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President's Message

AT THE CENTER'S RECENT COUNCIL MEETING, voting members approved a new budget for the coming fiscal year that maintains existing CRL collecting levels and services, but imposes no increase in member dues for that year. This stems from our conviction that collective resources like CRL's collections are especially critical in times when libraries' individual means are constrained.

Our belief seems to be confirmed by the recent surge in use of CRL collections. Over the past six months the number of items delivered per ILL requests was greater by 27% than during the same period last year. This may be due in part to the efforts Center staff are making to improve discoverability of CRL resources for faculty and students at member libraries. These efforts have involved more cataloging (145,000 new CRL catalog records for dissertations, NARA sets, and Thai, Hindi, Bengali, and Chinese materials, and Russian popular and political journals since January 2001), and working to better link the CRL collections OPAC with members' integrated library systems. The surge may also be attributable in part to recent funding cuts and security concerns affecting faculty and graduate students' travel to study major bodies of primary source materials in situ in other research libraries. Either way, the availability of CRL resources yields local savings.

The corpus of materials available through CRL continues to grow, as indicated by the list of materials recently acquired (see article, below). These new materials now available to CRL members were acquired through the Purchase Proposal Program, in response to nominations from collection development officers and bibliographic specialists at member universities. During the coming year we will further enhance benefits to members by upgrading the Center's OPAC and restoring some major newspaper subscriptions (see article, below).

We at the Center appreciate the continued participation of member universities in the CRL partnership, and are grateful for the trust that you place in us to make wise use of the funds and the time that you invest. In the months ahead we will endeavor to make this partnership an even more valuable framework to support advanced research.

Bernard F. Reilly
President





CRL Governance:

2003 Annual Meeting of the CRL Council of Voting Members

Business Meeting

The Council of Voting Members of the Center for Research Libraries convened on Tuesday April 22 at the Hotel Sofitel in Rosemont, Illinois. The Council is the major governance body of the CRL consortium, responsible for the election of the Board of Directors, approval of the operating budget, and consideration and ratification of any revision to the Center's bylaws. The Council is composed of the library director and a designated faculty or administration representative from each of the Center's ninety-two largest participating institutions.

The business session portion of the meeting consisted of reports by CRL's officers about the past activities and current status of the organization and the governance decisions for the coming year. Outgoing Board Chair Stanley Chodorow, concluding his second one-year term, spoke of the progress that CRL has made toward the implementation of the strategic objectives first brought to the Council one year ago, although he warned that the difficult financial environment faced by the higher education community will continue to pose challenges to the Center in coming years. He stressed that CRL needs to continue to communicate to its members and the academic community the unique value it provides to the scholarly community because of its nature as a consortium of committed partners rather than a mere commercial content provider.

Secretary Frances Groen reported on the current status of CRL membership, which has held fairly stable for the past year with a slight contraction for the coming year, and the membership recruitment activities assisted and supported by the Membership Committee. Treasurer Rick Schwieterman reviewed the financial results for the previous and current years, noting the significant improvement in the Center's financial condition during that time, and discussed the financial oversight and budget guidance carried out by the Budget and Finance Committee. President Bernard Reilly outlined the steps that have been taken over the past year to increase

the value provided by CRL to its members – in the areas of acquisitions, cataloging, expanded accessibility, and new grant-funded activities.

The Council elected the new members of the Board of Directors for the coming year (see following article) and approved the CRL operating budget for FY2004, a budget consistent with the constrained financial conditions faced by academic libraries. The unrestricted revenue for the Center for FY 2004 is budgeted to decline by 2.7%, primarily because of a decision taken to impose no increase in the average fee paid by returning members. (Due to the annual reallocation of membership fees based on changes in the relative size of the members, some institutions may see a lower fee while others experience a small increase.) Unrestricted expenses are budgeted to decline by 3.3%, with a number of contributing factors. Personnel costs are projected to decline 5%, based on a lower number of employees and the second year of no merit or cost-of-living increase in salary levels for CRL staff. The amount spent on collection development is being held approximately unchanged from the level instituted for the past several years, although some reallocation within the collections budget will allow for a restart of several general circulation U.S. newspaper titles. Overall, the Center's proposed budget will result in a modest addition to reserves of approximately \$60,000, above the \$21,000 mandated by the Center's borrowing agreements.

