

AAU/ARL Global Resources Network (GRN)

Progress Report on GRN Goals and Outcomes October 2004

The Global Resources Network (GRN) is a joint initiative of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). The AAU/ARL Global Resources Network (GRN) has embraced two main goals. GRN will expand access to international resources not currently available to North American students and scholars, in the first instance through discrete projects that focus on significantly expanding the depth, breadth, quantity, range of formats, and variety of international information resources available to our students and scholars. A parallel effort will make our dispersed collections more interdependent and complementary through coordinated acquisitions that are combined with powerful systems for access, discovery, presentation, and delivery.

To advance these goals, ARL and a subset of member libraries provide the base budget for the Global Resources Network; AAU is building awareness and support for interinstitutional commitments to GRN from university leaders; and, together, AAU and ARL have entered into a strategic partnership with the Center for Research Libraries in order to ensure administrative support for those GRN projects that seek such assistance, and also to promote synergies across all GRN projects. Individual GRN projects are also pursuing the goals of GRN, supported by grants, fees, contributions, or a combination of funding strategies.

Based on discussions at the May ARL Membership Meeting, 2005 GRN activities will continue to be supported by modest ARL dues support, supplemented by voluntary contributions. As of early October 55 member representatives have agreed to make voluntary contributions to support GRN program activities in 2005. The amount of the contribution requested is expected to be approximately the same as last year's request of \$1,500. Reminders to institutions that contributed for 2004 GRN activities but have not yet committed for 2005 have been sent. ARL will issue invoices in November.

Activities in 2004 are summarized below under each of the three short-term priority activities.

1. Coordinating international acquisitions and access to expand overall coverage and reduce unnecessary duplication.

Documenting the Need. GRN is working with the OCLC Office of Research to develop GIS-based maps that graphically represent collections overlap, by country and region, within North American libraries. OCLC has produced a sample of records from the WorldCat database. Preliminary analysis was undertaken on the holdings of several of the regional areas. Records in the sample are now being re-analyzed using the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) to bring together similar works and minimize "duplicate" records from the sample. OCLC is also developing prototype maps that will highlight the holdings by research libraries as well as the countries and regions whose information output is underrepresented in our library holdings. They will also suggest country and regional

priorities for targeted cooperative action. We expect this effort to be completed by mid-November.

Outreach to Faculty and Other Users. Alice Prochaska and her colleagues at Yale's Center for International and Area Studies are leading the GRN effort to develop a prototype for an outreach summit on scholarly uses of international resources, how these may be changing, the consequences in terms of collections gaps and resource needs, and the ways in which GRN might respond. The forum will be held in March 2005 in conjunction with a meeting of the AAU/ARL Global Resources Advisory Committee.

Modeling the Network. Work on articulating requirements and launching prototypes for cooperative international collection development using three models has not yet begun. We plan to develop the discussion documents that detail the prerequisites, procedures, and outcomes associated with the three models by the end of 2004.

2. Enhancing the scale, scope, and effectiveness of GRN projects.

New Roles for the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). In 2003, ARL members called for closer ties between the GRN and CRL and in the spring of 2004, the Boards of ARL and CRL agreed on the terms that CRL would assume administrative responsibility for GRN projects that seek such support. The transfer of the administration of the German Resources Project and the Latin Americanist Research Resources Project from ARL to CRL is moving smoothly. Most of the electronic discussion lists and project-specific web pages have migrated to CRL. The Center expects to hire the part-time staff person shortly. The Center plans to issue a GRN newsletter this fall that will feature the activities of all GRN projects.

A Global Plenary. The Center for Research Libraries hosted a meeting of leaders of GRN and the six projects. The April 26, 2004 meeting identified areas of interest and potential overlap in several areas. A summary of the meeting may be found at http://www.crl.edu/grn/updates/GRNsummit_summary.pdf

Project Fees. The GRN Advisory Committee and the ARL Board of Directors endorsed the "AAU/ARL Global Resources Network and the Global Resources Projects: Principles for Participation and Fees" in the spring of 2004. That document permits individual projects to implement annual participant fees of about \$1,000. The Latin Americanist Project has delayed implementing a project fee until after ARL's call for voluntary contributions for GRN activities in 2005. CRL's administrative support of the German Project has resulted in the leadership of the German Project to defer a decision on project fees.

