

## **University of California Acquisitions Common Interest Group Report of Activities for 2005-06 and Stated Goals for 2006-07**

The Acquisitions Common Interest Group (ACIG) has continued its charge to advise HOTS on issues relating to acquisitions activities in its second full year of existence. The year 2005-06 was predominantly marked by the release of the Bibliographic Services Task Force report, and the subsequent system-wide discussion in a variety of venues. While this activity occupied much of ACIG's attention during 2005-06, the group was also able to address several other issues that surfaced throughout the year. Electronic discussion via the ACIG listserv remains the chief means of communication, with informal in-person meetings arranged at ALA for those who are attending. The group did participate in one conference call meeting during the year, a mode which may become more frequent in the future.

A review of the stated goals for 2005-06 reveals the deferment of some discussion topics due to altered timelines, for example the ERMS implementation. Other stated goals included discussions of shared print processing, the transition to ISBN-13, and assessment of shared acquisitions tools including ITSOCUL. While these were addressed to some degree during our fall conference call, they were not developed to the point of releasing a position paper or report. The last two topics in particular are dependent on external factors: the publishers' compliance date of January 1, 2007 for ISBN-13, and OCLC's recently announced development of ITSOCUL into WorldCat Selection. Recent vendor decisions at UCSF and UC Davis will undoubtedly affect the conversation of shared acquisitions tools, which may be explored further this fiscal year.

### 1. Activities and Accomplishments for 2005-06

#### A. Bibliographic Services Task Force Report

As mentioned above, ACIG, along with other systemwide groups, devoted significant resources to the review and discussion of the Bibliographic Services Task Force report. ACIG's response stressed the interdependence of acquisitions operations and the catalog in its report: [http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/hots/acig/acig\\_response\\_bstf.pdf](http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/hots/acig/acig_response_bstf.pdf). ACIG remains poised to support HOTS in further discussion of the recommendations in the BSTF report.

#### B. LC Series Authority

In May of 2006, ACIG responded to HOTS in its preparation of a response to the Library of Congress's decision to cease providing updates to series authority records. ACIG's major concerns from an acquisitions perspective were the affect on unintentional duplication and the assessment of the staffing assignment of pre-order searching.

#### C. *Ad Hoc* Issues

ACIG responded to several *ad hoc* issues and inquiries, generated both by HOTS and from within ACIG membership.

- Response to the use of subfield g in field 793 for SCP Serials, tracking active, inactive, and moving wall titles for better statistical reporting
- Subscription agents for e-journals

- Monographic Vendor inquiries
- Statistics for the capitalization report
- Use of credit cards

The ACIG listserv has proven to be a useful means of gathering information from other campuses with regard to acquisitions workflows and practices.

## 2. Leadership and Membership

In its inaugural year, ACIG decided on a chairship of one year in duration. Given recruitments and personnel transitions at Riverside and Los Angeles, it was decided that Lisa Spagnolo (Davis) would continue as chair for a second year. For these same reasons, campus representation on ACIG has changed significantly since its inception. Members of ACIG are listed below.

### New Representatives:

- UCI: Carole Kiehl for Tim McAdam (until vacancy is filled)
- UCLA: Germaine Wadeborn for Andy Stancliffe
- UCR: Kasia Stasik for Stefanie Wittenbach
- UCSF: Susan Viets for Paul Wakeford

### Continuing Members:

- UCB: Rebecca Green
- UCD: Lisa Spagnolo
- UCM: Jim Dooley
- UCSB: Catherine Nelson
- UCSC: Varvara Paizis
- UCSD: Tony Harvell

Catherine Nelson (Santa Barbara) has continued in her capacity as ACIG Webmaster.

## 3. Goals for 2006-07

ACIG anticipates addressing the following topics during the 2006-07 fiscal year:

- ERMS: Continued input into systemwide implementation discussions and planning. An anticipated topic for 2005-06, but postponed due to software delays.
- ISBN-13: Assessment of progress leading up to and following the January 1, 2007 compliance date for publishers including systemwide readiness of automated systems and their transactions with materials vendors.
- Shared Acquisitions Mechanisms: With more comprehensive affiliation with YBP Library Services, this year is a prime opportunity for continued discussion of systemwide uses of Gobiitween for coordinated collection development. ACIG will also monitor the development of OCLC's WorldCat Selection Service.
- BSTF Report: Continued discussion of possibilities for implementation of the favored recommendations from the acquisitions perspective, coordinating with discussions held in CAMCIG and other systemwide groups.

An additional project is the review and maintenance of ACIG's infrastructure, including updating the group's web pages and preparing documentation for continued governance.

Now entering its third year, ACIG is well poised to enlarge upon the work accomplished since its inception, as it continues to address the challenges and opportunities facing UC library acquisitions. It has been a pleasure to serve on this group, as I learn immensely from my colleagues throughout the system. I look forward to another productive year.

Lisa Spagnolo, ACIG Chair 2005-06 and 2006-07

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