

# MOBIUS Electronic Resources

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# MOBIUS

Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

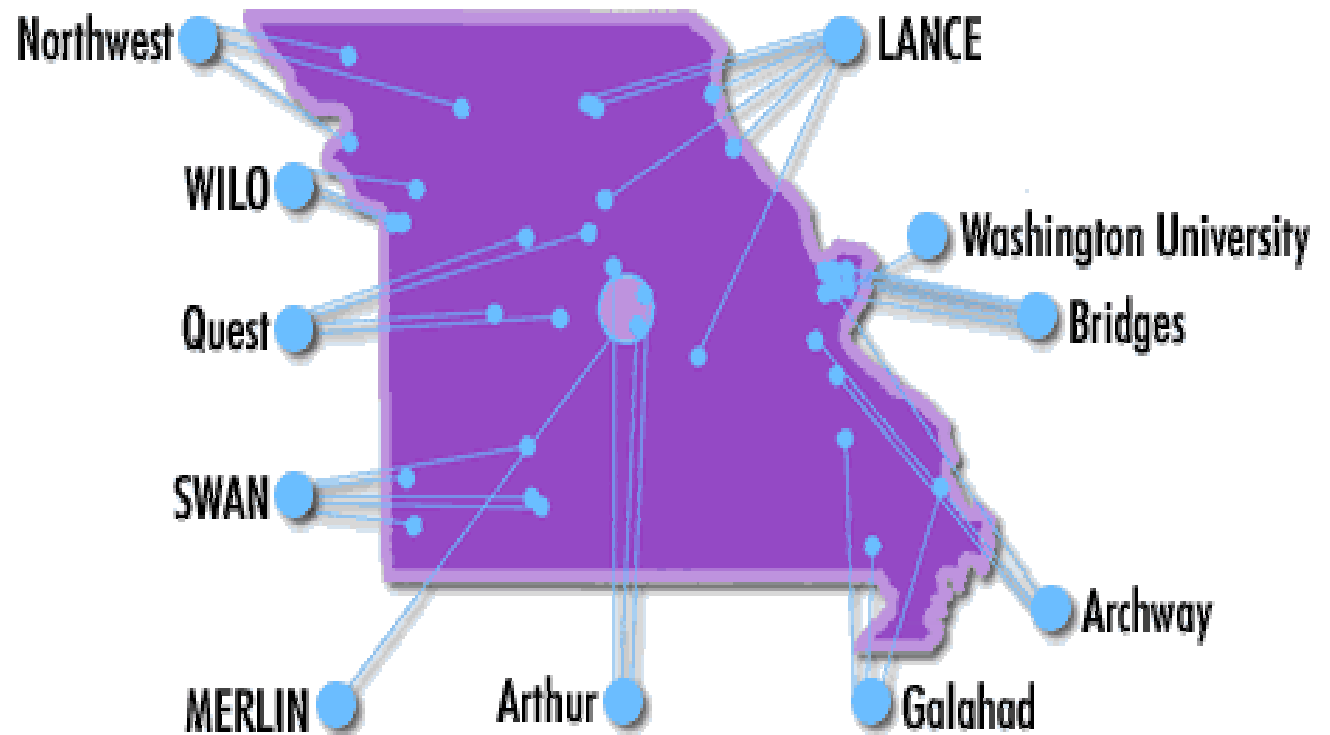
**A consortium of academic  
libraries in the state of Missouri.**

# MOBIUS Electronic Resources History

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- **Fall 2000 MOBIUS Executive Committee created MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (MERAC)**
- **MERAC met in October 2000**

# Clusters



# MERAC Charge

- **Select electronic resources to be made available through MOBIUS**
- **Recommend electronic resources to MOBIUS Executive Committee to be purchased with joint funding**

# MERAC Goals

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**Overall Goal: Provide electronic resources to MOBIUS libraries using the power of aggregated purchasing.**

