

IRTF Minutes

2004 September 21

Present: Ann Weller (chair), Lisa Zhao, Sara Blaszcak, David Austin, Doug Bicknese, Rich McGowan, Mircea Stefanu (recorder).

1- Minutes of August 18 will be amended to include Rich among the participants.

2- Ann mentioned the potential Ebrary's search engine presents for an IR (flexible and fast).

3- Sara briefly introduced the group to the three IR software packages for which UIUC has demo installations: DSpace, Fedora, and Eprints. Until similar installations will be made available locally (sometime in November?), the IRTF members can test these software packages using Urbana's.

The group started looking at DSpace and Eprints (Fedora couldn't be accessed because of some problems with the password). A few questions were asked, but further tests are needed to get pertinent answers.

At 9:30am, Ann had to leave; Doug took over.

4- Until the next meeting, each group members will:

- try to identify other institutions that use these packages for their IR;
- test the products and prepare a short report on their findings, to share and discuss with the others.

For tests, David and Lisa will take DSpace, John and Mircea will take DXLS (if Sara and Daniel cannot make DXLS available for testing within one week, the other two packages will be scrutinized instead), Rich and Doug will take Eprints.

5- Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 9:00am, at Daley, B-466 (basement).