CEIRC Datasets Coordinators

Meeting and Forum
Melbourne 8th February 2010
Agenda

10.00 Datasets Coordinators Meeting

Introduction by Diane Costello (Executive Officer, CAUL, CEIRC Secretary)
Introduction by New Datasets Coordinators
Business Arising from last DSC meeting
New Business

11.10 Datasets Coordinator Mentor Program one year on
11.20 CEIRC Survey for 2009
11.30 Value of CEIRC to the Dataset Coordinators
11.45 CAUL/Industry Think Tank feedback
12.00 Lunch
Agenda

12:45   Datasets Coordinators Forum
        Lets Share!

12:50   Breakaway Sessions
        Stream One:  New subscription Models
        Stream Two:  Renewal Process
        Stream Three: Statistics

13:40   Change over
        Stream One:  New subscription Models
        Stream Two:  Renewal Process
        Stream Four:  E-Books

14:40   Afternoon Tea

15:10   Feedback from Stream One

15:40   Feedback from Stream Two

16:00   Feedback from Stream Three

16:20   Feedback form Stream Four

16:40   Wrap up

16:50   Forum Ends
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Introductions from:

Diane Costello (CEIRC)

New Datasets Coordinators
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Business arising from last DSC meeting:

- Serials Solutions dataset title lists and reporting changes
- Wiley Blackwell 3 year contract
- Australian Financial Review
- Building Code of Australia
- British Pharmacopoeia
- Lexis Nexis AU
- Oz Biogs
- Embase
- GeoBase
- IBIS World
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New Business:

• CEIRC and Open Access
New Business:

• Withdrawal of CEIRC offers for 2010
  – What does this mean and how will it work?
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New Business:
• EBL – point of concern to be raised by CEIRC

  - Why does Ebrary have more content than EBL?
  - It does not have some important publishers such as MIT Press.
  - Need to be able to exclude on series title
  - Need to be able to exclude on e-book packages already purchased or subscribed to
  - Need to have the call no and subject for all records, why are the MARC record provide not full OCLC records, some publishers already provide them, such as Springer for their E-book packages
  - Would be good to be able to exclude on level of publication, e.g. general, general academic, academic, etc
  - Unable to find a patron driven model which we could maintain for a full year, we tried reducing no of loans before purchase, no of titles available etc.
  - The cost of the short term loans are prohibitive, maybe they could be included in the final purchase price
  - The copy feature is so slow to download that some people assume that it isn't working. Also copying each page individually is very clunky - is there a way of copying a whole chapter?
  - Why are you only able to print an entire chapter if it's under 10% of the total content of the book, even though EBL says you can print up to 20%.
  - Feedback from patrons was they did not know what they could do with copying and printing
  - Feedback from patrons that they did not understand the difference between reading online and browsing
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• EBL – point of concern to be raised by CEIRC
  – Why is there so much discrepancy from one eBook supplier to another as to which Oxford University Press titles are available, and prices that vary by hundreds of per cent between EBL and Books@Ovid. EBL is usually the best on pricing, but ebrary seems to have more OUP titles?
  – CSU would like to see more up-to-date Australian content from important Australian publishers. Available Australian content is often years or months out of date, e.g. from CSIRO Publishing, Aboriginal Studies Press, university presses. Only EBL and James Bennett e-titles are providing significant volumes of Australian content. Apart from Allen & Unwin titles, there is little Australian material that’s recent.
  – Some of the big players (Pearson, McGraw-Hill, Wiley) have grouped together as CourseSmart which is extremely expensive. CSU want publications from these players to be included.
  – Need more consistency on lags between print publication and EBL publication. Some publishers do it almost straight away, others provide only older publication. Aboriginal Studies Press, CSIRO Publishing, Australian university presses lag badly.
  – An issue that Monash had recently is the withdrawal of titles from EBL by certain publishers eg OUP. Another publisher Allen & Unwin pulled a title that we had already bought and when we had used up our 320 loans for the year when we normally automatically would buy a second copy we were cut-off until the year had passed and our 320 loans restored.
  – What criteria does EBL use when selecting publishers and books from a publisher?
  – Murdoch’s understanding is that EBL is aimed at academic libraries but some publishers (eg Summersdale) seem to be far from academic.
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New Business:

• EBL provided the following feedback form a recent meeting at UNSW:

List of publishers in regards to agreeing to drop their STL pricing

– **Have changed prices:**
  – SAGE
  – Allen & Unwin
  – United Nations University Press
  – Amsterdam University Press
  – Equinox Publishing
  – World Health Organization
  – Intellect
  – T&F

