

## **State University Libraries - Electronic Resources Subcommittee Quarterly Report**

Report from the ERS for review by the SUL Collection Planning Committee, November 15, 2007.

This report reflects discussions and activities from committee meetings conducted in-person on September 18 & 19 and via conference call on October 1, and November 5, 2007.

### **Action Items:**

The ERs made the following proposal to the CPC for balancing the FCLA funds for databases.

- Retain the following RLG databases for all institutions:
  - Anthropology Plus
  - Avery Index
  - Bibliography of the History of Art
  
- Retain the following RLG databases for selected institutions:
  - CAMIO
  - Chicano Studies
  - FRANCIS
  - Hand Press Books
  - Index to 19th Century American Art Periodicals
  - International Bibliography of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine
  
- Cancel the following RLG databases:
  - ArchivGrid
  - Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliography
  - SCIPPIO: Art and Rare Books Catalog
  
- Cancel the following databases:
  - African-American Biographical Dictionary (ProQuest)
  - Applied Science & Technology (H.W. Wilson)
  - Biographical Index (H.W. Wilson)
  - Business & Industry (Gale/RDS)
  - Contemporary Women's Issues (GALE/RDS)
  - Essay & General Literature Index (H.W. Wilson)
  - Index to Legal Periodicals (H.W. Wilson)
  - Tablebase (Gale/RDS)

Accepted by CPC.

### **Information items:**

#### **Cancelled FCLA Funded Databases**

Claire Dygert – E-Resources Licensing Specialist is getting price quotes for SULs wishing to retain selected Wilson and Gale databases cancelled by the SULs. Invoicing for any databases retained by multiple SULs will be handled centrally by FCLA with costs billed back to the libraries as appropriate.

#### **Electronic Journal Packages**

##### **1. Oxford University Press**

Negotiations have been complicated by the fact that the representative the SULs have been working with for years has left the company.

## 2. Elsevier

John Ingram – UF continues to lead negotiations. Terms of a new agreement have not been finalized at the time of this report.

## 3. Cambridge University Press

Invoices for 2008 have been received.

## 4. Springer

Claire Dygert - E-Resource Licensing Specialist has had a first meeting with the Springer representative. The current Springer contract runs through 2008.

## Proposals

### 1. EBSCO

Sam Brooks, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Louis Sooklal, Regional Sales Manager- FL, GA, AL, and Brian Duncan, Senior Director of Sales attended the ERS in-person meeting. They presented a comprehensive comparison of the EBSCO databases against the H.W. Wilson, Gale, and ProQuest databases held by the SULs. Benefits of the EBSCO package as identified by vendor:

- Less duplication among titles if there is one vendor versus three, EBSCO never charges twice for the same journal, even if it appears in more than one database
- Offer would increase full text collection for SULs
- Improve linking from A & I to full text
- Offers unique titles not held by other vendors
- Content is of higher academic quality
- High quality abstracts and bibliographic records
- 79% of content is in native PDF allowing for sharper images, smaller size downloads

EBSCO has subsequently put forth another proposal that compares EBSCO databases against ProQuest and H.W. Wilson. Claire Dygert - E-Resource Licensing Specialist will work with EBSCO and ERS over the next several months on the proposal in order to have a concrete alternative well in advance of our 2008 in-person meeting.

### 2. Gale

- At the ERS in-person meeting, Gale presented special pricing for several of their products; ***British Historical Newspapers, 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Newspapers, The Times Digital Archive, Nursing Resource Center, and DemographicsNow.***
- ***Ward's Business Directory*** on Gale Directory Library - Gale offered special pricing for the SULs. The offer is good until December 15, 2007 and is a one-time purchase with perpetual access. Gale also included special pricing for the backfiles of Ward's.

### 3. IOP Archive

IOP made a proposal to all Florida academic libraries for purchase of the IOP archive. UCF, UF, USF and the University of Miami will be participating.

## E-resource Issues & Initiatives

### 1. Pilot Project with SOLINET

University of Chicago Press

FAU, FIU, FSU, UF & USF now have access to the package of titles. The license has been finalized and the invoice has been paid by FCLA. FCLA will be invoicing the individual libraries. Claire Dygert - E-Resource Licensing Specialist will coordinate the subscription and pricing for 2008.

Overall, using an independent consultant for negotiating this type of agreement with this particular publisher was not as effective as we had wished.

## **2. Gale Directory Library/Gale Virtual Reference Library**

Gale has now released a new interface for their online directories that replaces the ***Gale Ready Reference Shelf***. In the past, Gale has been compensating the SULs for this generally unusable interface by giving us approximately \$40,000 of credit to purchase reference titles to add to the ***Gale Virtual Reference Library***. For 2008, ERS needed to make a decision as to what option was preferred; continue to receive the credit, or move to the ***Gale Directory Library***. The majority of the members chose the ***Gale Directory Library***. The following titles will be available to us on this interface as part of the Gale package: ***Encyclopedia of Associations: National Associations, Encyclopedia of Associations: International Associations, Encyclopedia of Associations: Regional, State & Local Associations, Gale Directory of Publications & Broadcast Media, Directories in Print, Directory of Special Libraries & Information Centers, Gale Directory of Databases, Encyclopedia of Governmental Advisory Organizations, Research Centers Directory, International Research Centers Directory, Government Research Centers Directory.***

## **3. GUI Access for Collection Managers**

In discussions among ERS members, it had been determined that there are some individuals at some institutions that do not have any access to the Aleph client. It may be possible for FCLA to develop a "collection manager" permissions profile (aka proxy) that could be implemented in each Aleph instance. This would afford the capability of setting up read only accounts for individuals associated with that proxy.

There was unanimous support from the ERS membership for asking FCLA to use their resources in developing this. ERS has requested and received support from CPC and the requests have been forwarded to FCLA through CPC for future action.

## **4. "Arrow" Aleph Reports by Fund Code**

ERS discussed the fact that reports by fund code should be available for those who manage budgets. According to FCLA, these will be available in the future. In order to add weight to this request, ERS has asked the support of the CPC. The request has been forwarded to FCLA through CPC.

## **ERS Organizational Items**

### **1. Membership**

David Boilard – FIU-MED has been added to the membership.

Adriana Yoshii will be replacing Amy Buhler as the UF-HSC representative.

### **2. Chair – Vice Chair/Chair Elect**

Valerie Boulos – FIU will assume the position of Chair in January 2008 for a 2-year term.

Michele Crump – UF will assume the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect in January 2008 for a 2-year term.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Lomax, Chair, Electronic Resources Subcommittee