Election of New Board Members, Officers

At the annual Council meeting, Susan Brynteson of University of Delaware and Alice Prochaska of Yale University were elected to new three year terms on the CRL Board of Directors, while David Ferriero of Duke University, Cliff Haka of Michigan State University, Rick Schwieterman of OCLC, and David Shulenburg of University of Kansas were elected to second three year terms.

Carla Stoffle of the University of Arizona was elected Chair of the Board (after serving as Vice-Chair for two years), David Shulenburg was elected Vice-Chair, Frances Groen of McGill was re-elected as Secretary, and Rick Schwieterman as Treasurer. The CRL Board and membership wish to extend their sincere thanks to outgoing Board members Marianne Gaunt of Rutgers University and Merrily Taylor of Brown University, who provided the organization with valued service during the past six years.

Keynote: Libraries and Developing Nations

The program portion of the meeting of the Council of Voting Members included a keynote presentation on the state of academic libraries in developing nations and a roundtable discussion on the cooperative archiving of print versions of journals also available in electronic format.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Kennette Benedict, Senior Advisor on Philanthropy for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, who recounted her experiences relating to academic libraries in developing nations and the possibilities for collaboration between those institutions and their North American counterparts. Dr. Benedict spoke of the challenges confronting these libraries, including the scarcity of financial resources, the poor state of the indigenous communications infrastructure, government censorship, the need to recognize intellectual property rights, and problems in sustaining local research resources in the face of dominance by foreign research agencies. She urged that research libraries entering into cooperative arrangements with academic libraries in developing nations have a clear idea of their goals for the partnership at the outset, and that the nature of the underlying agreements take into account the needs and strengths of the developing country's institutions. Dr. Benedict observed that this clear sense of the recipient libraries' needs and strengths is missing in the "rummage sale" approach that some Western libraries take to providing material aid. She also remarked that, in many of the developing nations in which the Foundation is active, librarians are often among those that have the clearest sense of the challenges and possibilities.

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Print Archives for Electronic Journals

The keynote address was followed by a "Forum on Electronic Journals Print Archiving," moderated by incoming CRL Board Chair Carla Stoffle. The main thrust of the discussion was how consortia have successfully collaborated to store and archive the print versions of publications that are available in electronic format. Participants included Beverlee French, Director of Shared Digital Content, California Digital Library, Edward Shreeves, Director of Collections and Information Resources, University of Iowa Libraries, and Melissa Trevvett, Vice President for Programs and Services at CRL.

Ms. French discussed the approach of the University of California System to the storage and preservation of print copies of Elsevier Science journals also available in electronic format. The UC System is developing a "dim archive" in which article access to print versions will be available through scanned or photocopied versions or at an on-site reading room. She noted that the long history of system-wide collaboration in California provides a beneficial environment for undertaking such a project, but that issues relating to the proper calculation of volume counts for participating libraries were difficult to resolve. Other issues being addressed in the UC project include levels of acceptance by librarians and faculty members that vary from institution to institution, the effect on institutional financial support and external rankings, and the lack of proven funding models.

Edward Shreeves discussed the establishment of a CIC print archive project of Elsevier titles, based on voluntary participation with each participant retaining a single print copy of titles available in electronic format. This distributed archive is characterized as a "light archive," with the materials available in physical format through interlibrary loan, and focused on current and prospective issues rather than retrospective holdings. Ed also noted a rapid shift underway in users' attitudes, with many more willing to



forego print access where electronic access is available.

