

DATE: January 10, 2007
TO: John Popko, Orbis Cascade Alliance Council Chair and
Members of the Council
FROM: Lynn Chmelir, Chair, Collection Development and Management
Committee
RE: Update on committee activities

I wish to provide you with a brief update about CDMC activities since Council last met in October.

The Committee met in joint session with the Electronic Resources Committee on October 6. There were presentations on archiving systems Portico and LOCKKS; a panel presentation on e-journals with presentations from Cambridge, Elsevier, Swets, and Donna Packer, Faye Chadwell, and Diane Carroll; a presentation on INN-Reach and local system statistics by Nancy Nathanson; a report on a cooperative purchasing survey from Linda DiBiase; committee reports from ERC and CDMC; and a report from John Helmer. It was a jam-packed, high-energy day that got good reviews from those who attended. Sarah Beasley and Joanna Haney chaired the planning committee with help from Lee Keene, Linda DiBiase, Lynda Irons, and Susan Hinken. A fuller account of the day is posted at http://www.orbiscascade.org/staffhome/ERC-CDMC_meeting/

The Steering Team met on November 20 at Washington State University Vancouver. The meeting minutes are posted at http://www.orbiscascade.org/staffhome/CDMC_min-061120.htm

The following were discussed at the meeting and subsequent follow-up is noted:

Roger Stelk, the Whitman College rep to CDMC, was appointed to serve as the CDMC representative on the Catalog Committee **Data Harvesting Working Group**.

The Steering Team reviewed the first draft of a **Request for Information from monograph vendors for an Alliance consortial approval plan**. The drafting team consisted of Roger Stelk and Kristen Ericksen, members of the committee, and Susan Hinken and Lynn Chmelir, members of the ST. OhioLINK provided a copy of its RFP which was helpful in formulating the questions in the RFI. At its meeting, the ST also reviewed OCLC's WorldCat Selection Service under development with Cornell and discovered that it allowed individual libraries to integrate their workflow to order from many vendors but does not provide support for consortial collection development among institutions. Subsequent to the meeting, the RFI was revised and is almost ready to send to vendors. Before ALA, it will go to the three principal vendors that Alliance libraries currently work with: Blackwell's Book Services, Midwest Library Services, and YBP. It was also decided to send it to Coutts Library Services since that company was recently acquired by Ingram. Responses are due back in late February and vendors are asked to make presentations at a CDMC meeting that will be scheduled for late March or early April. The ST is developing a rating sheet to use in evaluating the vendor information.

Since this is a request for information, it does not obligate the Alliance in any way. Individual member libraries will be free to work with the vendor selected or not and it may not be necessary to sign a consortial agreement. We will keep you posted on developments.

The ST is mindful that Council is interested in data from *Summit* that can be used for cooperative collection development. Several committee members had participated in a Webinar describing the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis tool and the product was discussed at the ST meeting before we had updated pricing information. We had envisioned a product trial or pilot project to help decide whether this tool would be useful for the Alliance. After the meeting we received discouraging pricing news: \$59,400 for the entire consortium. We also learned that there could be no free trial and that a 3-month pilot project with just five libraries would be in the neighborhood of \$8K. We had read critiques in the literature documenting glitches with the software, problems with different OCLC records for virtually the same item, and the immense investment in staff time needed for analysis. The ST decided again to put this product on hold. Meanwhile we await the outcomes of the Data Harvesting Working Group and plan to begin conversations with Library Dynamics to explore their competing product.

Progress continues on the **ACS/JSTOR Distributed Print Archive**. The general description of the project is on the committee Web page:

<http://www.orbiscascade.org/staffhome/CDMCindex.html>

Analysis of the holdings data is well underway and expected to be complete by February. At that point, libraries will be alerted that they will be asked to serve as holders of record for journal runs. As many libraries as possible will be assigned to keep holdings for the consortium. The ST meeting minutes record a number of decisions that are aimed to eliminate barriers to participation. A draft of a Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed and decisions were made to simplify the document before sending it to Council. We have missed your January EC deadline, but we intend to have the MOU available for review before Council meets in March.

Mark Watson, Linda DiBiase, and Susan Hinken of the ST will be presenting about the ACS/JSTOR project at the **Acquisitions Institute at Timberline** in May.

Mark Watson and Lynn Chmelir recently participated in a phone conversation with Constance Malpas, Program Officer for RLG Programs at OCLC, about the JSTOR project and other committee programs. Rebecca Kemp of UNC Wilmington has posted a list of JSTOR projects nationwide that includes mention of our project:

<http://library.uncw.edu/web/faculty/kempr/index.html>

Several items remain active on our agenda without full discussion to date including discussion of a “war chest” for consortial purchases, last copy policies, optimum number of copies for the consortium, analysis of ILLs unfilled within the Alliance, and *Resources for College Libraries* as a selection tool for cooperative collection development.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Steering Team who have devoted considerable time to these Alliance projects: Mark Watson, vice-chair, Susan Hinken, Linda DiBiase, Joni Roberts, Carol McCulley, and Sarah Beasley.

Please let us know if you have questions or suggestions about any of the projects mentioned above or anything else. The CDM Committee welcomes Council and Executive Committee input and ideas. Thank you for your support.