



MODELS & IDEAS FOR A NEW CONSORTIUM OF SOUTH AFRICAN ACADEMIC & RESEARCH LIBRARIES

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**A PRESENTATION TO THE MEETING ON MERGER
OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN SANLIC AND RESEARCH COUNCIL
LIBRARIES**

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CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

Since the economic crisis in 2008, academic and research libraries across the globe has been experiencing cuts in recurrent funding,

One of the questions these libraries could not address is: “What avenues are open to libraries undergoing financial difficulties to help them continue to offer services and resources to support their institutional academic and research enterprise?”

One avenue that CHELSA thought would add value for academic and research libraries, is the possibility of expanding the existing consortium in South Africa to focus not only on procurement of scholarly material but to activities that will strengthen academic and research libraries,

Based on the CHELSA/ SANLIC /SANRIC meeting held on 30th June 2014 to explore possibilities of working together, it became quite clear that all parties support the notion of collaboration.

Consequently, each constituent was given a mandate to come up with an ideal consortia model that will best meet the need of academic and research libraries in the country,

CHELSA organised a teleconference meeting to be held on 16 September 2014, aimed at identifying model/s and or features of a model that could be appropriate for the country.

This presentation gives an outline on proposed models identified by CHELSA.

PROCESSES FOLLOWED

CHELSA interrogated two 'consortia models' that have appealing characteristics for our ideal consortium, these were :

- Australian Academic and Research Libraries (CAUL)
- CARLI: Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois

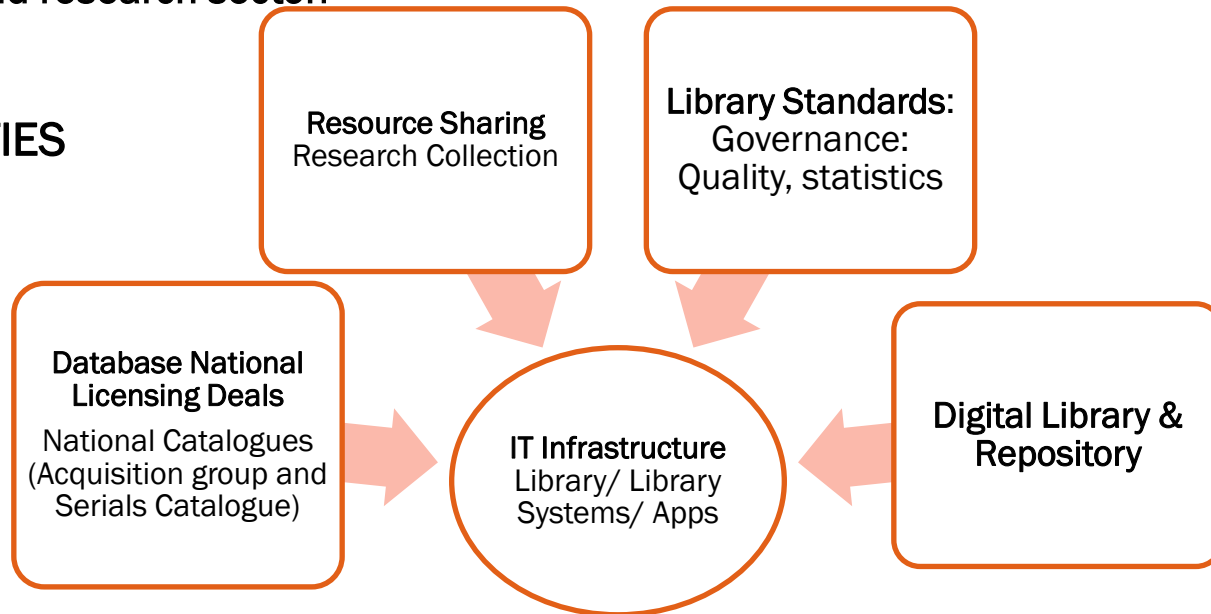
Each consortium was interrogated to determine its membership, mission, activities and governance to guide the selection process.



Model(1) : CAUL (Council of Australian Academic & Research Libraries)

MISSION: To provide advice and direction to ALIA Board and ensures that the strategic direction of the Association reflects the interests and concerns of members working in the academic and research sector.

CORE ACTIVITIES



MOTIVATION : THIS MODEL HAS FEATURES THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH FOUR STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2014.

MODEL(2) CARLI (ILLINOIS)

Mission: To create and sustain a rich and diverse knowledge environment that furthers teaching, learning and research through the sharing of collections, expertise and programmes.