New Projects. Given the current levels of contributions and reallocation of ARL dues support, the GRN budget does not include any funds to support new projects. Depending on the level of contributions for 2005 GRN activities and the results of the mapping project, areas for new projects may be identified and launched, if external funding is secured.

3. Managing and Growing the Global Resources Network.

Establishing a Steering Committee. A GRN Steering Committee was formed to guide implementation of the GRN. Members include Barbara Allen, CIC; Bernie Reilly, CRL; John Vaughn, AAU; Duane Webster, ARL; and Eudora Loh, GRN Project Director.

Securing External Support. GRN's 2004 budget is based on voluntary contributions from 72 ARL member institutions and remaining funds from the transition funding contributed by the nine ARL member institutions in 2003. GRN contributions have supported the Global Plenary meeting for the six projects, support for meetings and representation by the GRN Director, and the CRL administrative expenses for the GRN projects. The ARL dues allocation supports the Visiting Program Officer and logistical support at ARL. GRN remains interested in exploring possibilities for external support, particularly via foundation grants.

AAU/ARL Global Resources Network Advisory Committee Members

Barbara Allen, CIC, Chair; Carolyn Brown, Library of Congress; Jean-Pierre Côté, Université de Montréal; Bill Gosling, University of Michigan; Richard Herring, University of Pennsylvania; John Hudzik, Michigan State University; Stan Katz, Princeton University; Paula Kaufman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Peter Lange, Duke University; Jim Nye, University of Chicago; Louis Pitschmann, University of Alabama; Alice Prochaska, Yale University; Bernard Reilly, Center for Research Libraries; Betsy Wilson, University of Washington; Pauline Yu, American Council of Learned Societies

Liaisons:

Eudora Loh, GRN Director/UCLA; Mary Jackson, Director of ARL Collections and Access Programs; John Vaughn, Association of American Universities; Duane Webster, Association of Research Libraries

Attachment: ARL Member Libraries Contributing to GRN in 2004 & 2005

Libraries Contributing Bridge Funding to the AAU/ARL Global Resources Network in 2004 and 2005

As of October 11, 2004

Arizona State University #
Boston College #
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Case Western University
Center for Research Libraries
Columbia University
Cornell University #
Duke University #
Emory University #
Florida State University
Georgetown University
Georgia Tech University
Harvard University #
Indiana University #
Laval University #
Library of Congress
McGill University
Michigan State University #
National Agricultural Library
National Library of Medicine
New York Public Library #
New York University #
Northwestern University #
Ohio State University #
Ohio University #
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University #
Rutgers University *
Texas A&M University #
Texas Tech University
Tulane University #
Université de Montréal #
University of Alabama #
University at Albany, SUNY #
University of Alberta #
University of Arizona *
University at Buffalo, SUNY #

University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine #
University of California, Los Angeles #

University of California, San Diego #
University of California, Santa Barbara #
University of Cincinnati #
University of Colorado #
University of Connecticut #
University of Delaware #
University of Florida *
University of Guelph #
University of Hawaii at Manoa #
University of Illinois at Chicago *
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign #
University of Iowa
University of Kansas #
University of Kentucky #
University of Louisville
University of Massachusetts *
University of Michigan #
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Nebraska-Lincoln #
University of New Mexico #
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill #
University of Notre Dame #
University of Oklahoma #
University of Pennsylvania #
University of Pittsburgh #
University of Southern California *
University of Tennessee #
University of Texas at Austin
University of Toronto #
University of Utah
University of Washington #
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University *
Washington State University
Washington University at St. Louis #
Yale University #
York University

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