

APPENDIX V A

The Future of Area Librarianship Conference
Evaluation Form
July 13-14, 1995
Indiana University, Indianapolis

Name (optional) _____

We are very interested in your assessment of this conference and request that you share your reactions and ideas. This will be very helpful as we plan future meetings on this topic. Thank you.

A. CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

What were your primary objectives for attending this conference?

How well were your objectives met?

Excellent

Very Good

Fair

Poor

Comments:

B. CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Poor
Keynote Presentation (Patrick O'Meara)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Survey Results	_____	_____	_____	_____
Small Group Discussions	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dinner Presentation (Patricia Oyler)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Morning Presentation (Deborah Jakubs)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Action Plan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Overall Content	_____	_____	_____	_____
Overall Organization	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments:

C. ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITIES	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Poor
Meeting Room	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hotel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Breaks	_____	_____	_____	_____
Meal	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments:

D. We are interested in your suggestions for further research and activities on area librarianship, including the content of professional development workshops at Indiana during the summers of 1996 and 1997.

APPENDIX V B
SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION FORMS

A. Conference Objectives:

"To take part in developing a strategy for the future of area librarianship, and to learn from colleagues from other areas."

"Promote area librarianship and area studies; expand the framework of discussion beyond "traditional" ARL/Title VI Center members; ensure a continued supply of area resources in my field."

"To participate in and contribute to discussion of issues of area librarianship."

"Information about particular fields."

"Getting ideas for education and training. How can my institution participate, encourage, etc.. Acquire information that will get institution to act."

"To talk about issues of librarianship and area studies."

"To help to highlight the importance of area studies librarianship and collections and indeed international education generally. To develop ways to educate and train the next generation of area studies librarians."

"Overview of issues in area librarianship. Collaborative collection management in area studies."

"Obtain overview of issues and challenges confronting area studies librarianship; contribute to this overview from a West European perspective."

"To promote area studies librarianship and to share the concerns with colleagues for future of area librarianship. To learn the current status, the vision and plans regarding area librarianship at a national level."

"To participate in the discussion on the status and future of area librarianship. To hear other people's views."

"Concern for future of area librarianship. Need for increased, shared, international collection responsibilities."

"I primarily attended the conference to represent our area bibliographer, and to understand the needs of the libraries. I hoped to take notes to brief them about the general discussion and to be able to identify the major areas of need."

"For information on the current status of area librarianship and on skills and knowledge related to the specialty together with curriculum implications."

"To discuss the needs for area librarians in the future."

"To listen to what other people felt were the important issues facing area librarianship and to help formulate ideas for the future."

"To learn from other area/subject specialist/librarians in academic/research libraries and assess the current status and the future of area librarianship."

"Participate in national discussion on area studies issues to assist in shaping the future direction."

"Not sure what I wanted, information on the questions involved -- ideas to take to other area studies specialists."

"Acquire better understanding of state of area librarianship; discuss problems and possible solutions to them."

"To assess common concerns among variety of area studies bibliographers."

"To learn more about national trends in area librarianship, and try to participate in creation of an advocacy network."

"Changing role of the area studies bibliographer; and relevance of online/internet advances."

"Develop action plan for area studies librarianship generally and examine own area needs."

"To find out the role and responsibilities that an area librarian should perform."

"Learning about continuing education and training in area librarianship and report back to other area specialists at my institution."

"To assess conditions/prospects in area studies librarianship beyond my own institutional area focus."

"To be involved with planning and development of area librarianship and cooperative development of national level collections."

"To learn more about problems faced by area specialists and to develop a plan to work in a coordinated manner in areas of common interest."

"To investigate methods by which we would be able to encourage library schools and students to offer area studies courses and take classes."

"To discuss and learn from colleagues of other institutions about the issues of area studies librarianship."

"To discuss issues pertaining to area studies librarianship."

"To see what could be done next, nationally."

How well were your objectives met?

	Number of respondents
Excellent	10
Between Excellent and Very Good	1
Very Good	19
Fair	4
Poor	0

Comments:

"This was an excellent starting point and a way to identify common goals. I am anxious to see (and help with) what comes next."

"Some concern over ensuring a broad and inclusive context/focus for area studies discussions."