Melissa Trevvett discussed the distributed print archive project currently underway at CRL, a project made possible by funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. CRL and its partner institutions are working to establish a retrospective "light" archive of humanities and social science journal titles available in electronic format through JSTOR. It is expected that the experience gained in this project in terms of drafting formal agreements, establishing adequate preservation standards and use protocols, and determining user demand for this service will provide future guidance for projects dealing with other types of journals and materials.

The presentations were followed by active discussion with the meeting attendees. Moderator Stoffle noted that the discussion will serve as a positive precursor to the more detailed discussion of these topics to be held at the upcoming conference **Preserving America's Printed Resources; The Role of Repositories, Depositories and Libraries of Record** to be hosted by the Center in Chicago on July 21, with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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CRL Programs and Services:

Coming Soon: ICON International Newspapers Survey

One of the major components of the current phase of the NEH-supported International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON) is a survey of U.S. institutions about their international newspaper collections. To further the project's goals of better access to international newspapers — both bibliographic and physical, in terms of sound preservation practice — more information is needed about the extent and condition of these collections.

Building on an International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Newspapers Section initiative to create a directory of newspaper collections that included collection policies and procedures, ICON is now refin-

ing a survey that will be sent to all CRL members early this summer. The survey is designed to elicit basic information from all of our partner institutions, but it will also offer the opportunity for librarians to describe their foreign newspaper cataloging, retention, storage, reformatting, and ILL policies in more depth.

The results will be invaluable for ICON's present objectives and future planning, which in turn will benefit all CRL members and the larger research community. It should also help identify interested participants in the further development of the ICON Database of International Newspapers, a freely available resource located on the ICON website (<http://icon.crl.edu>).

Our gratitude for your cooperation is extended in advance; look for results to be posted on the ICON website next fall.

CRL Collection Resources:

CRL to Reinstate Several U.S. General Circulation Newspaper Subscriptions in FY03

CRL is pleased to announce that it is able to respond to members' requests to re-start U.S. general circulation newspapers. As a result of favorable negotiations with the vendors, the Center will re-start subscriptions to thirteen general circulation newspapers and acquire all back files for 2001 and 2002. Thus, the Center will have continuous runs for some of the newspaper subscriptions that were suspended in 2000 because of budget deficits. The funding for the subscriptions represents a re-allocation from other materials categories as a result of feedback from members.

The specific newspapers were selected on the basis of circulation and in consultation with the Center's Collections and Services Advisory Panel. If resources are available and opportunities occur to re-start additional subscriptions that were suspended, the Center will do so, based on the priorities set through discussions with the Collections and Services Advisory Panel.

The titles reinitiated this year are:

- Boston Globe
- Chicago Tribune
- Daily News (New York, N.Y.)
- Dallas Morning News
- Denver Post
- Detroit Free Press
- Kansas City Star
- Los Angeles Times
- Miami Herald
- Philadelphia Inquirer
- Plain Dealer (Cleveland, Ohio: 1961)
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- Sun (Baltimore, Md.: 1837)

FY03 Purchase Proposal Voting Results

The Center for Research Libraries is pleased to announce the results of this year's Purchase Proposals balloting. The following major microform sets will be purchased before June 30, 2003. The list price for all approved purchases totals is \$126,000. All material will be available for interlibrary loan at no charge to users at any member library.

For information about the purchase proposal process, or to nominate candidates for possible purchase in FY04, please contact Mary Wilke, User Services Liaison, at (800) 621-6044, ext. 351, or e-mail wilke@crl.edu

Churchill at War

The Prime Minister's Office Papers, 1940-1945, \$40,740.

Fighting for the Vote

The Suffragette Fellowship (previous title: Women's Social and Political Emancipation), \$1,960.

Foreign Office Files: United States of American Series Two: Vietnam, 1959-1975

Part 1: Vietnam, 1959-1975, 2003 List Price \$4,390

Part 2: Laos, 1959-1963, \$7,700 2003 List Price

Part 3: Cambodia, 1959-1963, \$1,870 2003 List Price.

