ARCA ADMINISTRATORS MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

NOTES

1:00 PM –2:30 PM
Online via Adobe Connect

ATTENDEES:

Carly Diab /ECUAD	Linda Woodcock / KPU
Christine-Louise Dujmovich / JIBC	Qinqin Zhang / Trinity Western University
James MacDonald / UNBC	Danuta Zwierciadlowski / ECUAD
Karen Meijer-Kline / KPU	
Caitlin Miller / College of the Rockies	Brandon Weigel / BC ELN

1. Thesis form: Updates were made, and the new form was distributed automatically to all sites.

    a. The Description field accommodates custom role terms that are not from the agreed-upon vocabularies – although some work needs to be done to make this accessible as a Solr field.

2. Updating XSLT (Solr config document for creating Solr fields from MODS records): As Solr is not configured to automatically slurp up every MODS element and transform it into a Solr field out of the box, making things like the new Description field fit sites' use cases may require new Solr fields, therefore updates to our Solr XSLT.

    a. Discoverygarden estimates four support hours to update our XSLT to create a new field to allow display of individual names based on the Description field.

    b. Question: Is this a useful change for everyone, or a niche requirement?

    c. Question: Any other new Solr fields we would want to pursue at the same time?

    ACTION (Office): Draw up a Google document to gather opinions and ideas

    ACTION (All): Add feedback to Google document

    d. Modifying Solr XSLT will become part of the semiannual enhancements process, as outlined below. Requests for new Solr fields will be submitted via the suggestion form and voted on along with all other enhancement proposals.

3. Enhancement suggestions process: now online at http://arca.bcelnapps.ca/admins/enhancements.

4. Images and Rights Management:

a. Brandon introduced a new module developed in-house: Islandora Downloadable Image, which creates a block on Large Image objects with a download link.

   i. The downloadable datastream is set in the config form, as is the link text, allowing individual sites to make their large images accessible in their own way, according to their own needs. (Documentation: http://bit.ly/DownloadableImage)

   ii. However, some consistency is still desirable, however, so that the module can be implemented on the parent site.

b. Larger discussion about image rights management and policies to be deferred to a later meeting.

5. Training needs:

   a. Some members expressed interest in a shorter set of training sessions for non-admin staff, focused on ingesting objects.

   b. Many were interested in the idea of an Arca Camp, an in-person event covering certain topics in depth.

   ACTION (All): Send the Office requests for topics to cover at Arca Camp

   ACTION (Office): Compile these suggestions into an agenda and organize an event.

6. New Business

   a. Discussion on self-submission: Qinqin asked the group what they are doing around self-submission, as TWU plans to implement soon. James described the process they are working on, including a new Drupal module to facilitate it. James will present to the group when launched.

   b. Harvesting by Theses Canada: Learned that Theses Canada is not accepting new harvesting targets as they work on upgrading their servers. Last heard that they plan to be ready in Spring 2017.

7. Next Meeting - February 17 @ 1 PM Pacific