



Collaboration And Networking: From A New Perspectives

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Overview

Collaboration and networks among information professional should be nurture and implement in order to strengthen our professionalism.

Based on the IFLA conference recently, the idea from successful collaborations from various countries is presented and in this presentation we will also look into the implementation and such development in Malaysia.





Library Consortium

Several groups have been formed in recent years for the purpose of negotiating supply arrangements for books and serials. This focus has also gained momentum in UK, US, Korea, China and Australia, with regional consortia entering into agreements with vendors.





Benefits of Consortia

Allen and Hirshon (1998), “Perhaps the most important development for academic libraries during the current decade has been the move from organizational self-sufficiency to a collaborative survival mode as epitomized by the growth of library consortia”





Sharing Experiences

- Sharing of expensive library collections in the most cost-effective manner for mutual benefit and general cost savings.
- Sharing of Virtual reference collection and Virtual reference services.





Consortia Models

Consortias	Purpose
<i>Arizona University Libraries Consortium [United States]- AULC</i>	<i>collective purchase of electronic information</i>
<i>Cape Library Cooperative [South Africa]- CALICO</i>	<i>providing a shared library system</i>
<i>Consortium of Academic Libraries in Manchester [United Kingdom]- CALIM</i>	<i>reduce duplication collaboration in the delivery of information, standardization of user services and joint staff development</i>





Consortia Models- cont'

Consortias	Purpose
<i>Co-operative Action by Victorian Academic Libraries Limited [Australia]- CAVAL</i>	<i>resource sharing comprises interlibrary loans, a reciprocal borrowing program, a union catalogue and a cooperative storage facility</i>
<i>The Council of Connecticut Academic Library Directors [United States]- CCALD</i>	<i>organises guest speakers and vendor demonstrations for monthly meetings of members</i>
<i>Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries [Canada]- COPPUL</i>	<i>purchasing servers for resource sharing purposes</i>





Consortia Models- cont'

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<i>Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization [United States] - ILCSO</i>	<i>provide shared infrastructure, most notably a shared library system and union catalogue to support statewide access to resources</i>
<i>Missouri Research Consortium of Libraries, [United States] - (MIRACL)</i>	<i>supports reciprocal borrowing and interlibrary lending and a union catalogue linked to the individual library systems</i>
<i>Pennsylvania Academic Library Connection Initiative [United States]- PALCI</i>	<i>provide a virtual union catalogue, a system for client initiated loans and to secure discounts on electronic databases</i>





Consortia Models- cont'

Informal consortia can achieve considerable success with activities such as reciprocal borrowing, interlibrary loan arrangements and joint negotiating and purchasing arrangements for electronic and other resources.





Consortia Models- cont'

Establishing sound governance and funding will provide the key to not only delivering high quality services but also to establishing the consortium that is able to be agile and effective in its actions and thus able to occupy a pre-eminent position in redefining the delivery of library services.





The Electronic Site Licence – Korean Experience

Korea Electronic Site License Initiative (KESLI) is an epoch-making programme developed in Korea as an attempt to greatly expand the availability of foreign scholarly information by consortia-based purchasing of site licenses of electronic journals from publishers and information providers





KESLI - Purpose

KESLI operates under the National Digital Science Library (NDSL) project, the purpose of which is to build a national digital library providing a one-click total gateway to foreign scholarly information.





