



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:

11 th February	SCU	Tweed Heads Campus
29 th April	Griffith	Gold Coast Campus
17 th June	QUT	Gardens Point Campus
19 th August	Griffith	Logan Campus
6 th October	UQ	St Lucia Campus

Membership changes:

The role of Mentor changed through the year, starting with Madeleine McPherson, then Con Graves and lastly Graham Black.

The role of Convenor changed from Phil Finnimore to Carolyn Young in August.

Report on Actions from QULOC Strategic Plan 2003-2006 :

1.2.2 WP members who are representatives on state and national forums may canvass and will report at each meeting on the activities of these forums and will represent the interests of the WP at these forums.

- CEIRC representatives on the WP report to each WP meeting.
- The proposed National Site Licence was discussed and a draft summary prepared for Heather Gordon to input to the NLA Committee as feedback from QULOC.

2.1.2 The IRA Working Party to follow up progress on digitisation project titles with vendors.

- The Working Party drafted for the QULOC Convenor Heather Gordon, letters to RMIT Publishing and Proquest proposing the digitisation of the accompanying list of our selected top 23 Qld published current serial titles. Their responses to Heather's letters in September were mildly positive but did not indicate digitisation would occur any time soon.
The Working Party is now exploring how QULOC might make these serials available online on an open access repository from one or more of the QULOC member sites. Working Party members will prepare a letter for the QULOC Convenor to approach a selection of 6 publishers and see if they would be interested in trialling digitisation of their publications through open access.

2.1.3 *The IRA Working Party to keep a watching brief on other digitisation projects at a state, national and institutional level.*

- Digitisation activities at each institution are reported upon at each meeting.

2.1.4 *Working Party to collate data on the QULOC members' digitisation activities. Summary of 2005 digitisation activities by QULOC member institutions:*

- Bond: Launch of "Bond in Pictures" a digital image collection
- CQU: Working on ePrint repository. Investigating learning object repositories.
- Griffith: Learning object repositories – preparing policies and procedures for purchase and licencing of learning objects. Course Reserve – all course readings and coursepacks are being digitised and rechecked for copyright compliance.
- USQ: USQ ePrint repository launched.
- USQ/UNE/USC/Newcastle and Massey Universities: Partners in SII RUBRIC institutional repositories.

4.1.1 *WPs to meet 5 times per annum with submission of an institutional report at each meeting. Members to use email list serv to facilitate communication between meetings.*

- Prior to each meeting, members provide a standard report for their library on new and trial electronic databases and journals, current issues with products and vendors, new initiatives, consortia matters and digitisation activities. These lead to further information exchange in the meetings.
- Valuing library collections for insurance purposes was discussed and a table prepared summarising the current practices at each member library.

5.1.1 *WP to host an event at least once every 2 years that aligns with QULOC Strategic Plan and WP's brief.*

- The E-Topia Revisited: federated searching and open URLs seminar on 6th October was attended by about 50 people. The feedback was generally very positive.
- Ideas for a seminar in 2006 were discussed at the October meeting and will be further explored at the first meeting in 2006.

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