"Lack of library directors and other non-area specialists was a problem. Do not feel closer to figuring out how to convince non-area specialists."

"My interests were not concerning education and preparation."

"This conference provided a valuable forum for discussion, networking, and an addressing of centrally important professional interests."

"Rich, diverse and challenging discussions."

"As an area studies administrator, I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and be involved in discussions with librarians, and to understand how they struggle to meet our needs (area studies). As an administrator it is important for me to understand the needs of one of our most vital aspects of area studies existence -- the library. I feel that this objective was met very well."

"Looking forward to the written report of the conference."

"For once, someone showed some interest in this subject -- many of us have felt isolated for so long that it was intellectually stimulating to be able to discuss concerns and ideas."

"We work in the middle of Pacific. Although communication is much easier via electronic media, nothing can serve better than person to person contacts. I will share all the findings with my colleagues."

"Very good start on initial goals. Need to flesh out the most important ideas."

"Implementation remains to be seen at this point."

"Thank you for a wonderful opportunity to think about the core issues and future challenges in my field."

"Participants were well-selected with a mix of area librarians and administrators, all well-prepared to discuss the issues presented."

"Quite well."

"I learned a great deal and am very inspired."

"There is a need for follow-up."

B. Conference Activities Keynote Presentation

	Number of respondents
Excellent	23
Between Excellent and Very Good	1
Very Good	7
Fair	3
Poor	0

Survey Results

	Number of respondents
Excellent	14
Between Excellent and Very Good	1
Very Good	15
Fair	3
Poor	0
Blank	1

Small Group Discussions

	Number of respondents
Excellent	8
Between Excellent and Very Good	1
Very Good	18
Between Very Good and Fair	1
Fair	4
Poor	0
Blank	2

Dinner Presentation

	Number of respondents
Excellent	11
Very Good	16
Fair	5
Poor	1
Blank	1

Morning Presentation

	Number of respondents
Excellent	21
Very Good	11
Fair	1
Poor	0
Blank	1

Action Plan

	Number of respondents
Excellent	9
Very Good	14
Between Very Good and Fair	2
Fair	6
Poor	0
Blank	3

Overall Content

	Number of respondents
Excellent	16
Between Excellent and Very Good	1
Very Good	13
Fair	4
Poor	0

Overall Organization

	Number of respondents
Excellent	21
Very Good	11
Fair	1
Poor	0
Blank	1

Comments:

"Choice of speakers was excellent. Questions presented for discussion by the five groups were repetitive or self-evident in some cases. Questions needed revising."

"I am concerned about how we will take the next steps, and what will follow the action plan. We are all in agreement on these issues, but there are many other players who need educating/convincing."

"Action plan discussion should have had table assignments and assigned moderators and reporters (discussion at my table suffered badly for lack of moderation and focus)."

"Need to distinguish among different world areas/area studies programs, as well as foster and promote an "area studies" constituency. Need to distinguish faculty, administrative, program constituencies."

"Some of the topics of discussion felt lack of presence of programs and administrators, etc..."

"The format of the conference was good and the time frame appropriate, all speakers were interesting."

"Very well organized and resulted in a lot of good ideas."

"Overall, very productive."

"Having handouts to take back useful in terms of communicating with colleagues not attending."

"Excellent because it leaves much to ponder and do."

"I wish to thank you for pulling this conference together. When we are faced with reduction in personnel and budget, we need to be creative to make a difference. I have gained a "renewed" energy on the task. I have learned a lot. Thank you! I hope we will meet again."

"It was well thought out and organized conference. The attendants are small enough to promote interactive discussions. The questions designed were very effective to lead discussions. This is one of the most productive conferences/meetings I have ever attended."

"Outstanding organization and flow of discussions."

"Keep up the excellent work."

"A very good brainstorming session -- came away with a number of ideas."

"The organization was incredible! No milling about, wondering what to do -- instructions clear, concise -- Thanks!"

"More new information-- i.e., more speakers -- could have been included. Group deriving conclusions and recommendations was overdone."

