

Friday, June 7, 2024 - (Special Edition on invoices and projects)

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders –

As we enter the time of year when CRL invoices for memberships, here are some helpful updates about changes in fees and invoicing. These changes are a result of the robust [engagement I have had with the CRL community](#) since January 2024 with the direct input of the [Global Collections Advisory Task Force](#) (GCATF). These funding changes were discussed and approved at the CRL Council of Voting Members meeting in Chicago on April 16, 2024, as part of the strategic move to support the area studies programs with central CRL funding.

1. Invoicing Changes

- Beginning with Fiscal Year 2025, only current CRL members will be issued invoices, without separate lines or invoices for their ongoing AMP/GRN memberships.
- We will not invoice AMPs (Area Materials Projects) and GRNs (Global Resources Network) members except for SAOA (South Asia Open Archives) and TRAIL (Technical Report Archive & Image Library), as they are pursuing fiscal sponsorship.
- Please inform your institution's procurement departments to update their records so they don't expect invoices nor proactively request invoices.

2. Budget and Funding Allocation

- The FY25 budget approved at the Annual Meeting allocates use of central funds – revenue generated from CRL Voting Members – for acquisition and project work for area studies programs, without expectation of revenue from AMP/GRN-specific membership fees.
- Your fund balances, including the one-time fiscal adjustment, and central funding will cover collection and project work that was put on hold.
- Funds allocated for AMPs/GRNs will continue to be indicated in the quarterly reports from our accounting team.

3. Project Proposals

- This summer, we will call for projects that have been approved but not yet proposed through CRL, adding to our list of approved projects (on hold and in progress).
- We will schedule work based on available resources, vendor capacity, and CRL staffing to catch up quickly and go forward efficiently.
- Our focus will be on primary resources and projects connected to or continuing earlier initiatives, including long-term subscriptions and ongoing/recurring projects

CRL remains committed to supporting the area studies work of our members as those programs remain integral to our collections and services. The GCATF continues their work establishing a new administrative model for CRL's global collections programming. A draft of this document has already been reviewed by [CSPC and ICCG](#) and, in line with our commitment to member engagement in our process, this document will soon be available to all members for comments and suggestions on the proposed plan.

Thank you for your patience and engagement during this next transitional period as we resume projects and rebuild capacity. Exciting developments are ahead!

Kind regards,

Kevin