

**TRLN COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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The Committee on Information Technology experienced changes to its membership during the year. Jim Coble (Duke) left the committee and Gwyneth Duncan (Duke) joined in August 2000. Scott Ross (NCSU) left the committee and John Isenhour (NCSU) joined in October 2000.

The committee developed an agenda for 2000-2001 that was endorsed by the Executive Committee. The agenda included the following areas: Taos Planning; Experimentation with Taos Early Experience Program (TEEP); Technical Information Exchange and IT Staff Development; Cooperative Digital Library Projects; Disaster/Contingency Planning; Authentication and Validation; Assistive Technologies; and Desktop Videoconferencing. The committee continued to explore these and other issues of concern to all such as Z39.50 connections to our servers, open source software, and the open archives initiative.

The committee charged four task groups during the year. The TRLN DRA Web2 Implementation Task Group continues to communicate and awaits the software's ability to display MFHD holdings properly. The TRLN DRANet Task Group reviewed the continued use of DRANet and recommended its renewal. The TRLN Desktop Videoconferencing Task Group reviewed campus options and recommended hardware and software for a test of this communication method. The CIT has held two meetings via desktop video conferencing and is evaluating its effectiveness. And finally, a joint subcommittee of the CIT and the Committee on Library Public Services was charged to implement a system for cooperative borrowing similar to one implemented by ULAC.

Planning for Taos occupied much of the committee's time this year. The committee has coordinated TRLN's involvement in the Taos Early Experience Program (TEEP) by organizing meetings of key staff and maintaining a listserv for communication. The committee continued to meet with DRA staff to discuss configuration options and other Taos migration plans. A document detailing a Taos migration timeline and key decision points was prepared for the Executive Committee's reaction but the announcement of the acquisition of DRA by SIRSI occurred before the document could be discussed. The committee is now working on plans for identifying an integrated library system by Spring/Summer 2003.

The committee continued to hold open meetings to encourage technical information exchange and staff development. The meetings of the TEEP groups allowed staff an opportunity to share plans for cleaning up data, documenting present practices, and testing new software releases. In addition, two open issues meetings were held. In

August, thirty-one staff attended a meeting at UNC-CH to discuss authentication, wireless networking and web access to local CD-ROM databases. In April, forty staff attended a meeting at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center to discuss access to full-text resources as well as fault tolerance and back-up practices.

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