

**MERLIN Collection Development & Reference Services Committee
(MCDRSC)
September 26, 2005
Teleconference**

In attendance: Terry Austin (MCO), Susan McCormack (MCO), Goodie Bhullar (MU), Diane Johnson (MU), Hunter Kevil (MU), Judy Maseles (MU), Rhonda Whithouse (MU), Georgia Baugh (SLU), Pat Gregory (SLU), Mary Kreiger (SLU), Peggy McDermott (SLU), Marilyn Carbonell (UMKC), Diane Hunter (UMKC), Larry MacLachlan (UMKC LAW), Sherry Mahnken, co-chair (UMR), Nena Thomas, co-chair (UMR), Chris Dames (UMSL), Jan Peach (UMSL), Marilyn Rodgers (UMSL), David Straight (Wash U)

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 20, 2005 meeting were approved.

II. MCO Report

- a. Terry Austin reported that Project Muse has made a commitment not to raise prices more than 6 %, so they have developed a new Premium Collection with 33 journals. We have the Standard Collection, which is up for renewal in January. Eight of the Premium titles will go into the Standard Collection also. It would cost an additional \$10,827 to move to the Premium Collection. Only SLU expressed interest in the Premium Collection. Terry will investigate cost for SLU alone
- b. The final version of database statistics has been posted. CINAHL had nearly 2000 turn-aways. Additional OVID licenses are \$230 per year. There were also many Sci-Finder turn-aways. UMKC went to full access for Sci-Finder during year, and UMR later bought an additional user license. We will wait until next year to see if the number of turn-aways decreases. INSPEC and EI had high per session costs. Libraries no longer need to report individual statistics.
 - i. Judy Maseles asked if TRD could be canceled. It has a January renewal date. UMR uses TRD a lot. Terry will look at TRD usage for individual campuses.
 - ii. The Serials Set had high per search and per article costs. We need to justify funding on ERI, but we need to look at costs over time, because there was a big up front cost. We need to be sure to promote the database.
 - iii. Marilyn Carbonell asked if we had heard anything on the Social Sciences & Humanities request from the Library Directors. Terry said we have heard nothing yet.
- c. GWLA increased the cancellation rate for Springerlink to 3% on a three year contract. We agree not to cancel, but Counsel must agree to the opt-out language.

III. Ranked List of Electronic Resources – '06 ERI funding

- a. CINAHL - We can add five simultaneous users for \$5000 or 10 for \$7000. All campuses agree that getting 10 is a top priority. Terry will get a firm price, so we can go ahead with this. SLU is interested in going in on extra CINAHL licenses.
- b. Annual Reviews - MU will be added. We will go forward.
- c. Communication & Mass Media Complete- Our subscription will begin in January. UMKC has renewal due in January. They may be able to prorate the intervening months.
- d. ACM - We will add this database.
- e. In addition to these databases we have approximately \$100,000 - 140,000.
- f. PsychARTICLES - UMSL, UMKC, and MU are interested. SLU will start receiving Psych Articles through APA in January. Terry said Psycinfo is \$48,094 plus \$17,364 for loader fee. Terry will add Psych Articles to the list.
- g. Faculty of 1000 - UMKC & UMR have had faculty requests for this source. The price is based on FTE of Life Sciences. Terry needs approximate Life Sciences FTE for faculty, researches & grad students from each campus by Friday. This has current awareness, current opinion/trends. Articles are posted here early with little delay in getting materials. It is not full text, but it is not just the citation. Researchers involved write evaluations of the research articles to explain they are important. It is a vetted grouping of articles.
- h. Elsevier Current Opinion Journals - Science Direct Science collection includes five of these titles.
- i. Elsevier Trends Journals - No campus subscribes, except possibly UMKC. Science Direct has 6 of these journals.
- j. Journals @ OVID Essential Bioscience Collection - UMKC wants a tie-in through OVID journals. It is a way to enhance journals with core areas that are more theoretically based in the life sciences. Five of these titles available on Oxford University Press. GWLA has a deal for the Oxford journals. Terry will get pricing also for the Oxford Life Sciences Collection.
- k. Nature Chemical Biology - UMR supports this title.
- l. JCR - No one is interested except UMKC. It is \$14,461 for Science and \$14,461 for Social Science. We will take it off the list.
- m. Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management CSA - Terry will get pricing.
- n. JSTOR A&S Complement - UMKC and UMR are not in favor of it. We will take it off the list.
- o. LWW Current Opinion Collection - MU has several of these titles and they are heavily used. One title is also in Journals @ OVID Essential Bioscience Collection. It is all clinical articles. Terry will get pricing.
- p. AP Ideal - We will take it off the list.
- q. ISI Conference Proceedings - Science & Technology - We will take it off the list.
- r. Subscribe to APS Legacy

