Alise and OCLC announce grant awards

DUBLIN, Ohio, Feb. 9, 2001—The Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and the OCLC Office of Research have awarded three grants to university researchers for 2001. Recipients of the OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grants were recognized in January at the awards luncheon held during the ALISE 2001 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

"University-based research is important to the advancement of librarianship and information science," said Thom Hickey, acting vice president, OCLC Office of Research. "The findings of these projects will contribute to a better understanding of the library environment."

Grant recipients and their projects are:

- Anna Perrault, associate professor, University of South Florida, for her project titled, "Global Collective Resources: WorldCat as the Foundation for International Library Cooperation." Dr. Perrault's research is a bibliometric study to profile the monographic contents of WorldCat by subject and language parameters using the OCLC/WLN iCAS software. The profile will detail the contents of global publication made accessible through the OCLC international network. The results of the research can foster international resource sharing and cooperative collection development.
- Hong Xie, assistant professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, for her research titled, "Ease of Use Versus User Control: Desired Interface Model and Functionalities for Web-based Databases." This study will explore users' perceptions of ease of use versus user control and their preferences for desired interface models and functionalities in searching web-based online databases. The results will lead to the identification of desired interface models and functionalities and further development of interface prototypes for web-based online databases to support ease of use without compromising user control.
- Hong Xu, assistant professor, and Arlene Taylor, professor, University of Pittsburgh, for their project titled, "Identification of Resource Types of Web Accessible Information." This study will examine a sample from OCLC's Web Characterization Project to determine distribution of resource types, an element of the Dublin Core, among different types of web sites and among subject areas. In the process it will test the efficacy of various existing lists of resource types.

The OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant Program awards grants of up to $10,000 to foster quality research by faculty in schools of Library and Information Science. Projects are expected to be completed within two years.