



Polish academic libraries choose WorldCat and FirstSearch



Eight Polish academic libraries are subscribing to WorldCat and FirstSearch following a successful pilot. The libraries all contribute to NUKAT (Narodowy Uniwersalny Katalog Centralny), Poland's national union catalogue which serves around 60 academic and research libraries and 900 librarians. NUKAT records were added to WorldCat last year for the first time.

In 2006, a large proportion of the NUKAT union catalogue of records and holdings was added to WorldCat, building up the world's largest and most comprehensive database of bibliographic and ownership information by a further 350,000 records. NUKAT contributed records on items published in Poland or in Polish, making the contribution an important one both for libraries within the country seeking interlibrary loans and for any institution wishing to develop their collections of Polish materials. The National Library of Poland/University of Warsaw continues to contribute the NUKAT records and will be adding around 100,000 records during 2007.

The contribution of NUKAT's records and holdings precipitated a pilot of WorldCat FirstSearch for all the NUKAT members. Over 50 per cent of NUKAT members participated and over a quarter of them subsequently made the decision to continue using FirstSearch beyond the pilot phase. FirstSearch is an ideal tool for mediated discovery. Users benefit from additional catalogue information including tables of contents, reviews and excerpts, which allows them to quickly evaluate resource relevance and to easily ascertain where they can gain access to the content.



Agnieszka Kasprzyk, Research Assistant for NUKAT Center of Warsaw University Library, said, "Polish libraries contributing to NUKAT are proudly taking their first steps on the way to cooperation within the WorldCat framework. Polish authors and Polish library collections have gained a world-wide audience and Polish users of WorldCat reach through their local library window out to the whole world." Agnieszka and her colleagues will present a paper on NUKAT cooperation with OCLC and Google at a conference for Polish librarians in July.

Dr Henryk Hollender, Director, Lublin University of Technology Library, adds, "WorldCat is a novelty in Poland, and the solution adopted seems pretty inventive and elegant. Next to all the imaginable general applications (including showing our professors the books they authored in the libraries all over the world, listed scrupulously one by one), it opens a wide field for analysis and comparisons for cataloguing managers, collection building specialists and higher education administrators. For us librarians it is an example of best cataloguing practice. With WorldCat accessible at a click, librarians can easily include electronic resources, media or special collections items in their files. And the files can no longer do without the access points and advanced search techniques that WorldCat offers."

New OCLC PICA delegates elected to OCLC Members Council

The number of delegates on the OCLC Members Council representing the region served by OCLC PICA has been increased to eight. Between February and April, OCLC PICA conducted an election, according to OCLC Members Council rules, and new delegates have been appointed. These changes took effect beginning with the May 2007 Members Council meeting. The Members Council provides advice and counsel to OCLC.

OCLC Members Council delegates serve for a three year period. This year, Alex Klugkist (Groningen University, Netherlands) ends his term. "OCLC PICA and OCLC are very grateful to Alex Klugkist for his time and efforts contributed to this important OCLC body," said Rein van Charldorp, Managing Director, OCLC PICA.

Berndt Dugall (Frankfurt University, Germany), elected delegate at large on the Executive Committee last year, is

Board Launches Governance Review

The OCLC Board of Trustees has appointed a special Governance Study Committee to conduct a review of OCLC's governance structure. The Board will also retain a consulting firm to assist the Committee in the study.

"As OCLC becomes an increasingly global cooperative, we need to adjust our governance to ensure representation and participation by our members around the world," said Lizabeth Wilson, Chair, OCLC Board of Trustees, and Dean of University Libraries, University of Washington. "This study will review and evaluate current and alternative governance forms for OCLC. The Committee will recommend a governance structure appropriate to the roles that OCLC is expected to carry out in the next decade."



There are now 13 Members Council delegates elected from outside the United States, 8 of which are from the region served by OCLC PICA. In fiscal 2006, revenues from non-U.S. operations were 22 percent of total revenues of \$208.4 million, compared with 9 percent of total revenues in 2000, when OCLC's governance was last reviewed.

In the past three years, OCLC has processed approximately 22 million records from non-U.S. libraries for loading into WorldCat and is scheduled to process some 70 million additional records in the coming year. Most of these records are being added through agreements with national libraries.

The review which is being conducted by The Higher Education Consultancy Group (HECG) based in the UK, is seeking input from all OCLC Members, not just those involved in Members Council. For more information on how you can contribute to the review, click [here](#).

