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THE COALITION FOR NETWORKED INFORMATION
holds the
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF ITS TASK FORCE

Just under one hundred and thirty (130) people from nearly seventy-five (75) institutions and organizations attended the Organizational Meeting of the Task Force of the ARL / CAUSE / EDUCOM Coalition for Networked Information on the evening of Tuesday June 5 and the day of Wednesday June 6 at the Westin Hotel in the Foggy Bottom district of Washington, DC. Fifty-three percent (53%) of the people who attended this Meeting were librarians while thirty-four percent (34%) were information technologists and thirteen percent (13%) were administrators of one type or another.

This rich mix of representatives of the eight-one (81) institutions and organizations that belong to the Task Force of the Coalition contributed to the conceptualization of the program of the Coalition by discussing and suggesting top priorities in six (6) thematic areas which had been previously identified by the Steering Committee of the Coalition: (1) Incentives and disincentives in research and educational communication; (2) Architectures of and infrastructures for networked information services; (3) Information exchange among projects that seek to advance the state of the art; (4) Environments for testing and evaluating service and product innovations; (5) Codes, policies, and practices that clarify rights and duties; and, (6) Professional and user education for effective access to and management of networked information.

Those in attendance heard a vision statement by Jerome Yavarkovsky, Director of the New York State Library and statements introducing each of the program themes by, respectively: (1) Ann Okerson, Director of the Office of Scientific and Academic Publishing of the Association of Research Libraries; (2) William Y. Arms, Vice President for Academic Services at Carnegie Mellon University; (3) Ronald L. Larsen, Associate Director of Libraries for Information Technology at the University of Maryland at College Park; (4) Edwin Blake Brownrigg, Director of Research at the Memex Research Institute; (5) Prudence Adler, Assistant Executive Director for Federal Relations and Information Policy at the Association of Research Libraries; and, (6) Jane Norman Ryland, President of CAUSE.

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The Meeting was presided over by Richard Paul West, Associate Vice President of the University of California and Chair of the Steering Committee of the Coalition, and Paul Evan Peters, Senior Program Office for Technology of the Association of Research Libraries and Director of the Coalition.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Task Force of the Coalition will be from the evening of Sunday November 4 through the day of Tuesday November 6 and that the purpose of that meeting will be to ratify the *Program Plan* of the Coalition. It was also announced that a workshop on planning and building institutional networked information technology and service delivery teams will be offered on the evening of Thursday November 1 through the day of Saturday November 3.