WorldCat: the year in view

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Year in View - Highlights

• WorldCat statistics, new data loads and enrichments
• WorldCat Quality Experiment
• Expanding VIAF
• Changes to OCLC Governance
WorldCat Today

150.2 million records
1.477 billion holdings

3rd November, 2009
# Year in view - New National Data Loads

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Year in View - New Files in Process

- ABES (France)
- OAIster
- Informationsverbund Deutschschweiz (IDS)
- Malmad (Israel)
- National Library of Wales
Synchronization: SRU Update (a.k.a. WorldCat Interactive Update)

• Immediate availability of records in target database (WorldCat)
  
  Scalability, no scheduling & batch maintenance

• Two databases remain independent but in synch (CBS union catalogue and WorldCat)

• Interactive feedback - alignment, enrichment
  
  Identifier of the record in the target database

• Operational with GGC and NLA, further CBS Partners in Planning

• Development of two-way SRU update is in progress
WorldCat Quality: Expert Community Experiment

- Experiment to test “social cataloguing” with OCLC’s Expert Community
- Experiment began mid February and ended mid August
- Allowed member libraries with full level cataloguing authorizations to make changes to almost all fields in almost all records (Enhance plus)
- 1,690 institutions did at least one replace
- 368 institutions had activity every month of the experiment
Total Replaces = 108,766

Expert Community

February (15-28): 5,816
March: 18,010
April: 19,489
May: 16,704
June: 19,387
July: 20,287
August (1-15): 9,073
Expert Community Experiment Conclusions

- Review is that most changes were appropriate
- Positive response from members - liked being able to “fix” problems eg “typos”
- Consequently # of change requests during the experiment diminished by around 50%
- OCLC is making the process ongoing
- OCLC is thinking about further changes
  - Enhance Libraries to be able to merge some kinds of records
  - All libraries being able to change “Type” and “BibLvl”
Expanding VIAF - http://viaf.org

VIAF: The Virtual International Authority File

VIAF is a joint project of several national libraries, implemented and hosted by OCLC. The project's goal is to lower the cost and increase the utility of library authority files by matching and linking the authority files of national libraries, and then making that information available on the Web.

Participating libraries are:
- National Library of Australia
- National Library of the Czech Republic
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Egypt)
- Bibliothèque nationale de France
- Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
- National Library of Israel
- Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico (Italy)
- Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal
- Biblioteca Nacional de España
- National Library of Sweden
- Library of Congress/NACO
- Vatican Library

We have also loaded files into VIAF for testing:
- Getty Union List of Artist Names - test
- Swiss National Library - test

The search box at the top of this page searches a merged view of VIAF, currently derived from the personal name authority and related bibliographic data of the participating libraries.

More information can be found at the OCLC Research VIAF Project page.
Changes to OCLC Governance

• Governance changes became effective 1st July 2009

• Expanded definition of membership
  • From “All current cataloguing in WorldCat”
  • To a wider definition of “sharing” including
    • Contributing metadata
    • Sharing holdings information
    • Sharing staff resources and expertise (e.g. reference cooperative)
    • Making digital content available to other members
    • Sharing materials using OCLC services
    • Contributing to OCLC in other ways
New OCLC governance structure

Members
Memory institutions with shared values and an ongoing relationship with OCLC

Regional Councils (3)
Assemblies of members in a region (Americas, Asia, EMEA)

Global Council (48)
Delegates from Regional Councils

Board of Trustees (13-17)
6 Elected by Global Council
OCLC Regional Council meetings

Asia Pacific Regional Council
September 2009
Beijing, China

Chew Leng Beh

Europe, Middle East and Africa Regional Council
February, 2010
Leiden, The Netherlands

Berndt Dugall

Americas Regional Council
June 2010
Washington, DC

Patrick Wilkinson
Open to all OCLC institutions in the region

Will be held in different countries in the region

First meeting 24-25th February 2010, Leiden

Will be attended by OCLC President & CEO, Board of Trustees, Members of OCLC Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) and EMEA Board of Directors
There is a call for nominations for Delegates to represent EMEA at Global Council out – for more information see [www.oclc.org/uk](http://www.oclc.org/uk) or speak to me today!