



ICOLC Coordinating Committee Meeting May 21, 2020

Attendees: Rick Burke (SCELC), Teri Gallaway (LOUIS), Patrick Peiffer (Bibliothèque Nationale du Luxembourg); Pim Slot (SURFmarket); George Machovec (Colorado Alliance); Lucy Harrison (GALILEO), Celeste Feather (LYRASIS), Rick Moul (PASCAL), Glen Truran (SANLiC)

Lucy Harrison was notetaker for this meeting.

1. Update on the call with HEAL-Link

Rick, Pim and Patrick had a call with Lia at HEAL-Link in Greece. There will be no in-person European meeting in October. Will be looking to make a virtual conference instead. Asked if ICOLC offer the Greek team technical and logistical assistance to arrange the meeting. Since PASCAL will be in July, perhaps the European meeting should be pushed back a bit to have more of a gap. Program committee also needs time to develop the content. What about not having a focused 3-day conference? Perhaps schedule regularly-occurring community conversations instead. Would add some continuity to the discussion as well. SCELC has been scheduling weekly conversations on different topics that have been going very well. We could do monthly ICOLC topic webinars, and then plan something special around the time the conference would have happened, with invited speakers.

Rick, Pim and Patrick will have another call with Lia and set up a program committee to talk through the options and begin planning.

2. ICOLC Virtual Meeting planning update, hosted by PASCAL, July 20-22

Rick Moul provided an update. Proposing a \$75 fee for the 3-day conference. May have more participants than at the in-person conference. Group rate if a consortia has 4+ registrants – all registrants will probably need to be registered centrally by the consortia. If 200 people register, that will cover about half of their earlier outlay in planning for an April 2020 conference.

Proposal to run from Noon – 3:30 ET each day, over three days. Rick shared the draft schedule. Schedule will be finalized and communicated very soon. Some discussion around the OCLC session ensued. Rick B. will communicate with the program committee, and also ask them to give an extra 15 minutes to the futures discussion.

Rick M. is working on the plans for an in-person meeting in 2021. Close to finalizing a contract for a venue 4/25 – 4/29/2021.

3. OCLC Task Force update

Lucy provided a quick update on the OCLC Task Force. There is a meeting scheduled for next week. The full group has been reviewing the questions, and a sub-group is pulling together examples of pricing and transparency issues. At the meeting next week they will discuss the planned approach to the discussion with OCLC, and then Rick B. will follow up with Skip to finalize those plans.

4. Follow-up on our May 6 Pandemic Contingencies meeting.

Meeting went really well. Lots of lively conversation and side chats. Rick will share the chat log from the meeting, once he has it, to help determine next steps. This will probably turn into a series of meetings – can be hosted by different consortia. LYRASIS is always happy to host, if needed.

How frequently? Once a month seems reasonable. Will probably get different attendance levels depending on the subject. Rick will send out a list of potential hot topics to the group, and we can select the ones for the meetings via email. There was a good bit of interest in the state of the budgets of members, and perhaps a statement from ICOLC to help with negotiations. But we want to make sure we are hearing from non-North American voices as well; their budget cycle is different, but overall concerns may be the same long-term.

Glenn says they've talked to all their vendors about the impact of COVID-19, expecting them to take some of the heat. Also trying to integrate open access into the discussion. Vendors are suggesting lower annual increases, but that is not going to go far enough. Libraries are now busy preparing to reopen.

A confidential survey of what budget constraints consortia are facing would be very helpful.

Rick will get the chat log from the May 6 meeting out as soon as possible. Will continue the conversation on email.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. PT.