

Report of the
Information & Technology (IT) Special Interest Group (SIG)
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Monday, 9 June 2014

On Monday, 9 June 2014, the IT SIG held the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) Full Partner Meeting and Presentations with discussions on Collection Development for digital collections to enhance cultural literacy. There were 16 attendees for the meeting, with the meeting led and facilitated by IT SIG Co-Chairs Judith Rogers, Laurie Taylor, and Suchitra Yellapantula. Participants learned about dLOC with:

- Review of the overall program goals
- Review of partnership and membership models with funding for ongoing sustainable growth Updates on technology
- Updates on scholarly activities with the new scholar update because of the many collaborations on research and teaching (<http://dloc.com/UF00093611/00024/pdf>)
- dLOC Award Recipients
- Partner updates and presentations on new items and projects
- Question and answer session

In addition to the short updates by all partners, Marie France Guillaume for the Brothers of Christian Instruction (<http://www.dloc.com/AA00023816>) and Bernado Alexis for the National Archives of Haiti (<http://www.dloc.com/AA00023815>) provided in-depth presentations on the work at each of their institutions. Additionally, they have both shared their presentation slides in dLOC to share with others who were not able to make the meeting.

Wednesday, 11 June 2014

The next IT-SIG meeting was held on Wednesday, 11 June, from 10:30am-11:30am for a discussion on “Libraries, Archives and Museums: Gateways to Information Literacy and Cultural Heritage”, led and facilitated by IT SIG Co-Chairs Judith Rogers, Laurie Taylor, and Suchitra Yellapantula. There were 14 attendees for the meeting.

During this meeting, the IT SIG hosted a presentation by Ashley Till from the University of the Virgin Islands on “Tips for Longevity in the Contemporary Technological World.”

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

- Information on the 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 2-2:30pm, Laurie Taylor presented on dLOC and collaboratively developing data curation

literacy for cultural in the Grand Ballroom with all attending ACURILEANS for this major presentation session.

Other Trainings

Based on the dLOC Advanced Topics Training held July 21–August 2, 2013, the ACURIL IT SIG and dLOC collaborated on a series of 4 training webinars in fall 2013 on dLOC's Open Source Software. All of the trainings were conducted as online webinars, and recordings are available online in dLOC (<http://www.dloc.com/IR00003545/>).

dLOC's 10th Birthday

In 2014, the ACURIL IT SIG and all ACURILEANS are invited to celebrate the 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). A poster on dLOC's beginnings with ACURIL was presented, a poster on the Dutch Caribbean Digital Platform using the dLOC technology shows new initiatives emerging through ACURIL.

At ACURIL XLIV, dLOC celebrates its 10th birthday and the ACURIL IT SIG shares this birthday celebration with all ACURILEANS.

Thanks & Future Announcements

The IT SIG thanks all of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) Partners for presenting and sharing their excellent work. The IT SIG thanks all the presenters and participants for their interest and participation in the meetings of ACURIL XLIV. 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.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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