DALNET World Wide Web/Internet Interest Group
November 14, 1996, 9:30-11:30am, Simons Room, Purdy Library

Present: Nancy Bulgarelli, Beaumont Royal Oak, Jim Green, DALNET/WSU, Kris McLonis, UDM, Teresa Prince, MCC, Bob Schroeder, UDM.

1. Review of charge, potential activities, next steps.
    Comments from our discussion have been incorporated into a new draft of the charge, attached.

    We still want to move forward towards formalization as an official DALNET committee.

2. DALNET brochure/informational content of DALNET web site.
    A new draft of the DALNET brochure is under development in conjunction with the DALNET web site. We discussed how the web site and brochure should be updated and modified.

    A phased approach which tries to do both the easiest and most important tasks first is recommended.

    A first step will be to make hot links to member libraries' web sites. Known ones include UD Mercy, MCC (still in the test phase), and Oakland U. Others will be added as they go online.

    Later, the DALNET home page can be restructure to take better advantage of the web's flexibility at directing users to where they want to go, with frequently-used links in a section at the top of the page and informational materials split out and organized in various ways.

    Still later, subject guides and pathfinders may be pulled together (ideally through links to the member libraries' sites) for shared consortium use. Community information may be gathered and part of the DALNET web site may become a clearinghouse for these resources. Many librarians may contribute to this resource by being assigned to gather and add links to resources in their particular areas of expertise.

3. LUIS, the LUIS replacement system, and the web.
    This was mainly a discussion topic focusing on knowledge and insight gained from the recent series of vendor demos. It seems obvious that any new system we implement will be web-based, meaning that it will consist of server hardware and software that will work with any commonly available web browser. Screens and displays will be presented in HTML format, and will be fully customizable by adding or modifying the HTML coding. The system will be integrated and intertwined with the individual libraries' web sites and the central DALNET web site.

In the interim, a Z39.50 web front end (such as NOTIS's WebPAC or OCLC's WebZ) might be implented on the existing NOTIS system. This would give many of the features of the newer systems, including a graphical interface for searching, ability to follow hot links in bibliographic records to full text or related sources, ability to deliver multimedia resources, ability to fully integrate external web-accessible databases and other resources, etc.

In either scenario there is a growing need for web developers at the central site and the member libraries to work together to coordinate our efforts.

4. Web-accessible databases and other resources.
   In addition to a web-based system or front-end, there is a growing number of web-accessible databases, electronic journals, and other types of resources that need to be integrated into the system. WSU currently subscribes to two Gale Research Inc. databases (Encyclopedia of Associations and Contemporary Authors) and one electronic journal (Journal of Biological Chemistry). Now Information Access Company is offering web access to their databases and H.W. Wilson plans to do the same in the near future.

   It is likely there will be shared web access to such resources from multiple DALNET libraries in the near future. These resources will need to be highlighted in the DALNET web page, and cross-linked between the individual subscribing libraries' pages and the DALNET page. There may be technical problems to resolve, such as hook to holdings, or authentication/remote access, as well.

5. Status of individual libraries' sites:
   Beaumont Royal Oak: in early development.

   Macomb Community College, in test, will be moved to production soon:
   http://ww2.macomb.cc.mi.us/library/Mcclib.htm

   Oakland University, in production:
   http://www.kl.oakland.edu/

   University of Detroit Mercy, in production:
   http://www.udmercy.edu/htmls/Academics/library/lms

6. Plan for next meeting:
   The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 1996 from 9:30-11:30am in Room 15 of the WSU Science and Engineering Library.

Notes by Jim Green
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DALNET World Wide Web/Internet Interest Group Charge

The purpose of the DALNET World Wide Web/Internet Interest Group is to serve member libraries and their users through centralized and individual World Wide Web sites and other Internet-accessible resources.

To accomplish this, the group will coordinate consortium-wide World Wide Web services, and assist member libraries in sharing information, expertise, resources, and equipment for web site development.

Internal (intended for staff) as well as external (intended for users) resources will be developed and maintained by group members and others. Connections with other metro area networks and libraries will also be sought. The interlinked World Wide Web sites will become a clearinghouse for community and other information resources.