

Report of the
**Information & Technology (IT), Academic Libraries, & Special Libraries
Special Interest Groups (SIG)**

ACURIL XLIII – 9-14 June 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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(University of Florida), and Mark Sullivan (University of Florida)**

Monday, 10 June 2013

On Monday, 10 June 2013, the IT SIG met for a discussion on the commons philosophy in the daily tasks of the information technology, led and facilitated by IT SIG Co-Chair Judith Rogers. There were 8 attendees for the meeting. Participants learned and shared about the commons philosophy in the daily tasks of the Information Professional in the Caribbean, specifically focusing on Information Technology.

Participants also received details on the business of the IT-SIG group:

- Information on the new email list for the IT-SIG (acuril-itsig@googlegroups.com) for ongoing discussion throughout the year; please email Laurie Taylor (Laurien@ufl.edu) to be added to the email list
- Discussion of webinars that attendees would like to present and attend, with recommendations for presenters

From 2-3pm, Judith Rogers presented a formal summary, extended thoughts, and a focused discussion of the Commons Philosophy as applied to Information Services at the University of the Virgin Islands in the Grand Ballroom with all attending ACURILEANS for this major presentation session.

Wednesday, 12 June 2013

The next IT-SIG meetings were held on Wednesday, 12 June, from 1-2pm and 3:30-4:30pm.

From 1-2pm, the IT SIG hosted a workshop within the “SPECIAL THEME IV. Training and professional development of the personnel in the Knowledge Territory, integrating the Commons concept.” The workshop focused on the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) and the Caribbean Knowledge Commons: Online Tools for Digital Curation, myDLOC tools for adding new materials and myDLOC bookshelves and other user tools. Brooke Wooldridge and Laurie Taylor presented the workshop. There were 10 attendees for the workshop. Participants learned about the online tools with dLOC for digital curation as part of born-digital curation, digitization, and curatorial context-enhancement as well as the myDLOC tools for users with bookshelves, saving searches, and sharing items.

From 3:30-4:30pm, the IT SIG held the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) Full Partner Meeting and Presentations. There were 17 attendees for the meeting. Participants learned about dLOC with a review of the overall program goals, partnership and membership model with three funding types for ongoing sustainable growth, updates on technology, the dLOC Awards for recent initiatives, partner updates and presentations on new items and projects, and a question and answer session. In addition to the short updates by all partners, Irwin Korstjens provided an in-depth presentation on the learning object materials and structure for the newest project from the University of the Netherlands Antilles.

Thanks & Future Announcements

The IT SIG thanks all of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) Partners for presenting and sharing their excellent work and special thanks to Irwin Korstjens, University of the Netherlands Antilles, for his extended presentation and sharing news of their excellent work. The IT SIG also thanks Brooke Wooldridge, Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) Director, for facilitating the workshop, meeting, and presentations.

The IT SIG thanks all the presenters and participants for their interest and participation in the meetings of ACURIL XLIII. We look forward to presenting webinars throughout the next year, and invite your recommendations for topics and your offers to present in the online format.

Next year, the IT SIG did want to alert all ACURILEANS to the upcoming birthday for the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC). The IT SIG thanks all ACURILEANS for their support and participation in the ACURIL IT SIG, which is the birthplace of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC). At ACURIL XLIV, dLOC will celebrate its 10th birthday and the ACURIL IT SIG looks forward to sharing this birthday celebration with all ACURILEANS.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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