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Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders -

Greetings from CRL and from Chicago!

Apologies for the late update; most of the past week has been devoted to the [Annual Council of Voting Members meeting](#), which celebrated our 75 years of collaborative collection development in support of researchers at our member institutions. Over 100 representatives came to Chicago to actively participate in our membership governance, including a meeting of the Board of Directors. On the website you will find links to our FY23 Annual Report, minutes from the previous year's meeting, the budget proposal for FY25 (which was approved), and the Nominations Committee's report (which was accepted and includes bios for the incoming Board Members). The speakers were very engaging and thought provoking, particularly in the context of CRL imagining our work over the next 75 years.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, I gave a report on my ongoing work, focusing primarily on the current state of our Strengthening CRL Global Collections efforts. The Board is actively engaged in this work, and I am delighted to work with such committed and talented leaders. Later that afternoon, the International Collections and Content Group (ICCG) met to review and offer feedback on a draft document from the Global Collections Advisory Task Force, which will be meeting again soon to review comments and suggestions.

As part of my ongoing engagement, this week I met with Jeanette Pierce (Associate University Librarian for Research, Access, and Instructional Services at University of Missouri Libraries) and hosted this week's open office hour ([sign up for future sessions here](#)). In last week's report of meetings, I wrote that Deborah Schlein is the current Chair of MEMP, when actually she co-chairs with Peter Magierski; my apologies to both.

As I recently passed the milestone of my first 90 days at CRL, I thank all of you who have reached out in chat, zoom, and email. Member Engagement is high right now and with this level of communication and collaboration I am convinced we are building the solid base for a dynamic and productive future. I appreciate your enthusiasm!

- Kevin