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# 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

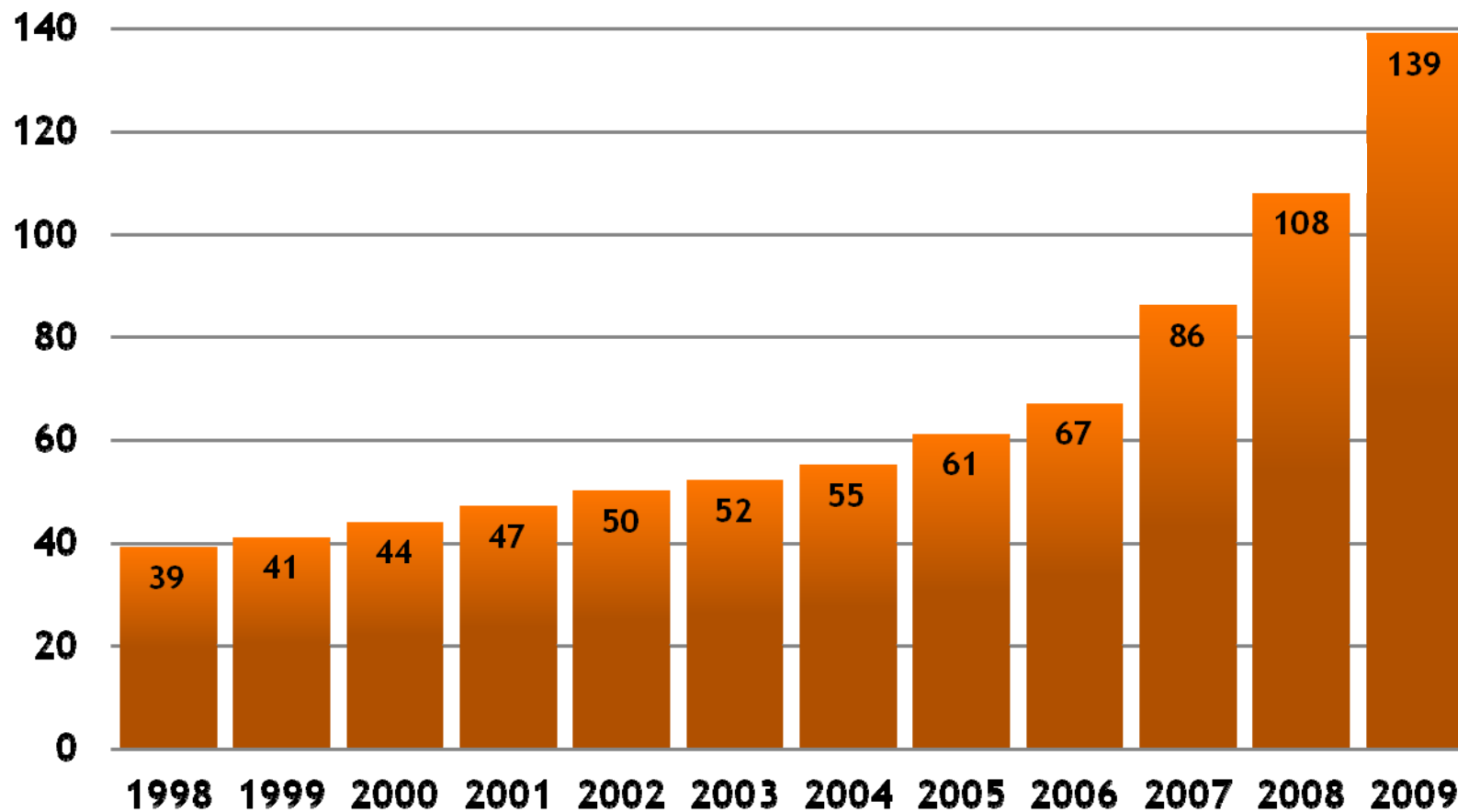
**1.477 billion** holdings

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009

# Year in View - WC Records Added



**Millions of records**



# Year in view - New National Data Loads



| Library or Group                     | M Records processed |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| National Library of Barbados         | 0.5                 |
| DanBib                               | 10.0                |
| UnityUK                              | 3.10                |
| National Library of China            | 2.1                 |
| National Library of Scotland         | 3.94                |
| Bibliotheksverbund Baden Wurttemberg | 13.33               |
| National Library of Spain            | 3.0                 |
| Bibliothèque nationale de France     | 7.7                 |
| IZUM (Slovenia)                      | 3.12                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>46.79</b>        |

- ABES (France)
- OAlster
- 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

