

Charge Statement: DALNET Electronic Resources Committee
(Approved at September 2002 DALNET Board meeting)

Scope

The Electronic Resources Committee investigates new forms of electronic information services that can be delivered to members anytime and anywhere through the DALNET Web Site. In conjunction with DALNET Staff, the committee will analyze requirements for the creation, enhancement, maintenance, and user support of electronic resources, such as digital library collections, electronic reference services, distance education, collaborative communications, as well as access to online database and other subscriptions information. The Committee will research standards and best practices for developing and maintaining such resources, as well as methods for integrating diverse resources into a user-friendly DALNET gateway. A member of the DALNET Staff shall chair the committee.

Charge

- Conduct periodic assessments of the information needs of DALNET members, and of DALNET services such as the integrated library system
- Advise the Project Managers about the development of electronic collections and reference services that can be delivered or facilitated through the DALNET Web Site
- Using explicit criteria, assess products available to develop digital collections and to deliver electronic reference services, and recommend further research, testing and evaluation of those which appear most promising to the DALNET Technology Advisory Committee
- Advise the DALNET Project Managers on staffing, and policy issues related to the development and implementation of electronic resource initiatives
- Establish working groups and task forces with specific charges and short-term timelines (e.g., under six months) as needed to fulfill the Committee's goals and objectives.
- Facilitate communication and collaboration between all DALNET committees, task forces, working groups and DALNET Staff involved in the assessment, development and delivery of electronic resources and related technologies
- Design coordinate and evaluate education opportunities related to the development of electronic resources, digital library initiatives and electronic reference services
- Facilitate and encourage initiatives associated with the creation of electronic resource and digital library initiatives among DALNET members
- Provide oversight and support for DALNET digitization projects
- Research potential grant opportunities, in collaboration with DALNET staff with other committees, as appropriate.
- Facilitate establishment and dissemination of effective practices among DALNET members, with respect to electronic resource initiatives, including the production of relevant reports of progress.

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Projects

2002-2003 Projects include: 1) Digitization Projects 2) DLXS and DigitalLink Beta Testing, 3) Electronic Resource Collection Development, 4) Federated Searching (Gateway), and 5) Resource Sharing

Other Research Activities Include: 1) Digital Libraries, 2) User Interfaces for iPac, Children's iPac and Federated Search Gateway, and 3) Peer-Reviewed Web Tools, e.g., MEL, Infomine and Connexion

Membership

FY 2002-2003 membership shall include current IHDC Members (listed below), however, additional members may be added to the Committee. At their first meeting, members will draw straws for 1, 2 and 3-year terms, to avoid having the terms of all five at-large members end simultaneously.

Dee Callaway, Chairperson
Cheri Gay
George Libbey
Sandra Martin
Karen Tubolino
Ann Walaskay
Jackie Wrosch