# Benefits of Consortial Buying

- **\$\$ SAVINGS** - some vendors offer significant savings for state-wide purchases for higher education
- **More ACCESS** – unlimited access compared to a specific number of users
- **Intangible savings** to members by consolidating administrative costs
- **Provide more databases** to members

# MOBIUS Electronic Resources

## History cont.

- **Initial MERAC meeting**
  - Selection of products
  - Distribution of costs
  - Examination of funding models
  - Vision of statewide databases



# Funding for Electronic Resources

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- State Funding
- Institutional Funding
- Joint Funding

# Funding for Electronic Resources

- **Phase One: Provide databases with 100% member funding. Consider commonly held products**
- **Phase Two: Evaluate databases that could be funded with state and member funds**

# MERAC

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- **Inventory of existing resources**
- **Identify potential databases**

# MAROON - Missouri's Available Resources on Online Networks

- **Electronic Resource Contacts for each MOBIUS library**
- **Raleigh Muns, Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis, Technical design**

**FOR MORE INFO...**

**<http://www.umsi.edu/~mun/maroon>**

# MAROON cont.

- **Inventory of 1513 records**
- **Editing capability**
- **Search by**
  - **Database Titles**
  - **Vendor**
  - **Library**
  - **Cluster**

# MAROON cont.

**MOBIUS Consortium - Census of Resources Search and View - Microsoft Internet Explorer**

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://tjrhino1.umsl.edu/~mobius/maroon/viewmaroon.php> Go

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**MAROON - Missouri's Available Resources on Online Networks**

- MOBIUS Census of Resources Search and View

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| Name of Database | Vendor | Owning Campus                    | MOBIUS Cluster |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| AARP Ageline     | Ovid   | University of Missouri-St. Louis | MERLIN         |
| AARP Ageline     | OVID   | Saint Louis University           | MERLIN         |
| AARP Ageline     | OVID   | University of Missouri-          | MERLIN         |

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# Databases Selected by using MAROON

- **ABC-Clio**
  - America: History and Life
  - Historical Abstracts
- **Book-in-Print with Reviews**
- **CINAHL**
- **CollegeSource Online**
- **SIRS Researcher**

# Selecting Member Funded Databases

- **Purpose**

- **Get started with member funding**
- **Demonstrate advantages of consortial purchasing**
- **Create infrastructure for consortial selection**
- **Support MOBIUS request for state funding**



# Selecting Member Funded Databases

- **Procedures**

- Created an inventory (MAROON)
- MOBIUS contacted vendors regarding costs
- MERAC chose databases for online trials

# Selecting Member Funded Databases

- **Factors**

- **Content and anticipated use**
- **Financial advantage**
- **Already funded by several libraries**
- **Provide additional access**

# Online Database Trials

**Jan 15 – Mar 15, 2001**

- **ABC-CLIO (one vendor)**
  - America: History and Life
  - Historical Abstracts
- **Books In Print with Reviews (multiple vendors)**

# Evaluation & Recommendation

- Online Evaluation
- MERAC recommends to MOBIUS Executive Committee

FOR MORE INFO...

<http://tjrhino1.umsl.edu/mobius/project1/project1.php>

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# Database Selection Infrastructure

- **MERAC (11 members, 3 alternates, 1 observer)**
- **MOBIUS Electronic Resources Contacts**
- **MOBIUS Library Directors and Executive Committee**
- **MCO (2 Database Licensing Specialists)**
- **MCO (Support for MERAC's Listservs and website)**

# Online Tools

- **MERAC—Committee web page and listserv (members, minutes, FAQ)**
- **MOBIUS Electronic Resources Contacts-Listserv**
- **MAROON Census of Databases**
- **MOBIUS Database Trials and Evaluation Web Site**