VDX article wins award

A paper on VDX ISO-ILL interoperability between the National Library of New Zealand and The University of Auckland has recently been presented a Highly Commended Paper Award at the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2007.

Every year Emerald invites each of their journal's Editorial Team to nominate papers published in their titles for Outstanding Paper and Highly Commended Papers from the previous 12 months. The award is based on originality, relevance, timeliness, rigour, presentation and structure.

The article, "ISO and I reap - lessons learned from Antipodean implementations of the ISO-ILL protocol" was written by David Reid and Jill Irwin. It was published in the journal *Interlending & Document Supply*, Vo. 34, No. 3.

David Reid is an Application Specialist, Inter-Loans Systems at National Library of New Zealand and Jill Irwin is the Interlibrary Services Manager at The University of Auckland. They are both seasoned users of VDX in New Zealand.



Rotterdam City Council live with OLIB

The Rotterdam City Council Information Centre (KBR) has gone live with OLIB7, the OCLC PICA library management system for special libraries and information centres. The implementation went quickly and the new system offers KBR extra ways to optimally serve its users.

In recent months OCLC PICA has been extending the number of OLIB users amongst the Dutch governmental libraries. The latest addition to the list is the Rotterdam City Council Information Centre, which officially started using the system at the end of May.

OLIB7 turned out to be the most suitable one during the application selection phase. "In our team we also had someone who had worked with OLIB before and who brought positive experience to the table," says Joris van Nispen, head KBR. "OCLC PICA came across as a reliable partner. And

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re-elected to a new 3-year term. Juha Hakala (Helsinki University, Finland) becomes a full delegate. Newly elected delegates to serve 2007-2010 are Klaus Ceynowa and Graham Jefcoate. Elected as new alternate delegate for the same period is Robin Green. "OCLC PICA would like to congratulate all new delegates," said Mr. van Charldorp.

IFLA/OCLC Fellows visit Europe

Five young library and information science professionals have completed the IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows 2007 programme with a week of activities in Europe, as guests of OCLC PICA. This international fellowship programme prepares librarians to help libraries thrive in countries with developing economies.

During the 2007 programme, which ran from April 27 through June 1, the fellows participated in a five-week programme of lectures, seminars and mentoring. The first four weeks they were based at OCLC's headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, USA, and the final week they were based at OCLC PICA's headquarters in Leiden, Netherlands.

The most impressive experience during the European visit for Kodjo Atiso (librarian, Animal Research Institute, Achimota, Ghana) was the digitisation process: "Everywhere in Europe we feel the idea is 'going digital'," he says. "It is one of the important things I will tell my colleagues when I get back home." Alicia Esguerra (instructor/librarian, Bulacan State University, Malolos City, Philippines) adds: "I'm impressed with the presence of all the special collections, how much has been kept and preserved over the centuries, all that history and culture." Also the fellows liked the way European libraries plan for the future, for example by building repositories, thinking about copyright and working on international collaboration.



From left to right: Kodjo Atiso (Ghana), Nevena Tomić (Serbia), Alicia Esguerra (Philippines), Pauline Nicholas (Jamaica) and Elisangela Alves Silva (Brasil).

The IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Programme started in 2001 and supports library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. The Fellowship programme provides advanced continuing education and exposure to a broad range of issues in information technologies, library operations and management, and global cooperative librarianship. To date, the programme has welcomed 33 librarians and information science professionals from 23 nations.

New databases available on FirstSearch

From September 2007, 12 new databases will be available from OCLC's FirstSearch service. They are the RLG Eureka databases and they can be ordered from now, with introductory pricing available for first-time subscribers that order by 25th June 2007.

The first 10 databases to become available in FirstSearch are:

- Anthropological Index
- Anthropological Literature
- Anthropology Plus (Includes both Anthropological Index and Anthropological Literature)
- Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals
- Bibliography of the History Art
- Chicano
- FRANCIS (international humanities and social science)
- History of Science, Medicine & Technology
- Index to 19th-Century American Art Periodicals
- Russian Academy of Sciences of Bibliographies

SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs will also become available in FirstSearch following the initial release.

SCIPIO records will also be added to WorldCat and will represent a scoped view of WorldCat similar to the WorldCat Dissertations and WorldCat eBooks databases.

Please contact your local sales office for further information or e-mail: info@oclc-pica.org

OCLC PICA UK Customer Conference in July

The OCLC PICA UK Customer Conference held in association with the OLIB User Group has been

they have proven to be just that during the implementation. In only a few months we have gone through the entire process from planning through to the end evaluation and now we are going live. So we are very content."

