversity*)

Indexing changes were implemented to allow title searches with the initial article included. Also added is series searching for series name marked as not traced. (*Sharing, Responsiveness*).

Procedures were established to recognize individuals for their contribution to the I-Share Users' Group and IUG-sponsored events. The individuals include those who are speakers or presenters at Forums members of the various work Teams under IUG's charge. IUG will solicit names at its monthly meeting. (*Excellence*)

Changes were implemented to Web pages, documentation and tutorials due to changes in the governance structure in merging ILCSO into CARLI. (*Cooperation, Sharing*)

IUG has established a mentoring program to pair new attendees with an experienced person at I-Share events such as Forums. The initial implementation of this program was at the Resource Sharing Forum held on April 18, 2007. (*Cooperation, Responsiveness*)

The Instruction Team has completed new tutorials and sent them to the OPAC Team with recommendations for the placement of links in the OPAC. (*Cooperation, Sharing*)

The Resource Sharing Team completed an analysis of Odyssey and sent the results to Product and Services Vetting. (*Sharing, Cooperation*)

Resource Sharing Team discussed WorldCat Delivery and its implications. The Team reported back that it offers no additional benefit and may present other integration problems, thus recommending not pursuing the issue. The Team is also updating documents for "best practices." (*Cost-effectiveness*)

OPAC Team reported that a member library can now configure its local catalog as an SFX source. (*Innovation, Sharing*)

Acquisitions and Serials Team has held conference calls periodically to discuss topics of mutual concern such as establishing publication patterns for serials or treatment of e-resources. (*Sharing, Cooperation*)

The following Forums were held:

Cataloging and Authority Control Team Forum on November 1, 2006 at University of Illinois at Springfield, entitled "New Developments in Cataloging – I-Share and Beyond." (*Sharing, Excellence*)

Acquisitions and Serials Team Forum on December 7, 2006 at Governors State University, entitled "Mass Migration: Moving from Print to Electronic." (*Sharing, Excellence*)

Cataloging and Authority Control Team Forum on March 20, 2007 at Columbia College, entitled "New Cataloging Standards and Our Shared Future." (*Sharing, Excellence*)

Resource Sharing Team Forum on April 18, 2007 at Kankakee Community College. (*Sharing, Excellence*)

In Process

Revision of the forum evaluation form is being discussed by IUG because some of the information gathered is no longer deemed useful while other needs for planning future forums have changed. (*Responsiveness*)

IUG is working on a proposal to establish a usability study group as a standing committee that can address institutional needs and coordinate activities among member libraries. To be discussed are topics such as blanket approval for the use of human subjects and having this committee function as an information clearinghouse. (*Responsiveness, Cooperation*)

The following topics were reported to IUG from the various Teams:

OPAC Team continues to solicit ideas for OPAC enhancements from member libraries. A spell checker for the OPAC is one of several ideas the OPAC Team is investigating. (*Free and open access, Sharing*)

Cataloging and Authority Control Team has continuously reviewed and discussed changes in software functionality, LC cataloging practices, and OCLC changes. As necessary, recommendations are issued to IUG for further disposition. They include specific pieces of information in cataloging records such as the 019 tag or the new formats for ISBN and OCLC record numbers. (*Cooperation, Sharing, Free and open access*)

Acquisitions and Serials Team has continued to discuss electronic resource management (ERM). (*Cooperation, Sharing*)

The Acquisitions and Serials Team has discussed and is working on documentation to address complex publication patterns. (*Cooperation, Sharing*)

The Instruction Team has planned a Forum to be held on November 7, 2007 at Heartland Community College. (*Cooperation, Sharing, Free and open access*)

Discussions

One topic discussed was ways to encourage attendance at meetings and forums for smaller libraries. Being explored are other delivery methods for meetings and forums (video conferencing, web casting, teleconference, simulcast, etc.) to overcome limitations on resources and time. (*Sharing, Innovation*)

Alternative ways of informing library users of new and existing products and services have also been discussed. Some have been forwarded to various IUG Teams, the Product and Services Vetting Committee, or other relevant groups. The topics include:

RSS for new books (*Innovation*)

PennTags as social book marking tool for locating, organizing, and sharing online resources. (*Innovation*)

Endeca and Primo as examples of "front ends" for online catalogs that incorporate federated searching. (*Innovation, Careful stewardship, Cooperation*)

The use of WIKI's, Blogs, or other Web tools for sharing information. (*Cooperation, Sharing, Innovation*)

The use of WorldCat.org: Holding libraries reflect those who subscribe to First Search. The question of whether search results can be scoped to Illinois is being investigated. (*Cost-effectiveness*)

Contents additions to MARC records were discussed. The consensus was they are more of an OCLC issue than a Voyager issue. The I-Cat Team is considering recommendations regarding blocking 938 tags and the extra 035 tags on import. (*Sharing, Free and open access*)