– **Not changing prices:**
  – John Wiley
  – McGraw-Hill UK
  – Palgrave Macmillan
  – Karger
  – Springer Pub
  – Ashgate

– **Haven’t responded but will continue to be hounded!**
  – University of Chicago
  – Cambridge University Press
  – Walter de Gruyter
  – Manchester Uni Press
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New Business:

• Scopus & WoS – update on negotiations
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New Business:

• Suggested resources to consider for CAUL consortial purchase
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New Business:

• Ideas for seminars, workshops or training relevant to DSC roles
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New Business:

- Other business
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Datasets Coordinator Mentor Program
One year on:

Alison Neil
Why have mentors?

• Newly appointed DSC’s would like help
  – not always able to have a hand over period
  – could reduce the learning curve

• The CAUL Executive Officer can share the load
  – there is someone else to ask
  – knowledge and experience is shared
Did we have any mentors or mentorees in 2009?

• 15 Datasets Coordinators agreed to be mentors

• 8 New Datasets Coordinators were identified by CEIRC

• 4 New Datasets Coordinators were receiving advice and help from staff within their organisation

• 4 New Datasets Coordinators registered to be mentored during 2009
Did we have any mentors or mentorees in 2009?

• The mentorees and their mentors were:
  
  – David Wells (Curtin Uni of Technology) mentored by Brian Tyrrell (Victoria University)
  
  – Susanne Glynn (Deakin Uni) mentored by Jocelyn Priddey (UQ)
  
  – Gill Blacket (Flinders Uni) mentored by Neil Renison (JCU)
  
  – Eleanor Thomas (Uni of South Australia) mentored by Alison Neil (UNSW)
Mentors said:

• Mentoring? It was a pleasure and not a problem

• It actually helped me to be forced to think through our practice on the three issues raised, so there can be benefit both ways

• To have someone you can call, even if you never do, can be reassuring. So I would think this is a program that should be continued, but not foisted on someone who doesn't see the need for it

• Spread over 8 months, the time spent overall on mentoring was insignificant
Mentors said:

• Our mentoring was via phone as we were in different states

• The initial call was a discussion about how each of us thought we would like the mentoring to go

• During the year we called the mentorees to see if all was well

• The program is very worthwhile as it helps with sharing ideas on both sides
Mentors said:

• One year is probably enough for formal arrangements, nonetheless as a professional commitment one would always be ready to advise and assist should the need arise

• I really have not done very much other than be available should my mentee wish to talk to me. We had an initial telephone discussion covering various datasets topics and a couple of emails. It was not formal and has not been the least onerous

• I do think the programme is worthwhile but would be interested in hearing the views of those being mentored. I am wondering if the remote mentoring is a good as the face to face type
Mentorees said:

• It was really helpful to have a person that was currently dealing with the same issues/renewals etc and also to hear about another university’s approach to certain tasks and activities e.g. renewals and documentation

• I did not need to call very often but over the period it was when I had some rather specific queries and I appreciated his feedback and support

• We decided contact for us worked best via email – that worked best for us
Mentorees said:

• We had an initial phone conversation and at that point decided that I would contact when needed. I have emailed her a couple of times in regards to wider issues – Fairfax (Financial Review) and staffing structures.

• When we first spoke we were both unsure how the program would work and decided to approach issues if and when they came up.

• Maybe to have some structure to the program or a list of topics to be covered would be helpful
Mentorees said:

- It has been so reassuring to know that if I need help there is someone specific that I can ask

- Some of the information that was shared with me about how things are managed gave me such thoughts about reorganising things here

- I found that I didn’t need to ring up and ask questions, after the discussions that I had, I felt empowered to get on and have a go
When will the mentoring finish?

- One full renewal cycle – so the mentoring for 2009 is now finished
Should the mentoring program continue?
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CEIRC Survey for 2009
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Value of CEIRC to the Datasets Coordinators

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CAUL / Industry Think Tank Feedback

Greg Anderson
University Librarian, University of Newcastle, CAUL Executive CEIRC Chair 2008-2009

CAUL invited around 80 representatives of university libraries, publishers and agents to a Think Tank held in Sydney on August 17 and 18, 2009. Two academic staff also participated. David Prosser, CEO of SPARC Europe, was the keynote speaker.

A stimulus for the event was the global economic crisis and its effects on scholarly publishing. As discussion unfolded over the two days, it became clear that the critical underlying issue is the sustainability of the current system of scholarly publishing.
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Lets Share!

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Thanks for a useful and fun day

See you next year in Sydney