

**TRLN COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION RESOURCES
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The membership of the Committee on Information Resources for the fiscal year: Larry Alford (UNC Academic Affairs), Chair; Debora Hazel (NCCU), Deborah Jakubs (Duke Perkins), Jan Kemp (NCSU), Teresa Stanton (UNC Law), and Marjory Waite (UNC Health Sciences). Kim Armstrong, TRLN, is program officer.

The committee invited librarians in selected collections areas to CIR meetings over the year to focus on the current and emerging issues in cooperation for largely print based collections. In February, Will Wheeler (NCSU) chair of the Social Sciences/Government Documents Collections Working Group met with the committee to discuss potential priorities and directions. Darby Orcutt (NCSU), chair of the Humanities/Fine Arts Collections Working group met with the CIR to determine interest for cooperation in popular culture materials. In September, Deborah Jakubs distributed several documents that reported on the status of the shared bibliographer position for South Asia and which outlined the successes of the position and issues still outstanding for the libraries to consider.

In the area of electronic resources, the CIR took an active role in the negotiations with Elsevier for renewal of the Science Direct consortial journals package. The process involved the Electronic Resources Committee, the CIR, and the Executive Committee. A substantial investment of time was required to compile cost and usage data, to meet with faculty in departmental meetings, and to communicate decisions in writing. Elsevier was unable to meet the goals for renewal and TRLN discontinued its consortial arrangement effective January 2004.

The Electronic Resources Committee, which reports to the CIR, had another year of significant activity negotiating e-resource licenses. The ERC negotiated a three-year renewal with Wiley Publishers and a three-year renewal with ISI for the Web of Knowledge. In addition, the ERC worked on the Elsevier negotiations and discontinued the consortial arrangement with Blackwell Publishers due to their restrictive licensing and pricing practices. Selden Lamoureux, chair of ERC, and Greg Raschke (NCSU) met with the CIR in May to discuss archiving issues for licensed e-content and a shared document that the ERC will submit to the CIR on licensing principles and guidelines. A subgroup of the ERC has compiled a list of Elsevier editors on the faculty at TRLN universities.

A collections symposium, sponsored by CIR, was held in December. Brian Schottlaender, University Librarian at the University of California San Diego, was the featured speaker. Brian reported on several studies recently completed by the University of California system. The studies were the Mellon funded Collection Management Initiative that examined use of electronic and print copies of selected journals, and the shared print archive pilot study.

The CIR took on a new and emerging area of collections access this year through deliberations on open access. In February the committee, along with the Committee on Information Technology, made a recommendation to the Executive Committee that the consortium join COUNTER (Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources). The CIR also reviewed two open access publishing initiatives, Public Library of Science (PLoS) and BioMed Central (BMC). The CIR recommended consortial membership in PLoS but declined a BMC membership until the funding model becomes more stable.

Finally, the Committee reviewed their charge and membership as directed by the Executive Committee and met with the Council of Directors in December to make their recommendations. The Executive Committee approved the revised charge and no changes were made to the composition of the committee. The new charge is:

“Plans, oversees, and coordinates all TRLN activity related to the identification, acquisition, organization, access, and preservation of all library resources in all formats.”

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