

International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU)

Librarians Contact Group Report

May 2022

Summary

- Creating a community
- Focus areas
 - Sharing knowledge and expertise
 - Benchmarking
 - Collection access
 - Developing client services
- Projects
 - Libraries Exchange Scheme
 - Green library
 - COVID-19
 - Passport to IARU libraries



Creating a community

- IARU libraries have much in common
- The group have held discussions on common issues, particularly supporting education and research in challenging times
- Innovations in each library have been shared and led to wider adoption and developments in professional practice (for example the Personal librarian program)
- Regular annual meetings 2013-2019
- Contact every month or so via email between meetings and since 2019
- The IARU network has fostered fruitful bi-lateral collaboration



Benchmarking (literally)



Benchmarking





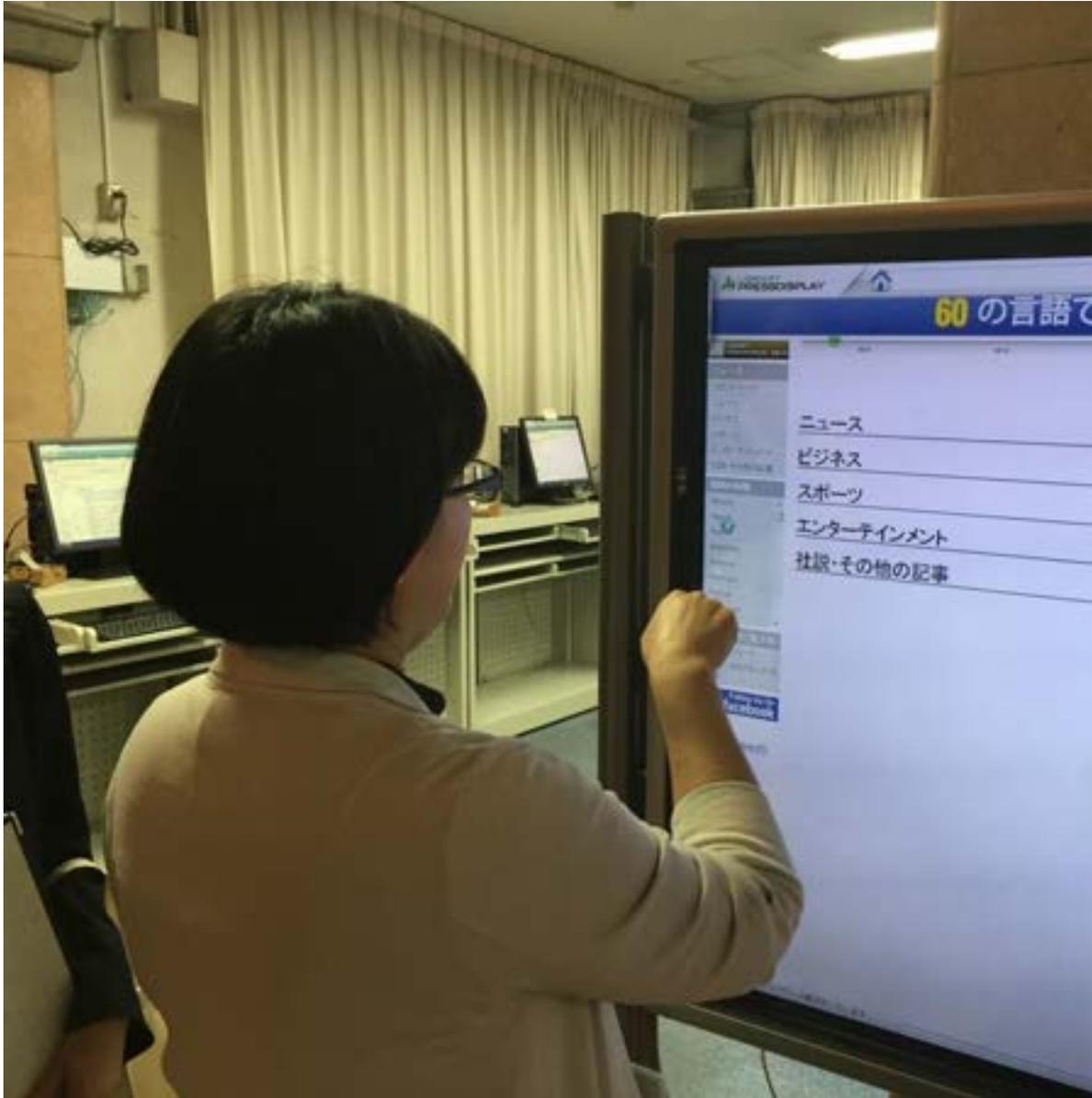




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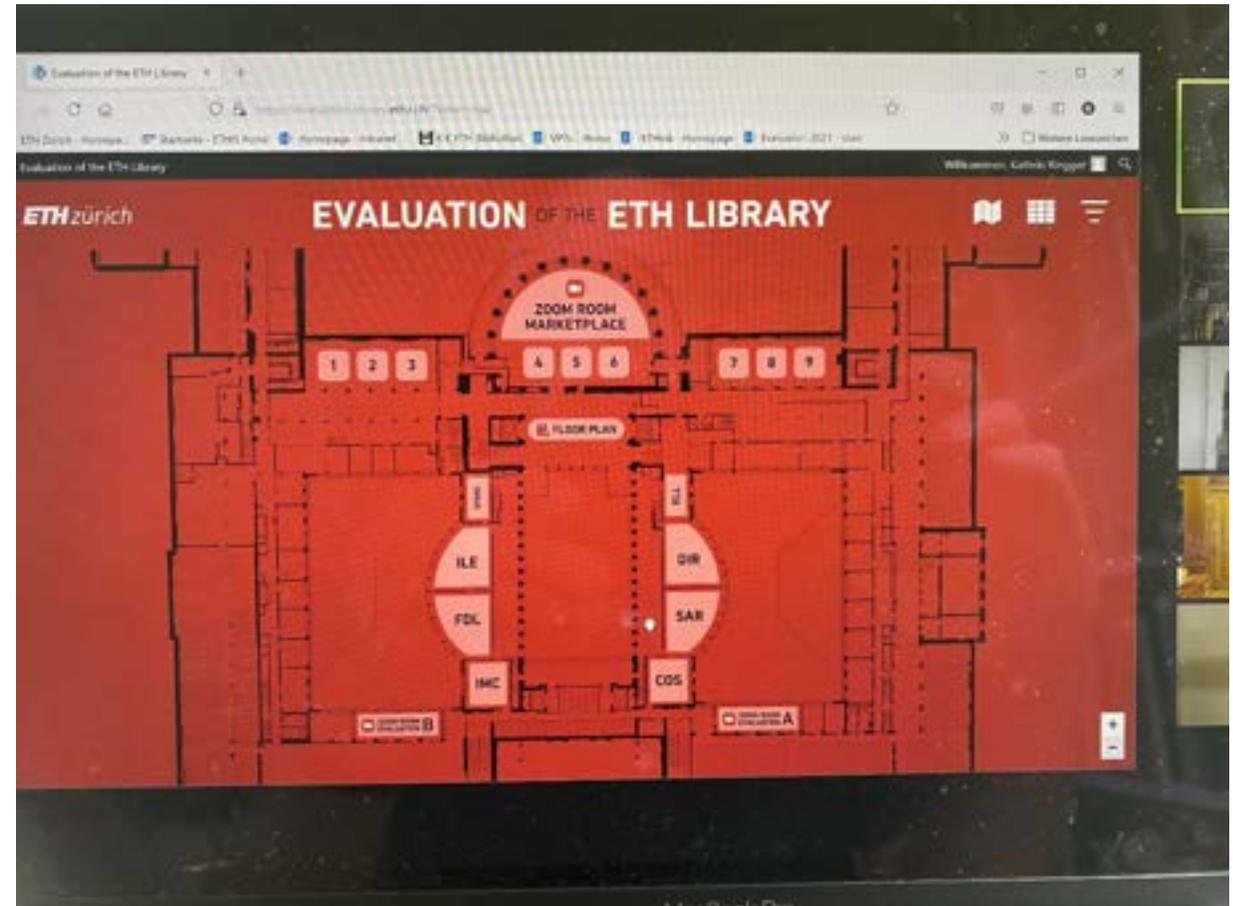
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Bi-lateral connections

