Demystifying IUG Enhancements

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Objectives of Presentation

- Clarify process of submitting an enhancement request to IUG
- Guidelines for writing an enhancement
- Role of functional expert
- Explain voting process
  - Development of ballot
  - Results

♫ *Let's Start at the Very Beginning* ♫
Why Would I Want to Submit an Enhancement Request?

- Something is Missing
  - Used to be in an earlier version

- Shouldn't Millennium be able to do this?

What Do I Do Next?

- Check the III Manual
- Send email to the Innopac electronic discussion list
  - innopac@innopacusers.org
- Send email to the MOBIUS Users discussion forum
  - MOBIUS-USERS-L@PO.MISSOURI.EDU]
- Check known problems
- Check new version/release information

After All That …

- Formulate an enhancement request to IUG

Parts of the Enhancement Request

- Problem
  - Describe the problem
- Enhancement suggestion
  - What would solve the problem?
- Decide what module/functionality
- If there is something in the III manual, indicate the page

Sample Enhancement Request

- Problem:
  - Currently, items on reserve provide no link to the professor and/or course. The only point of access is via course id number, which must be copies, pasted and searched in the Course Reserves or Search/Holds mode. This is very cumbersome for staff when they need to determine for whom or for which course the item is on reserve; several steps must be taken in order to obtain the desired information.