Foreign Office Files for Cuba

Part 1: Revolution in Cuba, 1959-1960, 2003 List Price \$1,750

Part 2: Cuba and the Bay of Pigs Invasion, 1961, 2003 List Price \$1,200

La Gaceta, Diario Oficial (Nicaragua)

Feb. 7, 1845-Dec. 4, 1847; Nov. 22, 1851-Dec 17, 1853; Jan 1858-1946, 1995-1999, \$6,489 (with shipping and handling).

Revolutionary Mexico in newspapers 1900-1929, \$19,665 (with shipping and handling).

Russian Archives

Series 1: the International Department, 1953-1957, \$17,640.

Series 2: the General Department Central Committee 1953-1966, \$16,520.

US Espionage and Intelligence

Organization, operations and Management, 1947-1996, \$5,900 + 2 guides at \$1140 ea. for a total of \$8180.



Current Status of CRL Purchase of 1930 Census Material

The following sets of data from the 1930 United States Census were ordered by the Center during the current year:

Michigan	- no Soundex/ 106 reels of Census
North Carolina	- Soundex is 169 reels and Census is 60 reels
Pennsylvania	- no Soundex/ Census is 209 reels
South Carolina	- Soundex is 109 reels and Census is 33 rolls
Louisiana	- Soundex is 146 reels and Census is 45 reels
New Jersey	- no Soundex/ Census is 84 reels
District of Columbia	- no Soundex/ Census is 14 reels
Indiana	- no Soundex/ Census is 66 reels
These sets will join the following sets which were received and cataloged last year:	
Ohio	- no Soundex/ Census is 146 reels
Texas	- no Soundex/ Census is 127 reels
California	- no Soundex/ Census is 129 reels
Illinois	- no Soundex/ Census is 169 reels
New York	- no Soundex/ Census is 269 reels
Virginia	- Soundex is 127 reels and Census is 175 reels
Florida	- Soundex is 98 reels and Census is 128 reels
Georgia	- Soundex is 253 reels and Census is 312 reels
Massachusetts	- no Soundex/ Census is 89 reels

New Materials Received By CRL - (February 2003 - April 2003)

The following materials have been received by CRL since the publication of the previous issue of Focus. OCLC record numbers are supplied as reference to more complete bibliographic information when possible; if there is no OCLC number supplied, the material is still to be processed. The Center's holding symbol (CRL) may not yet be attached to the record cited. For more complete information on the holdings of newspapers and archival sets, search the CRL-CATALOG on the Center's website or contact the Center. Researchers needing to use specific items should contact their interlibrary loan office.

DISSERTATIONS

Doctoral Dissertations titles in all formats received as a result of demand purchase, exchange, and deposit: 765 received.

AREA STUDIES MICROFORMS

Africana (through Cooperative Africana Microform Program)

Rapport de synthèse du Séminaire sur l'histoire du Rwanda. Butare, 14-18 Décembre 1998. (OCLC # 51775417)

Somalia newspapers, post-Barre period. Part 2 (OCLC # 43791290)

Somalia reports, post-Barre period. Part II (CRL bib # 15264130)

Somalia reports, post-Barre period. Part 3 (OCLC # 43791288)

Latin America (through the Latin American Microform Program)

Archivos de asistencia á infancia (OCLC # 52004000) 4 reels containing [1902-1946]

Caribbean contact (OCLC # 51959010) [v. 1-20] (Nov. 1971-1994)

Coleção Moncorvo (Also known as CESPI documents on Brazilian and Latin American children and youth) (OCLC # 52006235) 17 reels

LADOC: a documentation service of the Latin America Bureau--USCC (OCLC # 51958876) 5 reels containing [v. 1-30] (June 1970-July 2001)

El piloto (OCLC # 51959311) 3 reels containing [v. 47-61] (Jan. 1971-Dec. 1985)

El puente : periódico cristiano interdenominacional (OCLC # 51958419) 10 reels containing [no. 1-198] (May 1985-2001)