Catalogue to be accessible anywhere from now
With OLIB7, KBR can serve city staff far better. Thanks to the Web interface they can access and consult the catalogue from anywhere via the Intranet. Also, the system offers SDI messages (Selective Dissemination of Information) and the possibility to send all kinds of electronic messages via the system. Users can make reservations and requests and also make suggestions for new acquisitions. Links can be placed to various sources on the homepage. "Thanks to OLIB we can better design our services inside the city council," according to Van Nispen. "Because of that and with additional functionality we expect its use to grow in the future."

OLIB also for the professional user
OLIB7 offers many benefits to the employees of libraries and information centres as well. The system is very flexible because the layout manager offers the possibility to configure it for any business situation. Functionality and presentations can simply and quickly be adapted both in the system's administration and the catalogue. Other highlights are the registration of readers' questions, the combination of library management and ILL in one system and the possibility to manage the institution's facilities. And finally, it is important that OLIB, including all extensions and updates, is and will always be developed based on existing and new standards, which ensure optimal compatibility of the system.

About KBR

The KBR is the administrative information and documentation centre of the city council. One can find information on any subject that the city of Rotterdam has made policies for. The five staff manage about 15,000 titles of books and periodicals for all servants of the city of Rotterdam. Civilians also use the information centre.

Wondering where to go for high-resolution art images?

Another service that has recently migrated from RLG and is now available from OCLC is CAMIO® or Catalog of Art Museum Images Online.

CAMIO® offers 90,000 high-resolution art images from some of the world's premier art museums. All images are copyright-cleared for educational use by students, faculty and researchers.



And from June 2007, institutions interested in sampling what CAMIO has to offer can now register for a free 30-day trial of the service. To do so, please forward your details: name, job title, institution, email and telephone number to camio@oclc-pica.org

User profiles to debut in WorldCat.org

WorldCat.org is a new destination website that allows people inside and outside the library environment to discover and use the resources of WorldCat libraries.

With the introduction of personal profiles, WorldCat.org is establishing a social network of the world's library users. Personal profiles are "My WorldCat Accounts" that allow users to create identities at the WorldCat.org site by listing name, location, interests, occupation, photos, email address and links to other personal accounts, as well as library affiliation.

In addition the profiles allow users to manage contributions to WorldCat, such as reviews, ratings, artwork and recommendations. It is the first step in a series of new WorldCat.org features designed to start a web conversation by mixing libraries with users.

Over the next year, OCLC plans to add a variety of social services to WorldCat.org, including tagging, list creation and sharing, citation management and personal cataloguing.

Active role in standards continues

OCLC PICA and OCLC have been behind two new important standards initiatives in the context of improving discovery and delivery.

A working group of ISO (ISO TC46 SC4 WG10), convened by Janifer Gatenby has produced a new Holdings Schema (ISO 20775). A draft is currently being voted. The standard is likely to be approved by the end of 2007. This standard differs from many other holdings standards in that it is primarily designed to be used in search responses rather than for reporting purposes. As a response schema, it combines relatively static and dynamic information. Another important feature of the schema is that it includes a summary section for a group of "interchangeable copies" that can be readily parsed and displayed indicating availability and policy (e.g. terms of delivery).

The OpenURL Request Transfer Message (RTM) is currently

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announced, and this year promises to be even bigger and better with additional parallel tracks having been added.

The event in Sheffield on 10/11 July will commence with a keynote address from Robin Murray, VP of Global Product Management outlining some visions for our future.

Also included in the list of sessions is a presentation by the Head of Management Services, Norbert Weinberger on "Future Directions for Library Management Systems".

We also have the usual mix of informative and practical sessions by customers - this year, Unilever and NHS Greater Glasgow - and by our own Application Services team.

To register online, click [here](#).

being assessed by the OpenURL Maintenance Agency. It will be an important piece in the international discovery-delivery chain. It will be used to direct requests for loan, copy, access to lookup or digitization of an item from a discovery system, notably OCLC's worldcat.org site. It is intended to be used for directing requests to Resource Delivery Systems and/or Electronic Resolver Systems. This becomes more important, as metadata about resources and the resources themselves are now held in so many different places, many without accompanying supply mechanisms. The RTM can facilitate delivery or access.

More detailed information on these two standard initiatives is available on the [OCLC PICA website](#).