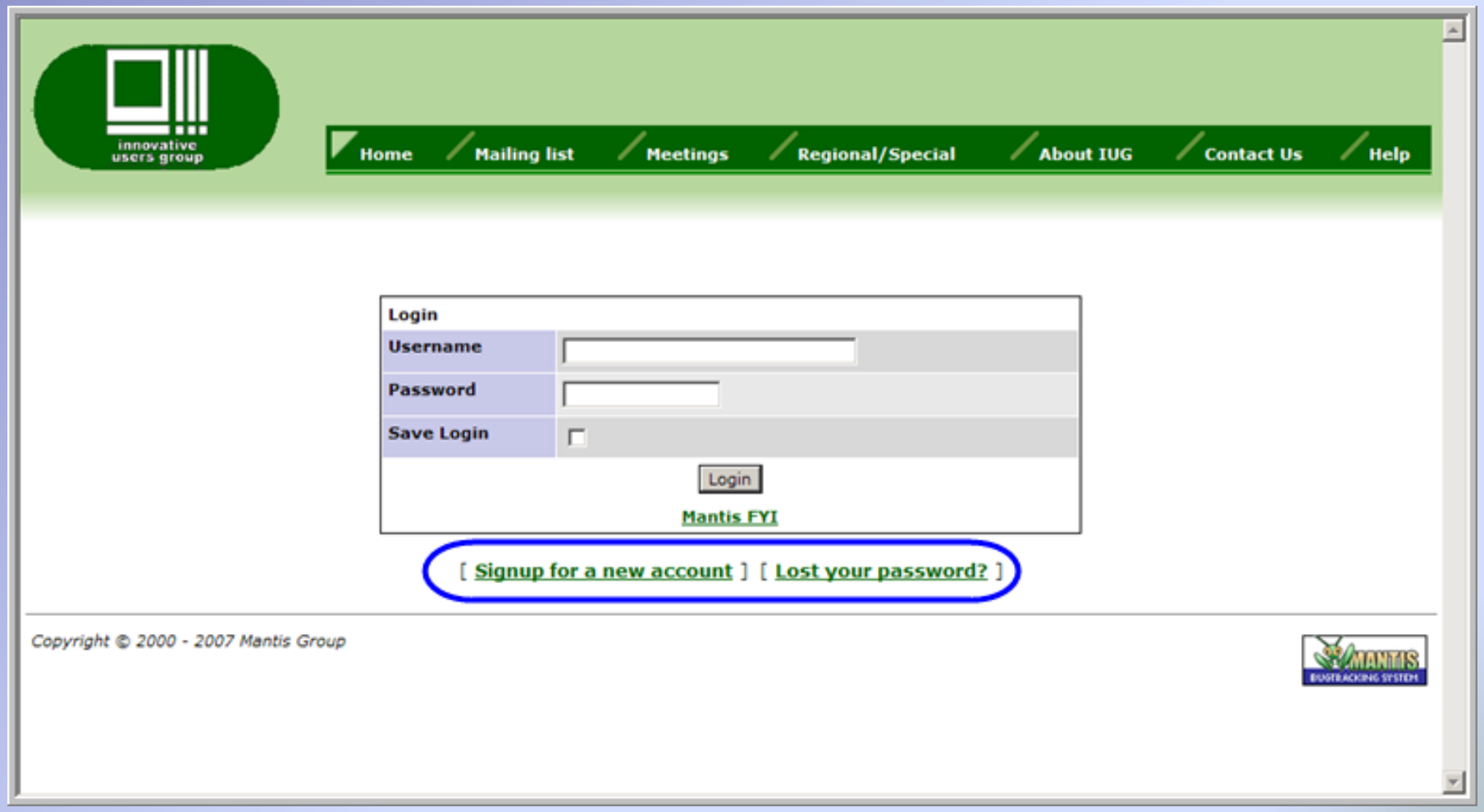
Sample Enhancement Request

- Proposed Solution:
  - Provide a link from item records on reserve to corresponding course(s) and professor(s).

One last thing before the actual submission

- Check the Mantis system to see if it has already been submitted.
- If there, read the enhancement
  - Add comments, improvements to the notes box