C. Arrangments and Facilities Meeting Room

	Number of respondents
Excellent	25
Between Excellent and Very Good	1
Very Good	7
Fair	1
Poor	0

Hotel

	Number of respondents
Excellent	25
Very Good	8
Fair	0
Poor	0
Not Applicable	1

Breaks

	Number of respondents
Excellent	27
Very Good	7
Fair	0
Poor	0

Meal

	Number of respondents
Excellent	15
Very Good	12
Fair	3
Poor	0
Blank	4

D. Suggestions for further research and activities:

"The suggestions for continuing education that emerged from the discussion would possibly serve as the basis for the workshops -- e.g., the model of collection development institutes, but for foreign users, either individually or collaboratively. I would be happy to help with planning for the workshops."

"More emphasis on area librarians who are not bibliographers. There may be different dimensions to consider with regard to preparation and education of catalogers, reference librarians, etc..."

"Publication of "results" of the conference -- or proceedings. Summer institutes for graduate students and practicing area librarians -- bringing foreign librarians to attend as well. A mechanism to foster a regular linkage between library schools and area specialists."

"Include collection development officers and library administrators in future conferences."

"Survey of future demand of area specialists. The results of the survey and the suggestions of the workshop attendees should be publicized."

"Perhaps publish/distribute your "action plan" and conclusions for all conference participants, and request feedback at this point. Should a small core group or steering committee-- not just from Title VI Centers -- be convened to ensure continuity, particularly with Jim leaving Indiana?"

"I would like to participate in the ongoing activities of the role and improvement of area studies. Need for followup."

"Some of these ideas were presented in the wrapup. One thing that was outside the purview of the meeting was a discussion of the hostility area librarians face on their home turf from administrators and technical services and need to reeducate these people about the importance and requirements of area specialists."

"Apart from issues of home-page design, I am very concerned about the largely unrecognized need for (cooperatively-implemented) evaluation of resources (internet resources) for inclusion as content on such home pages. I do extensive training of East Coast librarians to address the issue of content (over format) for these new "virtual collections", building on the conceptual frameworks of traditional collection development. This is an area of urgent need..."

"Develop and expand survey to examine more fully future needs in the field, priorities in area studies teaching and research; examine the needs for post-MLS development at the entry level to prepare future specialists: does how can it meet the need be identified?"

"Evaluation of electronic resources and integration into our collections and the servicing of those collections. National/regional cooperation. Nonprint collections cooperative possibilities, collection preserving, servicing."

"Labor market survey. Analysis of demographics of area librarians. Collaborative collection development workshops."

"Summer institutes at Indiana in 1996 and 1997 should be good. Call and organize a national conference on area librarianship."

"Technology"

"Surveys of area studies librarian organizations for skills inventory and for current status of their training and electronic communication activities would be useful in and of themselves and might also lead to specific future workshops."

"I encourage continued collaboration between area librarianship and area studies centers whenever they exist. Area librarianship will continue to be of significant importance just like area studies to our national involvement in the international/global arena. Professional

development seminars specific to area librarians will also encourage continued internationalization of our university curricula."

"Evaluation of cooperative efforts. Exploration of distance education potentials. Training for new, small program collection development librarians. Distribute everyone's e-mail address to maintain networking."

"Identify needed area/subject collections assessments to be framed for implementation. Further identification of internet resources to be developed on area content for dissemination here and abroad."

"Especially interested in education and training -- role of the schools. Suggest workshops (or sessions) at ALISE to raise visibility of the area studies to SLIS faculty (willing to continue to work with the program from faculty point of view)."

"Future workshops or conferences should include university administration so they may learn some of the issues first-hand, and most importantly, the importance/needs of area studies librarianship."

"There should be a regular conference in area studies librarianship (not one every 30 years). I also hope to see library/professional journals to provide more fora (e.g. special issues, or better yet a journal specialized in area studies librarianship) for area studies librarianship."

"I would like to see your summer institute focus on area specific resources; and if possible go into practical assessment measures on such resources; training of area librarians to attain competence level of trainers for their home institution for their researchers and students and build, if so wish, home pages on their own and link them **properly** to other webs."

"I would like to see a discussion of the changing nature of librarianship and collection development and the role of area studies. How does the changing nature of librarianship affect area studies librarianship? We did not deal with these issues at the conference."