

Library Management Team

Notes from the April 4, 2001 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman, Bill Kehoe, David Ruddy.

1. **Announcements:**

- a. Jean announced that CUL has signed an agreement with the American Physical Society (APS) to serve as a mirror site for APS electronic journals. In exchange for hosting the mirror site, APS will provide free access to the Cornell community. Subscribers to the Physical Review Online Archive (PROLA) will have the option of accessing the title through the Cornell hosted site; the remaining titles will be maintained here as back-up files for APS, except that the Cornell community will be able to access them. The Library of Congress is serving as the official archiving site for the APS electronic journals.
- b. Ross distributed the document "Results of CTS Future Search Workshop: a Planning Exercise," a summary of "the vision for change in CTS that CTS managers and supervisors developed together on February 23" in a Future Search Workshop. Ross stated that this provides a values-based method for analyzing workflow. LMT endorsed the vision and objectives in the document.

2. **Open Archives Initiative:**

Bill Kehoe and David Ruddy described the Open Archives Initiative (OAI) [<http://www.openarchives.org/>]. The purpose of OAI is to allow for the discovery of information resources that are stored and maintained in distributed repositories, using unqualified Dublin Core as the standard metadata format for resource discovery. The OAI protocol is the means by which computers at the various repositories communicate about the data that is available within the repositories. CUL has committed to making several of its digital collections compliant with the OAI protocol so that they can be included in the developing OAI testbed. These collections are CUGIR, the Making of America, the Core Historical Literature of Agriculture, and the Math Books Collection. This commitment involves a modest investment in server space and coding. CUL is also supporting OAI through our membership in the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) and the Digital Library Federation (DLF), the two sponsoring organizations. LMT endorsed this initiative, indicated its intent to continue tracking this effort and expressed its desire that the ENCompass product become OAI compliant.

3. **National Science Foundation National Science Digital Library Program:**

Jean provided information about the National Science Digital Library Program funded by the National Science Foundation. The program has four tracks: collections, services, research and core integration system (CIS). Bill Arms is heading a CIS grant at Cornell. Library staff on the project team include Diane Hillmann, who is working on the project full time, and John Saylor, who is on the project half time. The Cornell group is

collaborating with teams from five other institutions to develop the key integrating, organizational, and management infrastructure for this national digital library. Information about NSDL is available at <http://www.smete.org/nsdl/projects/>. Cornell's prototype CIS portal is called Site for Science: <http://siteforscience.nsd.cornell.edu>. There is a separate Cornell effort in the collections track focusing on geology. Preparations are underway to submit a proposal for renewed funding for NSDL projects. LMT discussed the Library's role in this effort and how the effort intersects with CUL's goals.

Notes by Edward Weissman