Mantis Login



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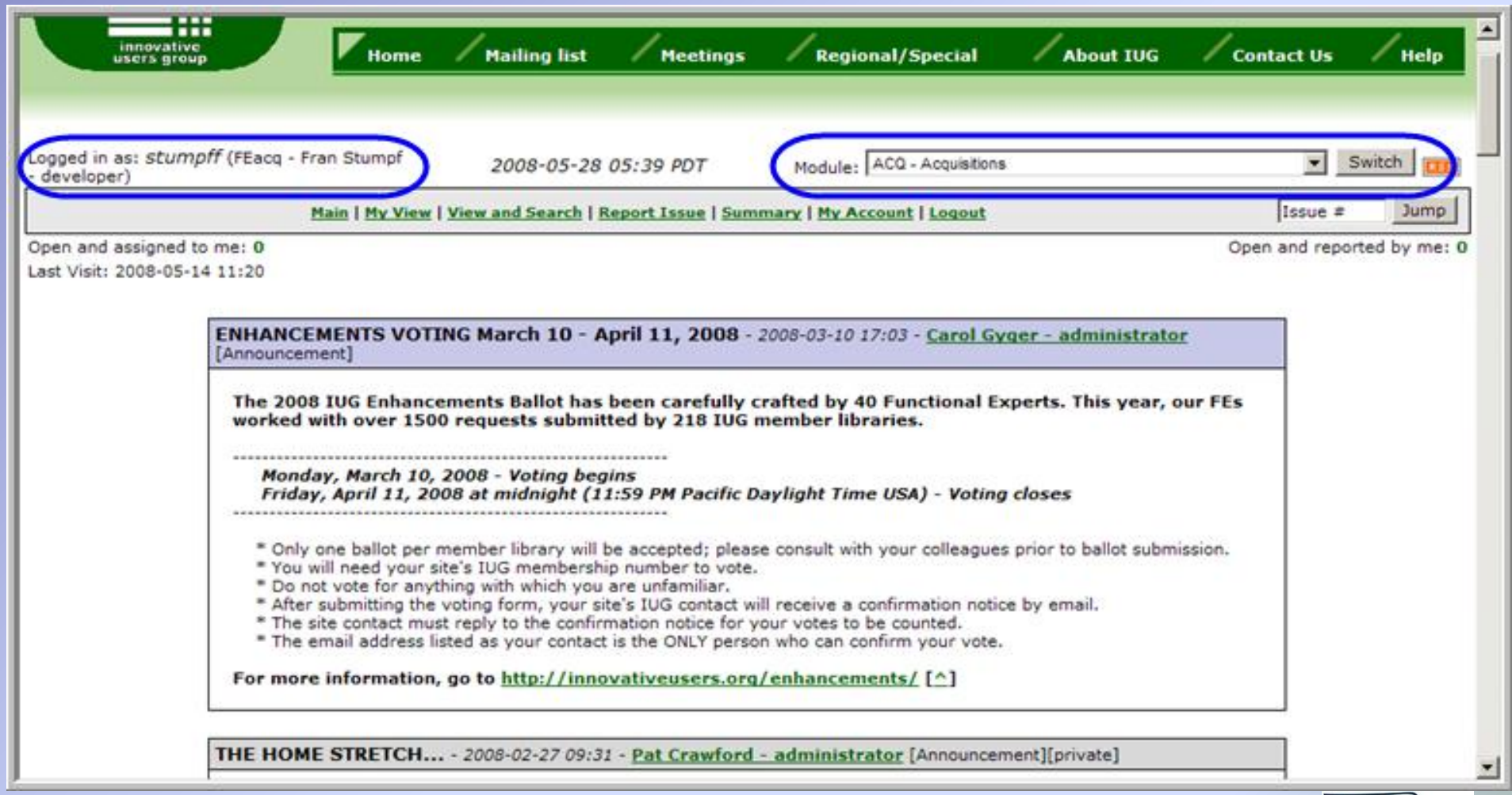
