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# Developing ICOLC Guidelines, Statements, and Endorsements



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guidelines, or  
are they actual  
new policies?”*



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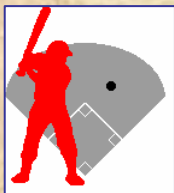
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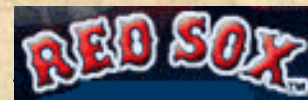


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World Series Champion Boston*



# Process for Development

- 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

# Process for Development

- 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

# Guidelines & Statements

- Privacy Guidelines for Electronic Resources Vendors (2002)
- Guidelines for Statistical Measures of Usage of Web-Based Information Resources (1998; updated 2001)
- Guidelines for Technical Issues in Request for Proposal (RFP) Requirements and Contract Negotiations (1999)
- Statement of Current Perspective and Preferred Practices for the Selection and Purchase of Electronic Information (1998; updated 2001 & 2004)

<http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/>

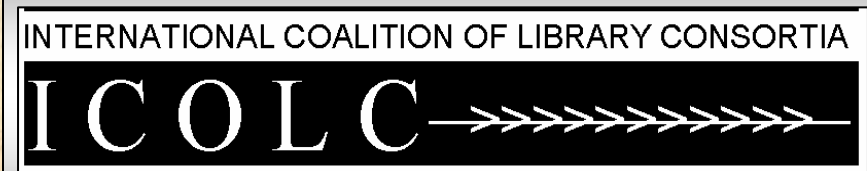
- **Retain copyright “exceptions” for research**
- **Ensure permanent access and archiving**
- **Require original publishers to provide access when e-journals transfer to another publisher**
- Ensure pricing models reduce unit cost of information
- Ensure publishers provide effective statistical usage data, **e.g., through Counter**
- Support affordable access for countries-in-transition
- **Support new access models, e.g., Open Access**

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## 2004 E-Info Guidelines

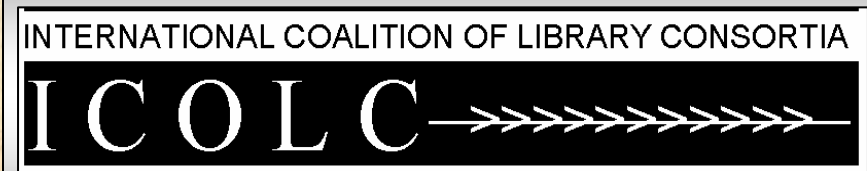
- **Eliminate non-disclosure clauses**
- Unbundle pricing of electronic and print publications
  - E-products should cost substantially less than the print
- Eliminate “no cancellation” clauses for e-journals
- **Enable attrition from “Big Deals,”** e.g., to
  - Shave off unused titles, enable “by the drink” purchases, provide liberal cancellation allowances
- Do not repackage (and re-charge for) content
- **Change – not eliminate – the role of intermediaries**



# What Does Endorsement Imply?

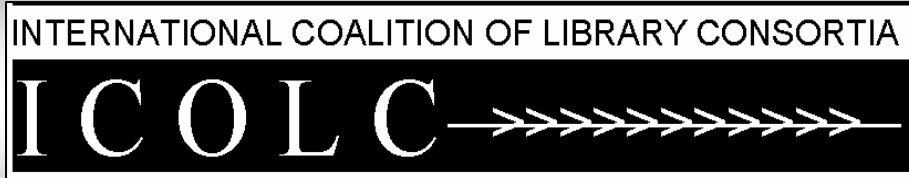
# Adopters of This Statement

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?



# Possible Future Guidelines

- 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.”*