



Approved Minutes of the RSCVD Committee

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1. Talaria

- Chair of the RSCVD Committee Carmen Lomba opened the meeting with the welcoming remarks.
- The first update from Silvana involved hiring two students with BAs in Computer Science to stay at the library in Bologna for six months. These students are being trained by Rabih and Alessandro. The initial two months have been dedicated to familiarizing them with the environment. They have now begun designing statistics, investigating reporting technologies, and implementing these technologies to be integrated into Talaria.
- Emails:
 - this new feature has been implemented in Talaria where a newly registered library will receive a welcome email.
 - Email triggered in the following cases:
 - when a library sends a request to another library, the receiving library will receive an email.
 - When a library accepts to supply, the email goes to the requesting library.
 - When canceling the request, another email is sent to the requesting library.
 - However, there was a doubt concerning:
 - Would email be sent to the personal email user with a role (who is managing) Or,
 - A general Email to be sent to the library email?
 - The Talaria developing team selected first option where the email is sent directly to the user under certain condition:
 - an additional email field is added to the user profile. Articles are sent to this email.
 - Operator can decide not to use email if not requesting.
 - Operator can select his preferred language.
 - Silvana asked the Committee members to share their thoughts, and most agreed that it is more sustainable to use the official ILL email of a library versus using the personal email.
 - Silvana cited the advantages to use the 1st option:

- Solving the language problem (elegant solution) based on the language preferences.
- Librarian may add a flag on the profile to receive notifications or not to receive.
- **Another trick shared by the Italian Colleagues: ?**
 - Ibrahim suggested enhancing the user profile with the option: "I want to receive an email: Yes or No."
 - He also mentioned that most libraries monitor orphaned requests, which are not assigned to any specific library. Notifications will not be sent for these orphaned requests.
 - Ibrahim proposed developing a tracking system to help librarians monitor requests and determine if they can be fulfilled.
 - Silvana agreed, noting that Talaria's weak point is its interface. It was not designed with user accessibility in mind.
 - Peter Bae emphasized the importance of making Talaria more accessible to users.

2. RSCVD/Talaria Brochure

- Deborah shared a draft of the new brochure designed for marketing purposes. The design was approved by all, and additional comments were requested to be sent by email to Deborah by Friday, the 14th. The comments included:
 - Good color
 - Add a QR code at the back to access the link.
 - Add a photo on the back side.
 - Add a map on the first page highlighting the RSCVD members' countries.
 - Add the RSCVD group photo taken at the ILDS 2022 in Qatar
 - Add the IFLA logo.
 - Add a section with data and statistics.

3. Research for Life project

- Peter Bae introduced the Research4 Life project : an international project that aims to make research materials accessible to the researchers in low income countries. <https://www.research4life.org/>. With the support of some publishers, they have E-resources which are available for those libraries for free or minimal payment. However, like any other journal subscriptions, not all materials researcher need is available through this project. Hence, Peter thought RSCVD and Talaria platform could be used in conjunction with this project.
- Members suggested that Peter contact Research4Life to explore the scope of the project further and to invite them to register with RSCVD.
- There was a major concern regarding copyright and licensing. Therefore, it was agreed to explore and gather all relevant data related to the project before proceeding.
- May Samaha shared her experience with the African countries who are active in sharing resources.

4. Outreach Activities

- Carmen inquired about the upcoming outreach activities planned for Talaria, especially now that the brochure is being finalized and the presentation is ready:
 - Spain: In September, there will be a workshop in Santander for Spanish librarians and international communities, where Silvana, Debora, and Carmen will provide training on Talaria.
 - Spain: A meeting is scheduled for October.
 - India: Peter Bae and Mallikarjun are organizing a webinar about Talaria.?
 - ALA Annual Conference in San Diego: Peter Bae will distribute the RSCVD brochure.

5. Digital Archiving

- In addition to the marketing and outreach activities, Katia volunteered to document all activities undertaken by RSCVD since its inception in 2020. This archival initiative aims to preserve the organization's history, facilitating future planning and continuity.

6. Ending

- The meeting ended at 5:00 PM and Carmen thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