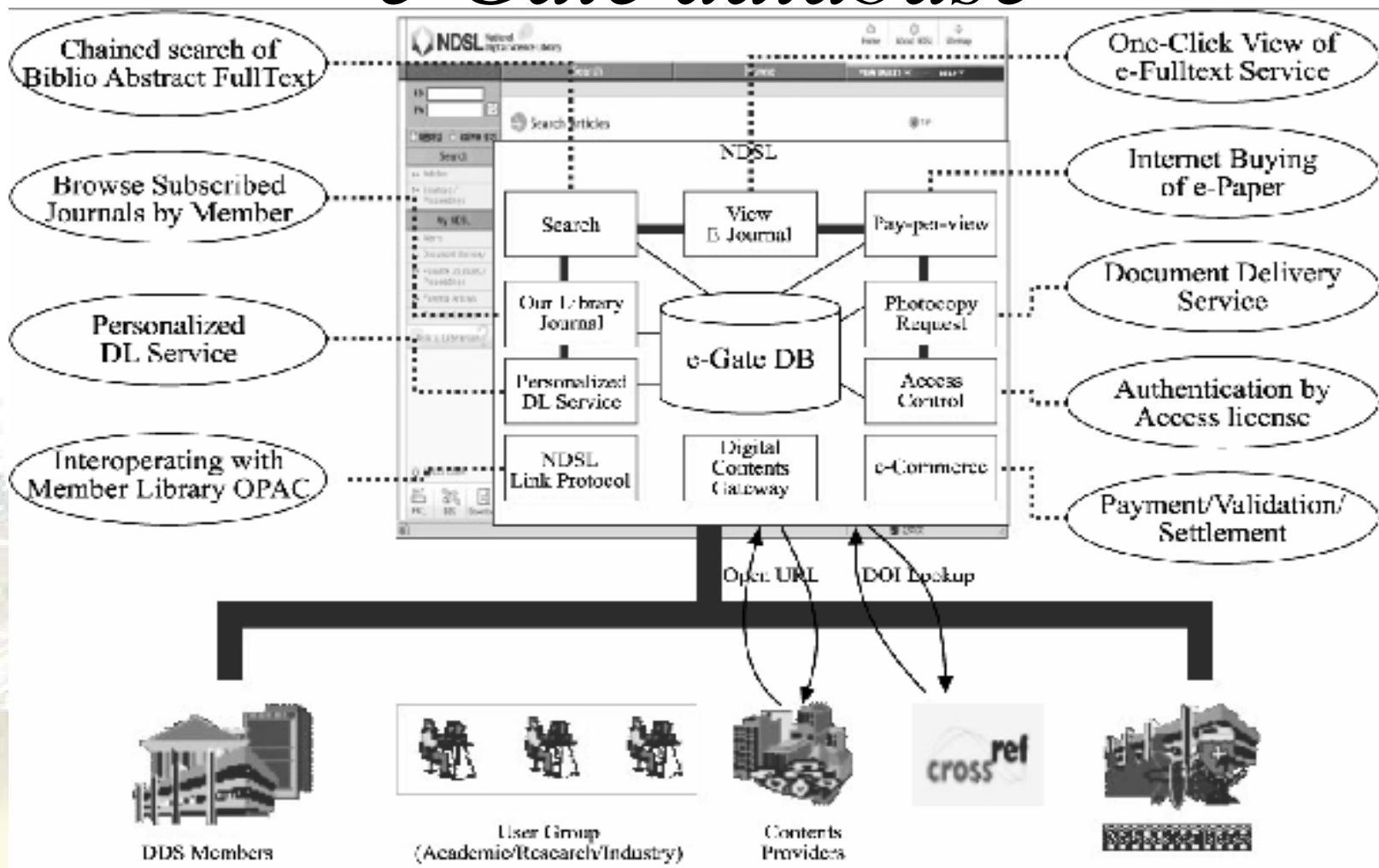
KESLI – Major Features

- All web-based, thus enabling global access and easier maintenance;
- A one-stop gateway to the electronic or printed full-text of all foreign scholarly journals and proceedings required for national use;
- All automatic data handling to minimize manual operations; and
- Being the first product among Korean bibliographic information system that has an e-commerce solution.