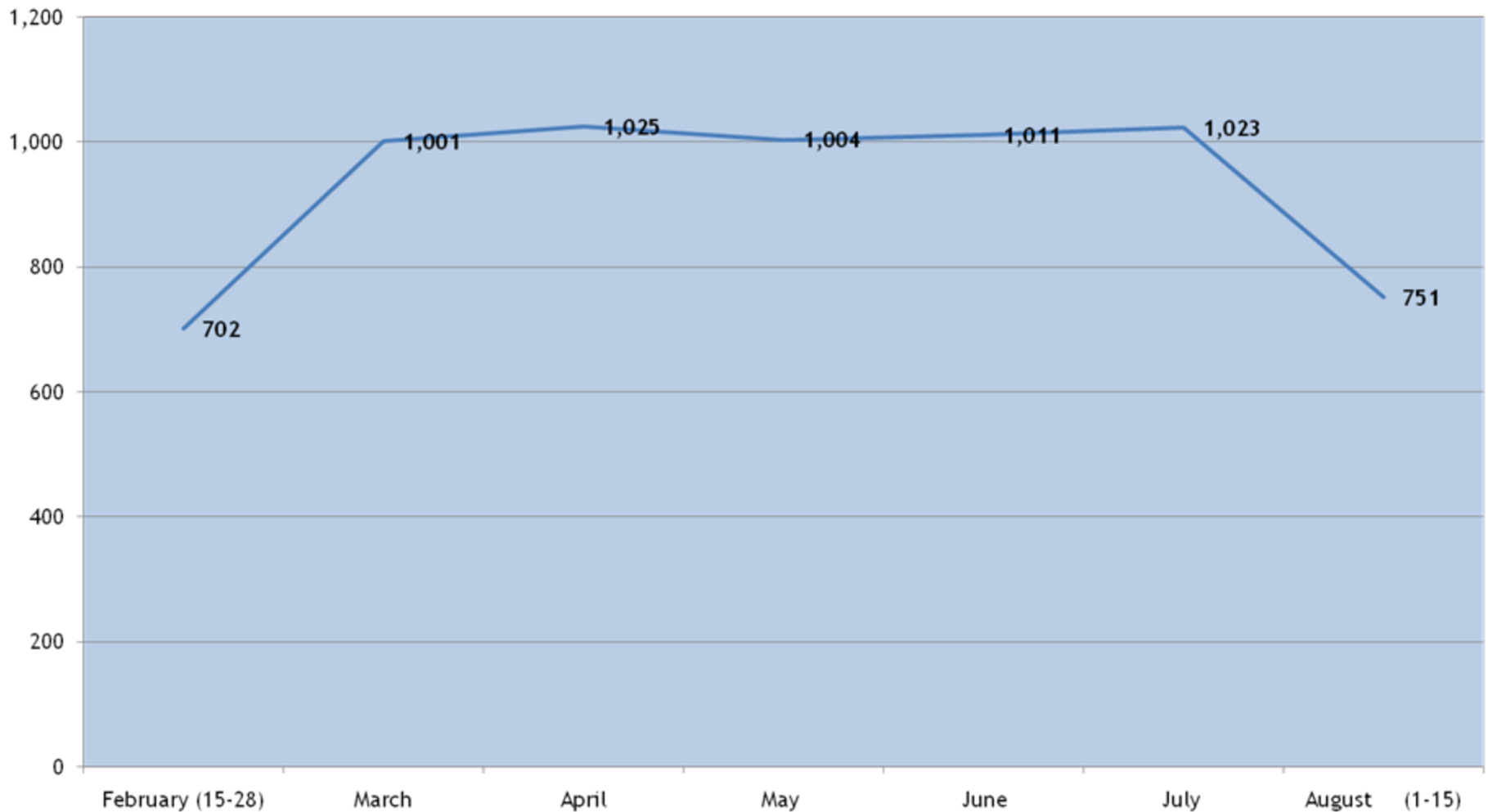


- Experiment to test “social cataloguing” with OCLC’s Expert Community
- Experiment began mid February and ended mid August
- Allowed member libraries with full level cataloguing authorizations to make changes to almost all fields in almost all records (Enhance plus)
- 1,690 institutions did at least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