MEMBERSHIP

140 MEMBER LIBRARIES –INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY COMMITTED TO MEETING THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH NEEDS OF 650 000 STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

CORE ACTIVITIES

- ❑ SHARING I- SHARE INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM
- ❑ E-RESOURCE LICENSING AND SUBSIDIZED CORE RESOURCES
- ❑ SFX LINK RESOLVER
- ❑ DIGITAL COLLECTIONS
- ❑ STATE WIDE COLLECTIONS AWARDS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES : FORMAL & CONTINUING EDUCATION
- ❑ STATE WIDE PHYSICAL DELIVERY: NETWORK SYSTEM AND DATABASE ADMINISTRATION
- ❑ HELP DESK AND ONLINE PROBLEM REPORTING AND RESOLUTION POINT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION : Commitment to resources sharing through the continued maintenance and development of its integrated library system, and the provision of meaningful electronic resources, through brokering , subsidization and cost sharing agreements, While identifying and planning new initiatives defined by the strategic priorities. **Carli will seek to expand the participation of qualified libraries in I-share. Emphasis will be placed on clarifying and communicating the value of CARLI to members and their stakeholders.**

MOTIVATION : THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE AND ACTIVITIES OUTLINED ON THIS MODEL WILL GUIDE THE SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR THE ENVISAGED NEW CONSORTIUM.

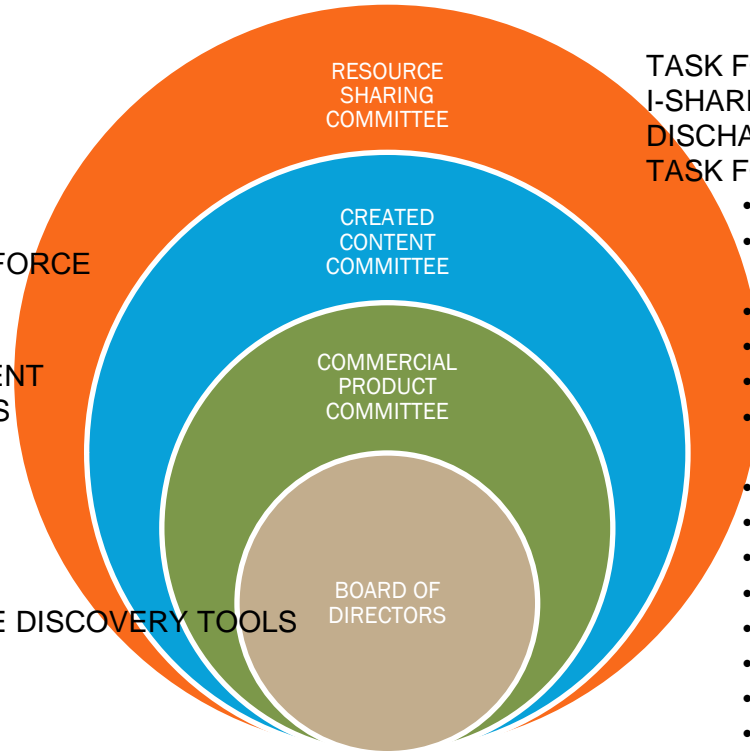
CARLI GOVERNANCE

BOARD PORTFOLIO ROLES

- EXECUTIVE
- FINANCE
- HR
- PROGRAM PLANNING
- NEW DIRECTOR'S TASK FORCE

STANDING COMMITTEE

- COLLECTION MANAGEMENT
- COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS
- CREATED CONTENT
- INSTRUCTION
- PRESEVARTION
- PUBLIC SERVICE
- RESOURCE SHARING
- SFX SYSTEM/ RESOURCE DISCOVERY TOOLS
- TECHNICAL SERVICE



TASK FORCES

I-SHARE/LIBRARY SYSTEM DISCHARGED COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

- COLLECTIONSWORKING GRP
- DIGITAL COLLECTION USER GROUP
- E RESOURCES W/GROUP
- I-SHARE SYSTEM COMMITTEE
- I-SHARE USERS GROUP
- I-SHARE CAT. AND AUTHORITY CONTROL TEAM
- I-SHARE ACQ. & SERIALS
- I-SHARE INSTRUCTION
- I-SHARE OPAC
- PRESERVATION W/ GRP
- PUBLIC SERVIVE GROUP
- VISION 2020 TASK FORCE
- STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE
- COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT
- RESOURCE SHARING CODE
- TASK FORCE

CHELSA'S PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

Based on examined models CHELSA proposes the following:

- Committee should identify ideal features our consortium could be modelled on,
- Committee must proceed with processes that will lead to amalgamation of the three organisations into a single consortium,
- A time lined activity report be drafted and presented to the joint constituents on how the processes will unfold.