Solidaridad: boletín informativo de la Vicaría de la Solidaridad (OCLC # 51958561) 7 reels containing [no. 4-300] (Aug. 1976-May 1990)

Southeast Asia (through the Southeast Asia Microform Program)

Ban tin (OCLC # 52060895) 1 reel containing [Apr. 6 - May 6, 1971]

Ban tin (OCLC # 52060898) 1 reel containing [July 24 - Oct. 25, 1971]

Bút th'ân (OCLC # 51766408) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 1-106] (Apr. 2 - Aug. 5, 1972)

Chân tr'oi (OCLC # 52060896) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 17 - v. 4, no. 133] (Sep. 5, 1964 - Jan. 21, 1967)

Ch'iên đ'âu (OCLC # 51766410) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 18-40; spec issue] (Feb. 1951; Mar. 2 - July 18, 1962)

C'uu dân (OCLC # 51766411) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 37-48] (Jan. 1-18, 1972)

C'uu nư'oc (OCLC # 51766412) 1 reel containing [v. 2, no. 45-137] (Jan. 2 - May 7, 1972)

Đ ại nbut báo b'ô câu (OCLC # 51766407) 1 reel containing [v. 1, spec. iss - no. 30] (Mar. 3 - Apr. 5, 1971)

Dân (OCLC # 52060899) 1 reel containing [v. 3, no. 486-523] (Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 1972)

Dân luận (OCLC # 52060900) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 25-39] (Dec. 27, 1963 - Jan 11/12, 1964)

Dân luận (OCLC # 52060901) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no 1-30; v. 1 (new series), no. 1-28] (July 30 - Sep. 30, 1973)

Indonesian political tabloids microfilm collection. (OCLC # 51884626) Forty-one reels of political tabloids and other material pertaining to the 1996 political elections in Indonesia.

Khemara Dhibati News 1 reel containing [v. 2, no. 272-342] (May 9 - July 30, 1972)

Làm dân (OCLC # 52060902) 1 reel containing [no. 1-33] (May 11 - June 16, 1972)

Mabarath Khmaer 1 reel containing [v. 3, no. 225 - v. 4, no. 284] (Sep. 2, 1974 - Jan. 31, 1975)

Onak Jati Niyom = Le Nationaliste 4reels containing [1959 - 1969] (v.1, no. 1 - v. 10, no. 455)

Sàigòn báo (OCLC # 52060904) 1 reel containing [no. 34-279] (Nov. 30, 1966 - Sep. 19, 1967)

Saigon th'oi sụ (OCLC # 51758397) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 1-10] (July 10 - Aug. 14, 1966)

Sài thành (OCLC # 52060903) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 7 - v. 2, no. 39] (Oct. 24, 1964 - June 26, 1965)

Sao tr'ăng (OCLC # 52060905) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 1-6; v. 1 (new series), no. 1-18, 45-50] (Aug. 3 - Nov. 4, 1964)

S'ông m'oi (OCLC # 52060906) 1 reel containing [v. 1, no. 1 - v. 5, no. 1317] (Aug. 24, 1964 - Oct. 16, 1968)

Th'oi sụ mi'ên nam (OCLC # 51758398) 1 reel containing [vol. 1, no. 1 - vol. 3, no. 139] (Mar. 1, 1965 - Sep. 15, 1969)

Ti'êng chuông (OCLC # 51758399) 1 reel containing [scattered issues 1951-1968]

Tin mât (OCLC # 51774212) 1 reel containing [vol. 1, no 1-171; vol. 2, no 172-237] (July 3, 1970 - Apr. 27, 1971)



ARCHIVES

Confidential U.S. State Department central files. Egypt, 1955-1959, foreign affairs: decimal numbers 674 and 611.74 (OCLC #24380928)

United States. Congress (75th :1937-1938). *Bills and resolutions* (OCLC #51619892) complete

United States. Consulate (Stettin, Germany) *Despatches from United States consuls in Stettin, 1830-1906* (OCLC # 51049855) NARA T59 (reels 1, 3-10; completes CRL holdings).