e-Gate database





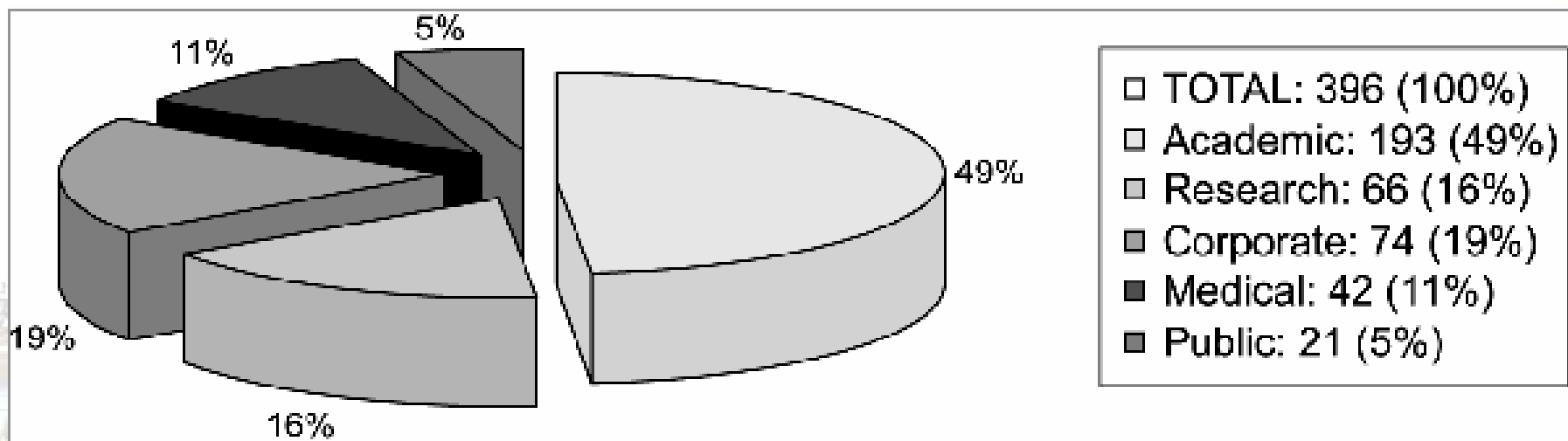
e-Gate database - Content

- Bibliographic records of articles: 28,773,340
- Bibliographic records of journals: 217, 974 (including 8, 374 e-journals);
- Licence data per e-journal: 1,420, 882 of 396 member libraries;
- Volume/issue data: 4,821,577
- Holding data of KESLI members: 14, 915,278 from 360 members; and
- E-full text links: 14, 177, 236 of 26,365 e-journals



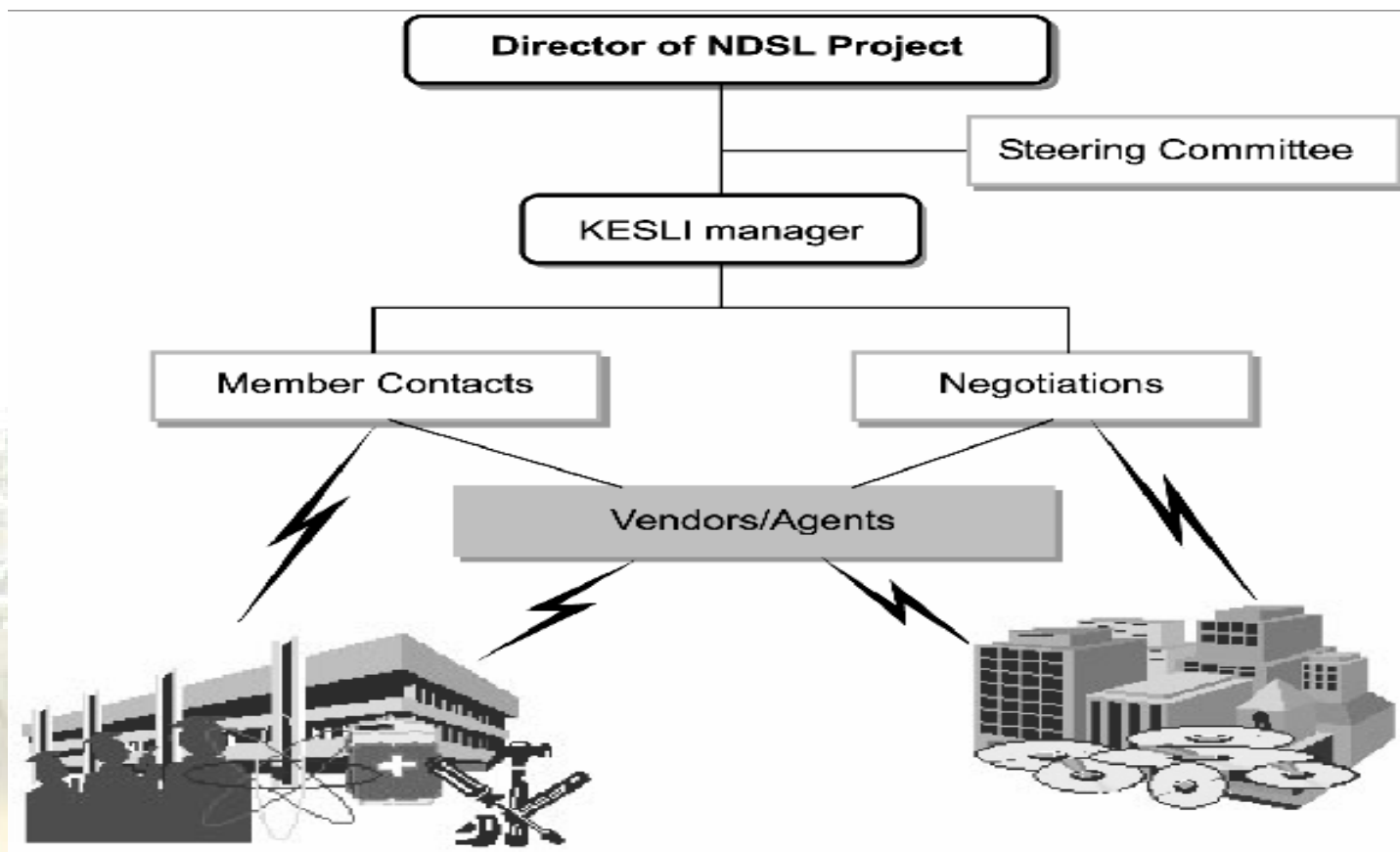


KESLI – Participating Libraries





KESLI – Administering Organization





The TriUniversity Group of Libraries (TUG) – Canadian Experience

- The TriUniversity Group of Libraries consists of the libraries at the University of Guelph, the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.
- They formed a seamlessly integrated program of library collections and services under TUG Agreement