# WorldCat Quality: the Expert Community Experiment



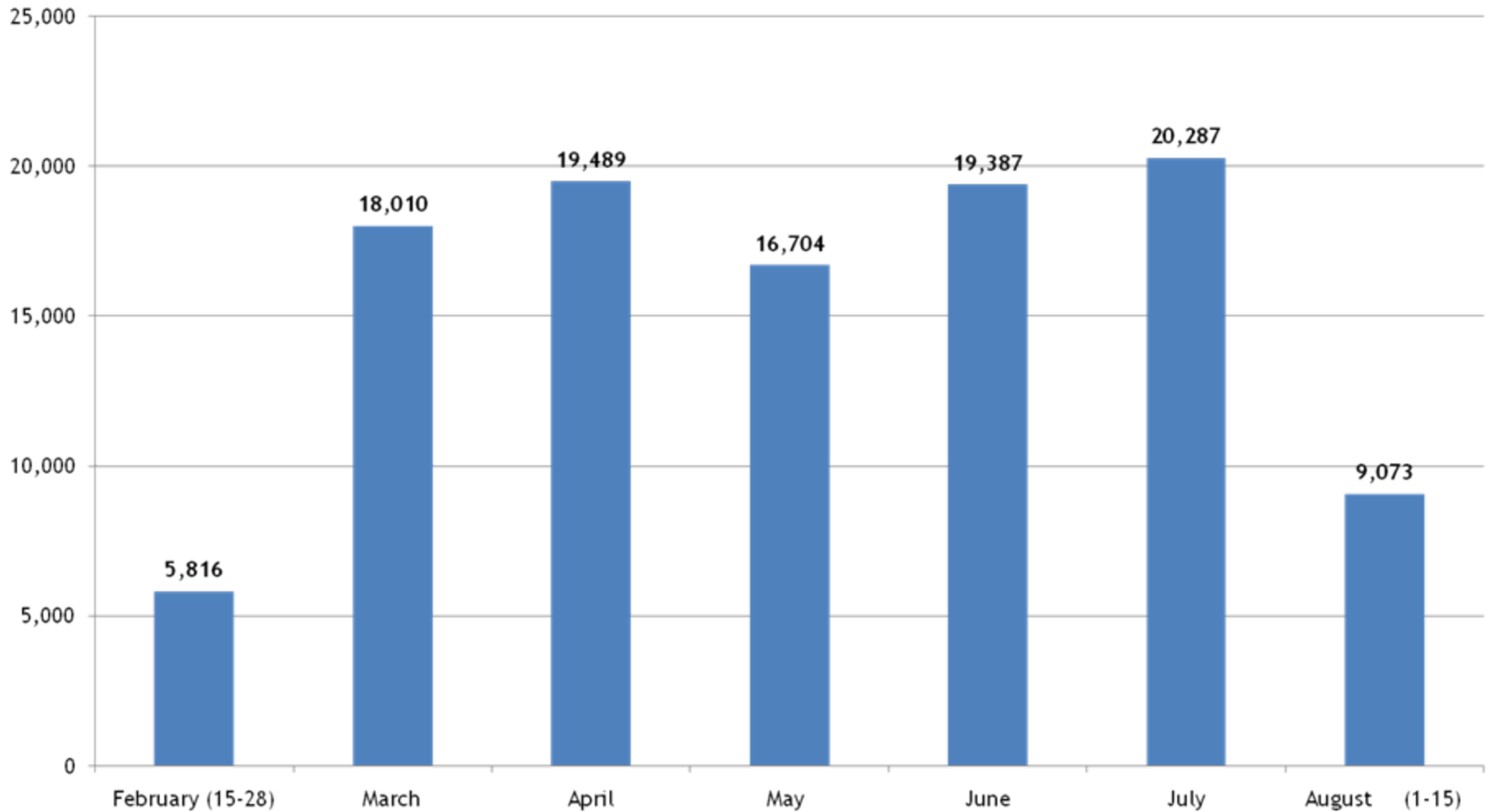
## Number of Institutions



# Total Replaces = 108,766



## Expert Community



- 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 Beta  
Virtual International Authority File

Search

Select Field:

