

IUG Clearinghouse

<http://www.innovativeusers.org/clearinghouse>

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What is the IUG Clearinghouse?

"I think this is going to be a big success, and one of those landmark developments in the history of the IUG.

Or even the world!"

– Elizabeth Thomsen, NOBLE, January 14, 2004

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IUG Clearinghouse – Bit of History

- First proposed by Peter Murray at IUG in 1999 (Oakland)
- Picked up at San Jose IUG –April 2003
- Call for Participation – September 2003
- "White Paper" – December 2003
- Approval from Steering Ctte – Jan 2004
- Initial Presentation to users – April 2004
- Official Launch – June 2004!

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IUG Clearinghouse – 8 questions

- **WHY** are we doing it?
- **WHAT type of information** do we want to be able to share?
- **WHERE** do we want the material to reside?
- **WHO** will create this resource and keep the information up to date?
- **WHEN** can we get this off the ground?
- **HOW** is this going to work for IUG members?
- **WHAT** does it look like?
- **WHAT** additional features will be planned?



WHY are we doing it?

- To foster greater cooperation among IUG members
- Allow for more permanent sharing of resources (rather than relying on listserv emails)
- To fulfill our mission to organize and share resources



WHAT type of information do we want to be able to share?*

- Code examples
- Training manuals (staff)
- Demonstration sites
- WAM/Z39.50/WebBridge*/MetaFind settings and sources
- Client and other software links
- WebOPAC supporting material
- Promotional material and public tutorials
- Sample load tables
- SCAT tables



WHERE do we want the material to reside?

- For now...
 - Material is linked from an author controlled URL or available as an email link (if the person does not have web space to use.
 - Hosted on remote sites
- Down the road...
 - Material could be uploaded to space on IUG website for people without web access



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WHO will create this resource and keep the information up to date?

- We will!
- IUG volunteers for a Clearinghouse Committee
 - Ensure that new items are added
 - Ensure that material remains timely
 - Ensure that URLs are verified and working



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WHEN can we get this off the ground?

- June 2004
- Version 1.0 is in place
 - MySQL Database
 - HTML::Template interface
- Version 1.1 or 2.0 will be out (hopefully) early next year.
- 41 resources (as of November 24, 2004)



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HOW is this going to work for IUG members?

- Database driven (as opposed to static page driven)
- Available for IUG members (behind IUG password)
- Controlled language will be used to better find materials (this will be improved in the next phase)
- Links from IUG main page
- <http://innovativeusers.org/clearinghouse/>

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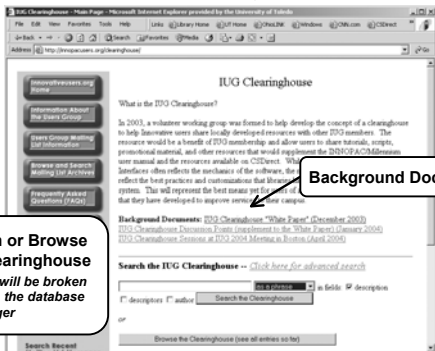
Who made this possible?

Database Designer: Caleb Tucker-Raymond, IUG Webmaster

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| Barb Anderson, Case Western Reserve | Antje Mays, Winthrop University |
| Heidi Bruss, Suburban Library System | Lori Mueller, City Colleges of Chicago |
| Derrick Bulger, University of Ottawa | Kriss Ostrom, Michigan State University |
| Moira Burke, Portland Community College Library | Leo Papa, Canton (MI) Public Library |
| Sheila Corman, San Diego County Public Law Library | Sion Romaine, University of Washington Libraries |
| Janet Crum, Oregon Health & Science University | Patricia Seavey, MOBIUS |
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| Michael Van Houten, Albion College | Dennis Van Arsdale, University of Arkansas - Fort Smith |

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Search or Browse the Clearinghouse
Browse will be broken down as the database gets larger

Background Docs

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IUG Clearinghouse – Record Display

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a record in the IUG Clearinghouse. The page is titled "View Record #2" and contains several sections:

- Resource Location Information:** This section lists the Resource, ALT Resource, Password, and Live Example (URL). A callout box points to this section with the text: "Resource Location Information Resource – Main URL of document ALT Resource – Different URL (Central site) Password – Does the user need a password? Live Example – What does the script do?"
- Clearinghouse Administration:** This section shows the date created (20040622011359) and status (-, CW 2). A callout box points to a "Browse" button with the text: "Browse button on every page".
- Clearinghouse Disclaimer:** A callout box points to a link at the bottom of the page with the text: "Clearinghouse Disclaimer".

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "IUG Clearinghouse Eastern Canada - IUG".

IUG Clearinghouse – New Record Process

- IUG goes to entry web form: <http://innovativeusers.org/cgi-bin/clearinghouse/new.pl>
- Entry is submitted to the database, but not displayable to IUG members.
- IUG committee members review links and content.
- Status is changed and it is visible to IUG members.
- Submitter is notified that their entry is available.

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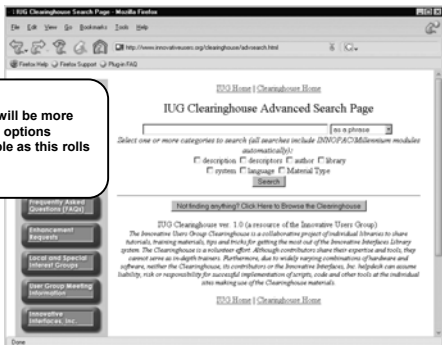
The screenshot shows the "New Record Form" in the IUG Clearinghouse. The form is titled "Enter a New Record into the IUG Clearinghouse" and contains several sections:

- Author & Contributor Information:** This section includes fields for Author, Author's Email, Contributor (if applic.), Contributor Email, Library, Library Type (a dropdown menu), and Location. A callout box points to the Library Type dropdown with the text: "Dropdown boxes are used in new entry and edit forms to control the terms. These will be added and modified as the need arises." Another callout points to the "System Information" section.
- System Information:** This section includes fields for Release, System, and User Manual Reference.

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IUG Clearinghouse – Search Form

There will be more search options available as this rolls out.



What's Next – Phase 2 and beyond

- Reports for URL verification
- Notification of new items to the clearinghouse via blog & RSS feeds
- Better use of controlled language
- Search and form modification.
- Possibility of central storage space for documents (hosted on IUG website).

Questions?

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