Strength of TUG

The TriUniversity Group of Libraries (TUG) has a combined staff of almost 400 FTE, a budget of over \$25 million and a library collection of more than 7.5 million volumes. The primary user community is 45,000 students and 1,700 faculty. TUG is also a major information resource for the citizens and businesses of Canada's Technology Triangle (CTT) including Cambridge, Guelph and Kitchener/Waterloo.





TUG Agreement

The agreement includes three major themes:

- Information resources and services:
 - Rationalized collection development.
 - Document delivery and Interlibrary loan.
 - Database sharing.
 - Networked information resources.
- Joint storage facility.
- Integrated library system.





Trends in Modern Collaborations

- **Open Access and Open Source**

- Repositories of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) are now becoming common in universities across the world

- **Online Real-Time Reference**

- ways of supporting patrons in the emerging virtual communities by offering value-added services, such as on-line, real-time reference (ORR) and Web-based instruction to support remote access and navigation of library electronic resources.





Open Access and Open Source

- *it should be digital, online, free of charge, and free from most copyright and licensing restrictions (Suber, 2005).*
- The practice of making digital versions of theses and dissertations available online is growing internationally.





Example

- Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), an international organization dedicated to promoting the adoption, creation, use, dissemination and preservation of e-theses (www.ndltd.org).





Open Source Software

- DSpace (www.dspace.org) developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries and Hewlett-Packard (HP),
- EPrints.org (www.eprints.org) developed at the University of Southampton, and
- ETD-db ([http://scholar/lib.vt.edu/ETD-db](http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ETD-db)) from Virginia Tech in the US, where staff had been involved in the development of ETDs since the early 1990s.





Online Real-Time Reference (ORR)

ORR offers the following advantages:

- Service to remote users
- Distributed service (portable service: accessible wherever patrons have access to the web).
- Convenience (even local users need not come to the library physically).
- Outreach tool for the library.
- Expanding the scope of services while extending hours of service (facilitates a 24/7 service).
- Additional communication option (giving patrons a choice).
- Capability to reach more people (reaching beyond the walls of the library).
- Meeting user expectations (there are similar trends in banking, shopping, investment, entertainment, and communication)





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ORR Leading Software

LSSI's Virtual Reference Desk



Connecting people with knowledge





Malaysian Experience – Are We Ready?

- Several achievements:
 - PERPUN-Persidangan Perpustakaan-perpustakaan Universiti dan Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia (*The Conference of University Libraries and Malaysian National Library*) the organization manage to come out with the portal that serve the user. MyUninet Portal (*Malaysian University Libraries and National Library Network*) has started to materialized the collaboration and network among academic libraries in Malaysia.





MyUninet : <http://portal.perpun.net.my/portal/>

MyUninet Portal

Malaysian University Libraries & National Library Network

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2. MURC

- **MURC** is a Malaysian Universities Repository Collection. It manages the university repositories which selected by librarians, scholars, and other subject specialists along with a wide range of criteria. The repositories include the published and unpublished resources by university, academician and personnel such as books, conference & seminar papers, journal articles, working papers, magazines, newsletters, newspapers, statistics, brochures, pamphlets, prospectus, etc.





3. MGIR

- **Malaysian Gateway to the Internet Resources (MGIR)** manages the compiled Internet resources that are recommended and reviewed by academic university librarians in Malaysia. The resources are arranged by subject categories of the university to support the process of teaching and learning. The portal lists the links to the websites which are informative and beneficial to the users in selecting the accurate resources that supporting the research.





4. ULSI

- **Union List of Serials IPTA/IPTS (ULSI)** is a portal that lists the titles of all serial publications subscribed by all university libraries in Malaysia. The serials publications are arranged accordingly to facilitate the librarians to identify the availability of the resources for more cost effective subscription in the future.





5. Other Collaborations

Other collaboration under PERPUN are :-

- PDK - Pangkalan Data Komersil (Consortium of Commercial Databases)
- Medical Group Libraries
- Law Libraries
- Document Delivery.





Concluding Remarks

IFLA conferences provides platform and ideas for our librarians to collaborate among local and international libraries. It is significant for our profession to develop and adapt with the current changes through the sharing of knowledge and expertise with other libraries.