All fields

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All VIAF

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

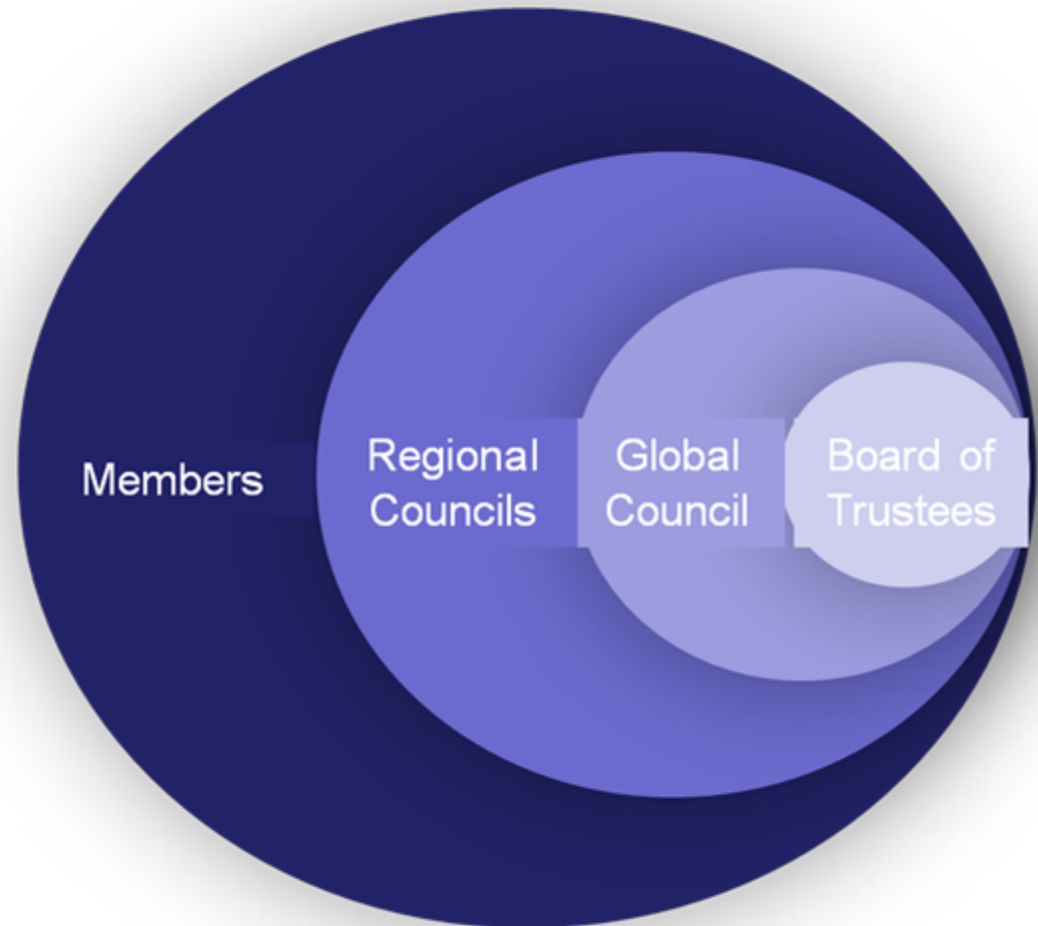
Assemblies of members in a region (Americas, Asia, EMEA)

## Global Council (48)

Delegates from Regional Councils

## Board of Trustees (13-17)

6 Elected by Global Council





Chew Leng Beh

## Asia Pacific Regional Council

September 2009  
Beijing, China



Patrick Wilkinson

## Americas Regional Council

June 2010  
Washington, DC

## Europe, Middle East and Africa Regional Council

February, 2010  
Leiden, The Netherlands



Berndt Dugall

# EMEA Regional Council Annual Meeting

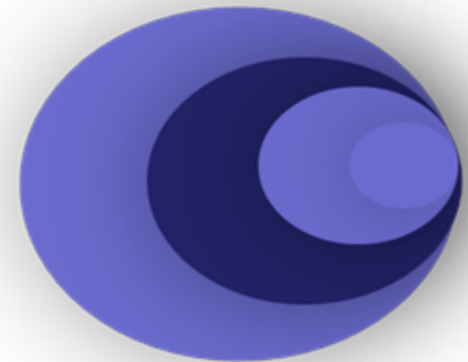


Open to all OCLC institutions in the region

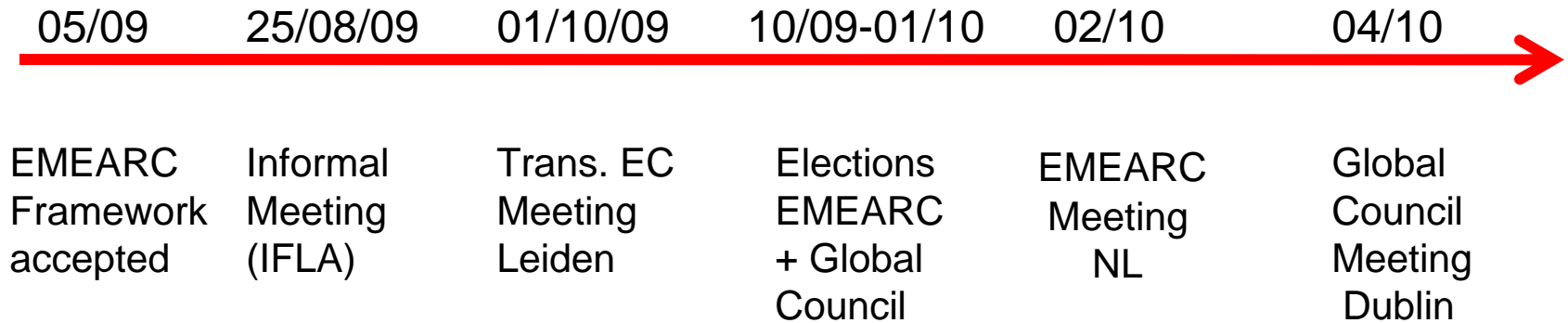
Will be held in different countries in the region

First meeting 24-25<sup>th</sup> 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



# Timeline FY10



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!

Thank you!



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