- s. EBM - MU and UMKC have a group deal starting in January. UMSL might be interested. UMR is not. We will take it off the list.
- t. LN Environmental – It has some full text and not much overlap with other LN databases. It is more for undergraduates and has fewer research articles, mostly trade articles. We will take it off the list.
- u. Biological Abstracts Backfile – This is a one time cost plus an access fee. We will take it off the list.
- v. Nature Clinical Practice Journals – These were added after we got the Nature journals. There are three new journals and will be four more in November. Terry will get pricing.
- w. Science Direct – Biochemistry, Genetics, Molecular biology. Some of the journals are included in other titles on list. It may be necessary to have a subscription to Science Direct to get these. We will take it off the list.
- x. Company of Biologists Online Journal Package – It includes three Cell biology journals. Terry will get pricing.
- y. Journals @ OVID Biomed 4 – We already have some of these titles. UMSL is okay to remove it from the list, if we consider BMJ.
- z. BMJ Journals– Terry will get pricing.
- aa. Journals @ OVID Biomed 3 - UMSL has had requests from nursing. It includes Nature, seven we already have in OVID, two in BMJ, and two others we have in other packages. We will take it off the list.
- bb. LWW Total Access – It has 200 journals and could include opinions that are higher on our list. Terry indicated that the cost was high. The LWW package we have now is \$1.30/article. We will take it off the list.
- cc. Web of Science backfile - We will take it off the list.
- dd. Nature Archives - We will take it off the list.
- ee. Frontiers in Bioscience - We will take it off the list.
- ff. JSTOR Biological Sciences – It is just starting with up to 100 journals, including two we have. Terry will get pricing. Additional funding may be available
- gg. Terry will have the pricing information to us by October 14. Campus priority lists need to be to Terry by November 2.

IV. State Historical Society

Rhonda reported that the State Historical Society would like to add a scope for SHS & all 4 WHMC. They would pay the fee. Their scope can still be included in MU & UMR scopes. If any other scope changes are to be made, they can include up to five changes for same cost. If there are other changes, the cost would be divided. Their collection is a non-circulating, research collection. This change was supported by UMKC, MU, UMSL, and UMR. Nena Thomas will communicate to SHS that we support their plan and agree it is a good idea.

V. New England Journal of Medicine

Decisions regarding this title were made by email.

VI. Journal title abbreviations in journal title search

Now journal title abbreviations are indexed in the title search but not the journal title search. The question is whether to add the 210 field as well as the 299. The questions will go to MQCC next. This group needs more information. Judy will run a review file to test it.

VII. Missouri Digital Archive records in cluster catalogs

Diane Hunter brought the question from MCDAC whether we want the records for the Missouri Digital Archive in MERLIN and in the individual library catalogs. All support this change. Diane will get back to MCDAC.

VIII. My Millenium

Diane brought the issue of enabling My Millenium, limited to staff to test it. A patron type for library staff members would be needed to limit to staff.

Coordinators would have to have library staff added to patron types. Judy indicated that it is already turned on and will send directions on how to look at it.

IX. Instant Messenger

MU is not implementing it & has no plans to. For Wash U messaging is slow and difficult. It can be difficult for UMR. Jan Peach expressed a preference for voices, rather than typing. We may not all have same type of IM and not all are compatible. Marilyn suggested it might be possible as alternative to the costs of travel or phone calls. We need to ask the Directors to consider other options. UMSL was told that conference calls are not expensive if no more than 6 phone lines are used, approximately \$400. Distance meeting technology avoids loss of a whole day for meetings. Terry advised that MERAC meets one time in person and uses video conferencing for other meetings. We must have video conference facilities on each campus. Each campus will explore if they have facilities. David Straight suggested that we conduct more business through email whenever possible. All agree to use more email and explore alternative modes.

X. Future Meeting time

The next meeting is November 7 at 10 a.m. We will try to do a phone or video conference.

Adjourned 11:40