- Evaluation of the ETH-Z Library (Oxford, Yale, Copenhagen)
- Visit to look at remote high-density storage (Tokyo-Oxford)
- Maker-spaces and 3-d printing (Copenhagen-Oxford)





2020-21 areas of focus

Sharing knowledge and support – examples

- Providing support to UCT following the Jagger Library fire:
 - Salvage & recovery advice, and insurance assessment and claims
 - Access to African Studies Collections and research support for Masters and PhD students
 - ‘Recovery from a disaster is aided by the depth of support experienced during this process.’ (Ujala Satgoor)
- Providing interlibrary loans and digital copies of material to other IARU members during the pandemic
- Sharing knowledge and approaches to ‘Big Deal’ publishers acquisitions, especially learning from UC Berkeley’s experience with Elsevier.



Projects

Libraries Exchange Scheme

- Led by the University of Oxford
- The IARU Exchange Scheme is an opportunity for staff to:
 - Pick up new ideas and innovations and gaining a wider perspective by finding out what others are doing in a specific areas or new developments
 - Gain an understanding of how other libraries are run and learn from others
 - Share ideas, knowledge and learning with colleagues during the exchange
 - Share ideas about good or best practice
 - Develop contacts and networks with international colleagues
 - Report back to colleagues at the home institution and to others within IARU
 - Deepen their knowledge of other IARU University libraries and the cultural context in which they operate
- Visits of between a minimum of 1 or 2 days and up to a maximum of 2 weeks depending location and topics
- Competitive application process. Guidelines developed. IARU seed funding obtained.
- Deferred because of COVID – planned for 2022/23



Projects

Green library

- Developed by working group
- Guidance document with examples of innovative practice developed in 2016/17 from best practice identified across IARU
- Discussed at IARU Librarians Group meeting
- Plan to update and monitor implementations



Projects

COVID-19

- Developed by ANU with input from all IARU member libraries
- Provides information on each library including:
 - Special information for services for students and academics on services during COVID 19
 - Digital collections openly accessible to all
 - Contact information
 - Report online at <https://library-admin.anu.edu.au/intranet/iaru-libraries/support-during-covid-19/>

IARU Libraries supporting universities during COVID-19

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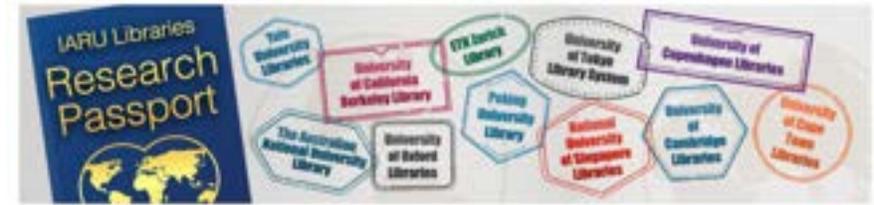
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RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

The International Association of Research University Libraries have developed extensive services to support scholars through the period when universities offer limited physical access of campuses during the response

Projects

Passport to IARU libraries

- To enable the access to library services and collections, research resources, open access materials and study assistance that is available when visiting any of the IARU Member Libraries, either online or in-person.
- Developed by ANU with input from all IARU member libraries
- Provides information on each library including:
 - Collections, e-resources & databases
 - Searching online resources
 - Open access resources
 - Training and guides
 - Borrowing services
 - Branches and opening hours
 - In-person assistance
 - Contact
- Online at <https://library-admin.anu.edu.au/iaru-passport/>



IARU Libraries Research Passport

Welcome to the International Alliance of Research Universities Libraries Research Passport

The 11 Member Libraries of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) have a variety of online resources available for use by visiting students, academics and scholars.

Discover the library collections, research resources, open access materials and study assistance that is available when visiting any of the IARU Member Libraries, either online or in-person.



Scholars & Academics

Discover IARU Library online resources

- Collections, e-resources & databases
- Searching online resources
- Open access resources
- Training and guides



Students

Getting started when visiting an IARU Library

- Borrowing services
- Branches and opening hours
- In-person assistance
- Contact us

Future directions

- Continue to share knowledge and provide peer-support network
- Continue Benchmarking to understand development of collections and services, and establish knowledge of innovative practices and their impact across IARU
- Launch Libraries Exchange Scheme
- Launch the IARU Libraries Passport
- Develop 'Green Library' initiative further
- Consider further areas of collaboration.