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# Information Commons 101

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# “INFORMATION COMMONS 101: NUTS AND BOLTS PLANNING”

**Friday, June 25, 2004, 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.**  
**Orange County Convention Center, Room 231 A/B**  
**9800 International Drive**  
**Orlando, FL**

**Program Web Site: [library.uncc.edu/infocommons](http://library.uncc.edu/infocommons)**

## Summary

**Description:** Academic Library Information Commons leaders will provide nuts and bolts information for early-stage I.C. planners. Workshop and breakout sessions will lead to increased clarity of I.C. concepts and definitions; better understanding of the rationales and effectiveness of various I.C. models; better understanding of I.C. planning, implementation and assessment issues; increased clarity of I.C. problems and possible solutions; practical guidelines and preliminary planning and implementation documents.

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# Program Outline

**8:30 AM—8:45 AM** Welcome, overview, introductions (Russ Bailey)

**8:45 AM—9:10 AM** IC PowerPoint (Russ Bailey)

**For each institution shown Panelists will briefly mention:**

- IC model developed
- Evolutionary process
- Challenges and successes
- Future

**9:10 AM –10:00 AM** Introductory IC Panel Discussions

**A. Rationale for the I.C. model (9:10 AM- 9:35 AM)**

- a. Reasons, rationale for integrated ICs
- b. Advantages to patron
- c. Support of student learning
- d. Advantages accruing to library
- e. Some specific questions:
  - Are ICs impacting bibliographic instruction?
  - Are ICs the solution to the “deserted library” problem?

**B. Information Commons: types and common elements (9:35 AM-10:00 AM)**

- a. Common components, services, and resources
- b. Spectrum of institutions
- c. What’s on the desktop?
- d. Some specific questions:
  - What are some historical IC models?
  - How does each model reflect integrated or discrete service provision?
  - Is there a “best formula” for a dynamic Information Commons?

**10:00 AM - 12 Noon**

**IC Planning**

- A. Overview of IC planning issues (40 min.) (Allison Cowgill)
- B. Panelists discuss IC planning at their institutions (40 min.)
- C. Questions/Break-out session (40 min.)

**LUNCH BREAK 12 Noon—1 PM**

**1:00 PM—3:10 PM**

**IC Implementation**

**(David Murray)\_**

- A. Overview of IC implementation issues  
(40 min. presentation by David Murray)
- B. IC staff training at the University of Arizona  
(40 min. presentation by Robyn Huff-Eibl)
- D. Panelists discuss IC implementation at their institutions  
(30 min.)
- E. Questions for the Panelists and/or Break-out session (20 min.)

**3:10 PM –3:50 PM**

**IC Assessment**

**(Russ Bailey)**

- A. Overview of assessment modes  
(20 min. presentation by Russ Bailey)
- B. Panelists discuss IC assessment at their institutions  
(20 min.)

**3:50 PM – 4:10 PM**

**IC Challenges—Tragedies and Resolutions**

Overview (20 min. presentation by Russ Bailey)

- Resources depletion
- Obsolescence & replacement of technologies—institutions commitment to state-of-the-art resources
- Resistance
- Chauvinism
- Dealing with success –future implications
- What is the future of the IC?
- How might IC models evolve in the coming decade?

**4:10 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Questions and Answers**

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