Gorrell's history of the American Expeditionary Forces Air Service, 1917-1919. (OCLC # 51766772) NARA M990 (reels 54-57; completes CRL holdings)

Records of Headquarters, German Army High Command (Oberkommando des Heeres--OKH) (OCLC # 30470910) NARA T78 (reel 357 adds to CRL holdings)

Returns from U.S. military posts, 1800-1916. (OCLC # 10603578) NARA M617 (reel 1505 adds to CRL holdings)

NEWSPAPERS

ABC (Madrid, Spain) (OCLC # 42242928) Reel containing Jan-Mar. 1942.

Berliner Börsen-Zeitung (OCLC # 32058167) 9 reels containing 1933

SERIALS

Agriculture and agro-industries journal (OCLC # 1478578) v. 1-13 (Feb. 1968-1980)

Central Potato Research Institute (India). *Annual scientific report for...* (OCLC # 47292785) 1971-1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981.

Farm front (OCLC # 2368637) Vol. 9 June-July, 1975 no. 6-7.

India. Rubber Board. *Report of activities* (OCLC # 45954429) Apr.-Sept. 1972, Oct. 1972-Mar. 1973, Apr.-Sept. 1974, Oct. 1974-Mar. 1975, Oct. 1, 1975/Mar. 31. 1976, Apr.-Sept. 1976.

Indian farming (OCLC # 1585649) v. 20, 27, & 33 (1970/71, 1977/78, & 1983/84)

Indian journal of agronomy (OCLC # 1752889) v.8 #1-2, v.9 #1-4, v.10 #1-4, v. 11 #1-4; v.12-35 (1963-1990)

Lagena (OCLC # 2134938) Numeros 39-40, 1977; Numeros 41-42, 1978.

Mahfil (OCLC # 6130602) Reel containing v. 1 (1963-1964); v. 2, no. 2-v. 5, no. 1/2 (May 1965-1968/1969); v. 5, no. 5-v. 8, no. 4 (1968/1969-winter 1972)

CRL Communications:

New User Brochure and Website Changeover

In its continuing efforts to make information about its collections and programs more readily available to its member and users, the Center will complete two important communications projects in coming weeks.

The new version of the CRL website is scheduled to go online in late June. This new version is designed to allow easier navigation, especially regarding information about CRL collections. Although the main web address (<http://www.crl.edu>) will remain unchanged, improvements in the site's architecture will mean that some lower level pages will have new URLs. Automatic redirection will be installed for the most frequently accessed and commonly linked pages, while inquiries to older page addresses will be redirected to the main CRL webpage, where users can search for the new location. Members are requested to verify any links on their own websites to insure that all existing links remain fully operational. The late June changeover date has been chosen to allow members time to make any required changes to links on their own websites before the period of increased activity at the start of the academic year. Notification of the official changeover will be

sent over the CRL electronic mailing list "CRL Online" approximately one week before the change.

As noted previously, this is the first phase of the website project, primarily designed to make existing data more easily navigable. In the months ahead, we will expand the information available on the site and establish the CRL site as a platform for communication and exchange of information on specific CRL projects by CRL interest groups.

Also, CRL is designing a new "user brochure" to help member libraries inform their patrons about the variety and scope of the Center's collections and expand their use. This

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small brochure will provide an overview of CRL's holdings to patrons who may be unaware of the materials they can borrow from the Center through interlibrary loan or who may have used one type of materials from the Center but are unaware of the CRL's other collection strengths. Members will be able to distribute these copies directly to faculty and students of academic departments and have them available at their reference and interlibrary loan offices. Each member will receive an initial quantity of these brochures, and additional copies will be available upon request.

To receive timely news of these projects and other occasional CRL news of interest, individuals may sign up to subscribe to "CRL Online" by sending a message to Jim Green at green@crl.edu.



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