

DATE: February 16, 2005
TO: Collection Development and Management Committee
Orbis Cascade Alliance
FROM: Lynn Chmelir, Committee Chair
RE: Article Supplier Analysis Project

As you know from my earlier messages, our Committee's first task has been assigned to us by the Council, the directors of the 31 member institutions. The Article Supplier Analysis Project is described in our committee charge:
<http://www.orbiscascade.org/staffhome/CDMC-charge-cover.html>

The Committee Steering Team met via teleconference and has made plans to collect the data and conduct the analysis that Council has requested.

Although the possibility of working with III as a development partner for a non-returnables module for Summit is being considered, it is only one possible way that our consortium might streamline the resource sharing process for non-returnables (articles). The data we gather will provide valuable information about whether the journal resources within the Alliance are sufficient to embark on a development project of any kind for non-returnables.

In order to accomplish this task, we need each of you to coordinate this effort at your library. You will probably need to call upon colleagues in Interlibrary Loan and/or Serials to collect the needed data. Your director will also be alerted that the data gathering is underway.

Each library is required to turn in an electronic copy of their data on the Data Collection Sheet as soon as possible and no later than **March 18**. We know that is a very short deadline, but Council has requested the analysis for its April meeting.

Attached you will also find a copy of the Instruction Sheet. I hope this answers most of your questions about data collection. If not, all members of the CDMC Steering Team will be happy to try to answer your questions. Please do not hesitate to give any of us a call.

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We look forward to working with you on this interesting project and thank you for your help with coordination.