**FOR MORE INFO...**

# MERAC Goals

- **Equalize Access to Resources for Missouri Academic Libraries**
- **Provide Resources that will help meet certification and accreditation standards**
- **Provide Resources that will enhance distance education**
- **Provide Resources that make Missouri competitive on a national level**

# Current Status

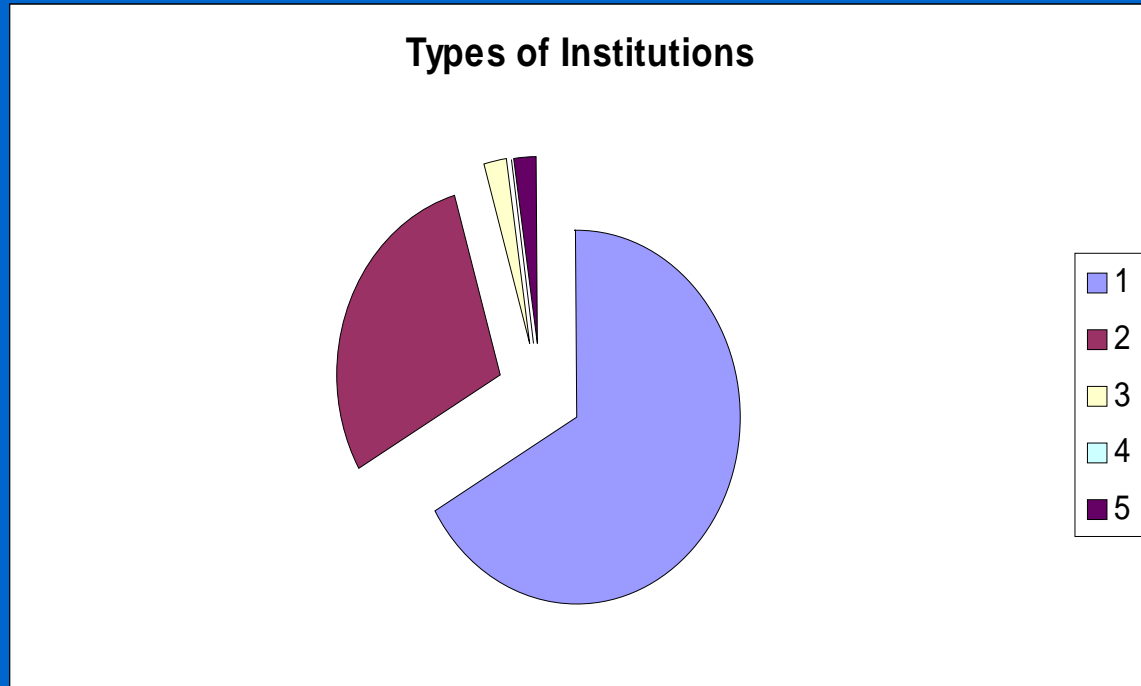
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- Made recommendation of a resource
- Created a web-based questionnaire to:
  - Seek input from libraries on kinds of resources needed
  - Seek input from libraries on specific databases needed



# Survey: Institutional Responses

- 45 responses
- 4yr 67%
- 2yr 30%
- Sem . 2%
- Other—6yr pharmacy program 2%



# Survey: Priority of Electronic Resource Types

- Indexing & abstracting with some full text
- Electronic journals in full text
- Electronic reference sources
- Indexing and abstracting databases
- Electronic books

# Survey: What Should MOBIUS purchase? “Top Ten”

- Lexis/Nexis Academic Universe
- PsycINFO
- ABI/Inform
- Academic Search Elite
- CINAHL \*
- Expanded Academic
- Literature Resource Center
- ABC-CLIO history databases \*
- BIP \*
- Periodical Abstract Research II

# Survey: What Should MOBIUS purchase? “Next Ten”

- BIOSIS
- Web of Science
- MLA Bibliography
- ATLA Religion Database
- netLibrary
- History Resource Center
- LION
- OCLC First Search Base Package
- OED
- ScienceDirect

