

University of California Acquisitions Common Interest Group Report of Activities for 2006-07 and Stated Goals for 2007-08

The Acquisitions Common Interest Group (ACIG) continued to advise HOTS on issues relating to acquisitions activities in its third full year of existence. While ACIG addressed each its goals in a certain fashion, this was a less active year than previous years. The group responded to follow-up issues from the Bibliographic Services Task Force report, and addressed several *ad hoc* inquiries. The year concluded with a systemwide webinar of OCLC's WorldCat Selection Service.

Altered timelines continued to be a trend in 2006-07, as any anticipated assignments related to the Verde ERMS did not materialize. In addition, the switch to ISBN-13 was met with adequate planning on the part of libraries and materials and so did not have negative consequences as publishers were expected to adopt the new standard starting January 1, 2007.

1. Activities for 2006-07

A. Discussion of OCLC as a Single Data Source

In October 2006, ACIG provided input to HOTS regarding use of OCLC as a single data source, particularly addressing implication for acquisitions. The conclusions depended upon whether this next incarnation of Melvyl was to be simply a union catalog or a more broad range of services, which might include among other features Request (via VDX) centralized Open URL resolution, pushing license and access data from the ERMS to the catalog, and providing order information to support cooperative collection development. ACIG concluded that a next version of Melvyl would need to reflect order information from the point of selection through the point of availability to facilitate cooperative collection development.

B. Discussion of the Single Bib Record for Serials Policy

As HOTS and CAMCIG considered the single bib policy, ACIG was asked to discuss this issue as well. Members did not see this as having a negative effect on acquisitions. The workflow for tracking orders and payments require records to be on a single record. Many noted that the implications are greater for catalog maintenance, record loading, and other workflows, not acquisitions-related activities.

C. Webinar to review OCLC's WorldCat Selection Service

Several ACIG members have been monitoring the development of OCLC's WorldCat Selection Service since its early days as the Cornell ITSOCUL selection tool. In June of 2007 we invited David Whitehair to demonstrate the system to UC constituents, both ACIG members and other interested parties representing acquisitions and collection development. Attendees observed that the tool had many useful features, but also expressed concerns over the variety of vendor mixes across the campuses and different selector working methods.

D. *Ad Hoc* Issues

ACIG responded to several *ad hoc* issues and inquiries from ACIG members.

- Sales tax application
- Acquisition in response to ILL requests (purchase instead of borrow)
- Changes to federal legislation regarding gifts-in-kind
- Inquiry for replacement charges for lost books
- Inquiry for sample RFPs for e-resource management services
- Update on series searching and related practices

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

2. Leadership and Membership

ACIG has seen some changes in its membership with the recruitment of Keith Powell at UC Irvine and Kasia Stasik moving on to Harrassowitz from UC Riverside. As the term of chair was extended for a second year given the recruitments and personnel changes at Irvine and Los Angeles during 2005-06, this year will mark a transition of these duties from Lisa Spagnolo (Davis) to Keith Powell (Irvine),

New Members:

UCI: Keith Powell

Continuing Members:

UCB: Rebecca Green

UCD: Lisa Spagnolo

UCLA: Germaine Wadeborn

UCM: Jim Dooley

UCSB: Catherine Nelson

UCSC: Varvara Paizis

UCSD: Tony Harvell

UCSF: Susan Viets

Departing Members:

UCR: Kasia Stasik (no campus representative appointed at this time)

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

3. Goals for 2007-08

ACIG anticipates addressing the following topics during the 2007-08 fiscal year:

- OCLC Pilot Project: Once this project goes live in early 2008, ACIG will be available to assist the working groups in addressing acquisitions issues.
- Shared Acquisitions Mechanisms: The group should continue to explore mechanisms of cooperative collection development via YBP's Gobitween or other means.

ACIG will continue to be available for addressing any issues related to the ERMS discussions.

The outgoing and incoming chairs have also consulted regarding modifying the structure of the group's communication and agreed upon the benefit of a quarterly conference call. This will provide a dedicated time for moving issues forward and will balance the group's electronic communications.

ACIG continues to make regular contributions to systemwide developments and collective understandings of local practices by addressing acquisitions issues facing each UC library. I have enjoyed serving as chair in the early years of this group. I look forward to continuing to serve as a member.

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

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