Developing ICOLC Guidelines, Statements, and Endorsements

“Are these just guidelines, or are they actual new policies?”
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First statement: Selection and Purchase of E-Information
- Dutch library statement
- Recognition of need by COC group to issue a statement
- Meeting of North American subgroup to develop a statement
- Joint N.A./Western European meeting to discuss joint issuance of statement
- ICOLC became international
- Statement issued as the first joint act of the new ICOLC
• Subsequent guidelines, statements and endorsements
  – Identification of an issue during ICOLC business meeting
  – Volunteers to work on statement (international)
  – One or more people take lead to draft (or re-draft) a statement
  – Issuance on Consort listserv for comment
  – Solicitation of endorsers
  – Issuance of statement
- Privacy Guidelines for Electronic Resources Vendors (2002)

http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/
• Retain copyright “exceptions” for research
• Ensure permanent access and archiving
• Require original publishers to provide access when e-journals transfer to another publisher
• Ensure pricing models reduce unit cost of information
• Ensure publishers provide effective statistical usage data, e.g., through Counter
• Support affordable access for countries-in-transition
• Support new access models, e.g., Open Access
• **Eliminate non-disclosure clauses**
• **Unbundle pricing of electronic and print publications**
  – E-products should cost substantially less than the print
• **Eliminate “no cancellation” clauses for e-journals**
• **Enable attrition from “Big Deals,”** e.g., to
  – Shave off unused titles, enable “by the drink” purchases, provide liberal cancellation allowances
• **Do not repackage (and re-charge for) content**
• **Change – not eliminate – the role of intermediaries**
Adopters of This Statement

This statement was *adopted in principle* by *member representatives* of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC), whose organizations are listed below. *This statement does not necessarily represent the official views of each consortium listed.*
Local Endorsement Process Questions

• Should I send the document to my board for approval?
• What if I do not (or my consortium) does not agree with every statement in the Guideline?
• Intellectual Property rights
  – Should ICOLC (or member consortia) endorse the WIPO statement from Brazil?
• Institutional Repositories: best practices?
• Statistics: should we update the statement?
• Other?
Questions?
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“Well, actually, they are written in stone.”