# Survey: Top Ten Core Databases

- Academic Universe
- Academic Search Elite
- Expanded Academic
- OCLC FirstSearch Base Package
- PsycINFO
- EBSCOhost (currently provided by MOREnet)
- ABI/Inform
- Periodical Abstracts Full Text
- Books in Print
- ERIC TIE
- MLA Bibliography TIE

# Survey: Honorable Mention Core Databases

- Education FT
- Literature Resource Center
- Web of Science
- CINAHL
- Applied Science and Technology
- ATLA Religion Database
- BIOSIS
- Encyclopedia Britannica Online
- InfoTrac OneFile

# Survey: Also Ran Core Databases

- JSTOR
- NewsBank
- Business Source Premier
- Dow Jones Interactive
- E\*Subscribe
- Health Source Plus
- World Cat

# Future Activities

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- **Prepare a request for the General Assembly by fall**
- **Compile a list of desired resources**
- **Continue to look at models for funding and refine our own**



# Databases being considered for State funding request FY03

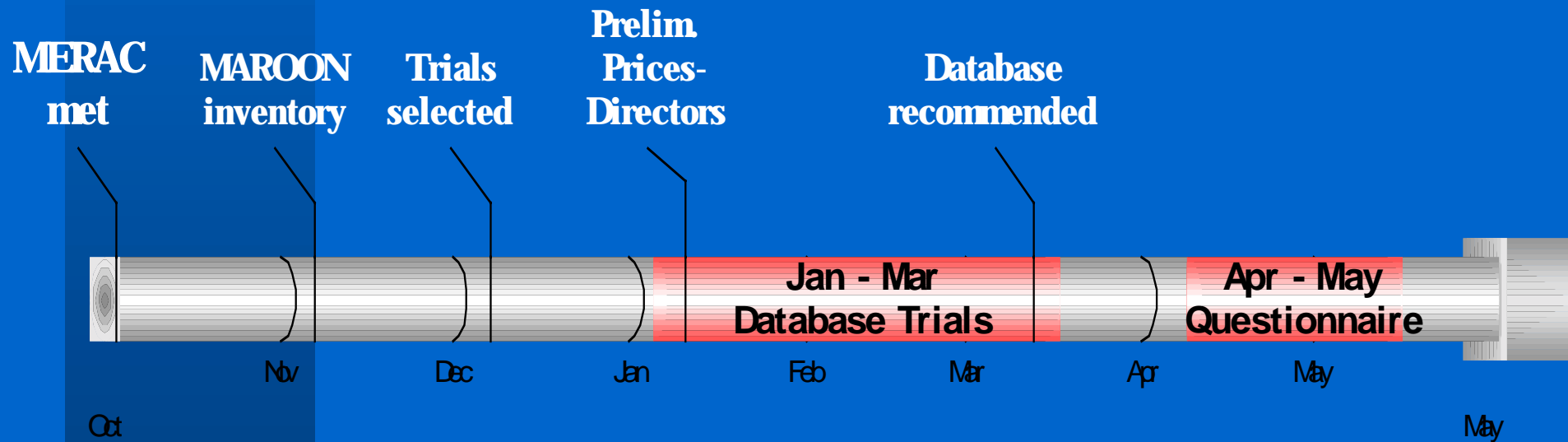
- JSTOR Arts and Sciences I
- JSTOR General Science
- Project Muse
- PsycINFO FT or PsycArticles
- ABI/Inform
- ScienceDirect
- Web of Science
- Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe

# What we have accomplished?

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- **Set goals**
- **Created an Inventory**
- **Developed evaluation procedures**
- **Completed initial proposal**
- **Developed pricing models**
- **Created channels of communication**

# MERAC Timeline



# What we have learned?

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- Diversity of need among our academic libraries
- Importance of state funding
- Importance of participation at some level by all members
- Tremendous opportunities for MOBIUS members in consortial purchases