



Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation

Working Party Report to the University Librarians' Committee

Working Party: Information resources and Access
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Meetings Conducted to Date: (date/location)

February 13th at QUT Kelvin Grove
April 23rd at University of Southern Queensland
June 11th at University of Queensland, Ipswich campus
August 13th at Griffith University South Bank campus
October 1st at QIT Gardens Point

Membership Changes:

Kate Watson from Central Queensland University was new to the committee this year, and Colleen Cleary from QUT was an additional QUT representative.

Report on Strategic Actions with Recommendations (if applicable):

Item 2.1.2 in the QULOC Strategic Plan is for this Working Party to follow up progress on digitisation projects with vendors during 2004. A great deal of work has been done on this project although it is not quite finished yet. A list of approximately 230 Australian titles established by the WP as suitable for digitisation has been double-checked by the working party members recently to see if any have been digitised since this project began. Final checks on this list are now being carried, and the list is therefore almost ready to be forwarded to vendors with the suggestion that these titles are suitable 'Australian' candidates for digitisation. Item 2.1.3 requires the Working Party to keep a watching brief on other digitisation projects at a state, national and institutional level. During the year, the Working Party followed up on this process with the Queensland State Library, but this activity has not at this stage been expanded to the national level

Action 2.1.3 Watching brief on other digitisation projects at a state, national and institutional level

CAUL and CEIRC reports are Standing Agenda Items at Working Party meetings.

Action 2.1.4 Digitisation activities

The template for Institutional reports presented to the Working Party has been amended to include reporting of digitisation activities.

Report on QULOC Events:

There were no events conducted by the Working Party in 2004.

The working agreed that a follow up to the successful 2003 Etopia seminar would be a worthwhile event to run in 2005. The seminar would focus on a single interface linking solutions update and e-journal management that focuses on the back-end (technical aspects) combined with a front-end look at how this has an impact on print collections, in particular, to collection development. Other areas of impact for discussion include: usage patterns and statistics, searching behaviour and impacts on information literacy and learning reference skills. It was agreed that to cover all topics the seminar would need to be a one day event with the morning devoted to the technical topics while the afternoon session would look at the impact on Library services. As the topics overlapped the area of interest of the Information Skills and Services Working Party, their input and participation would be sought. The Working Party would look at organising the seminar for mid-late 2005, possibly called *E-topia 2*. An expression of Interest Form will be submitted to the ULs meeting after discussions with the Information Skills and Services Working Party.

Other Issues/Activities Arising:**Attachments:**