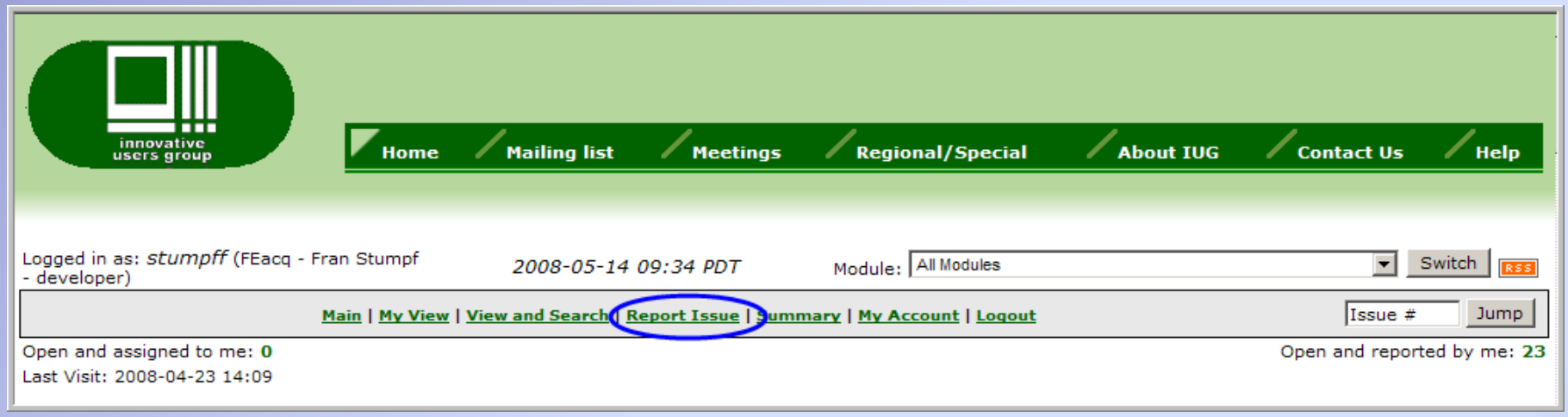
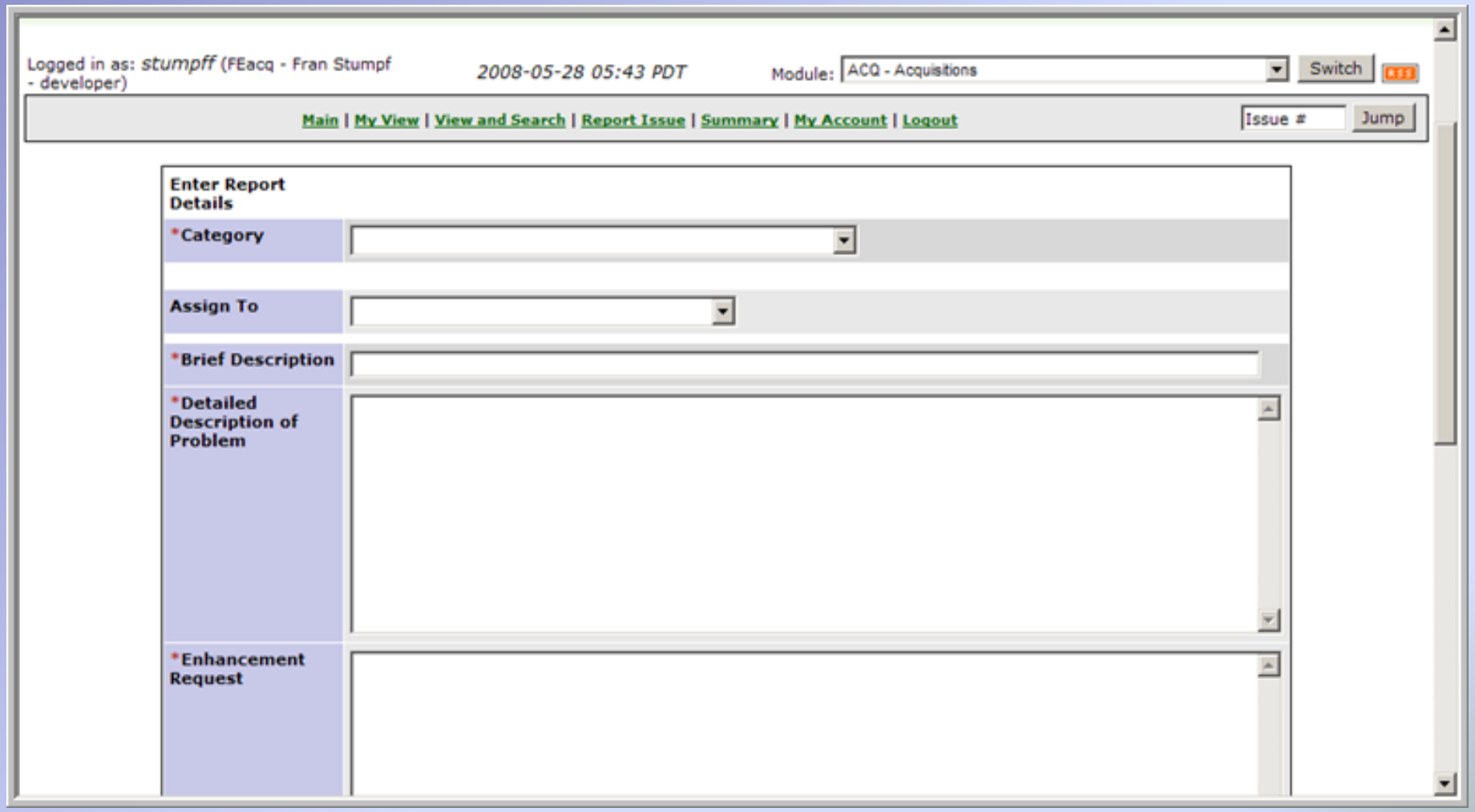


Submitting A New Enhancement

- Mantis



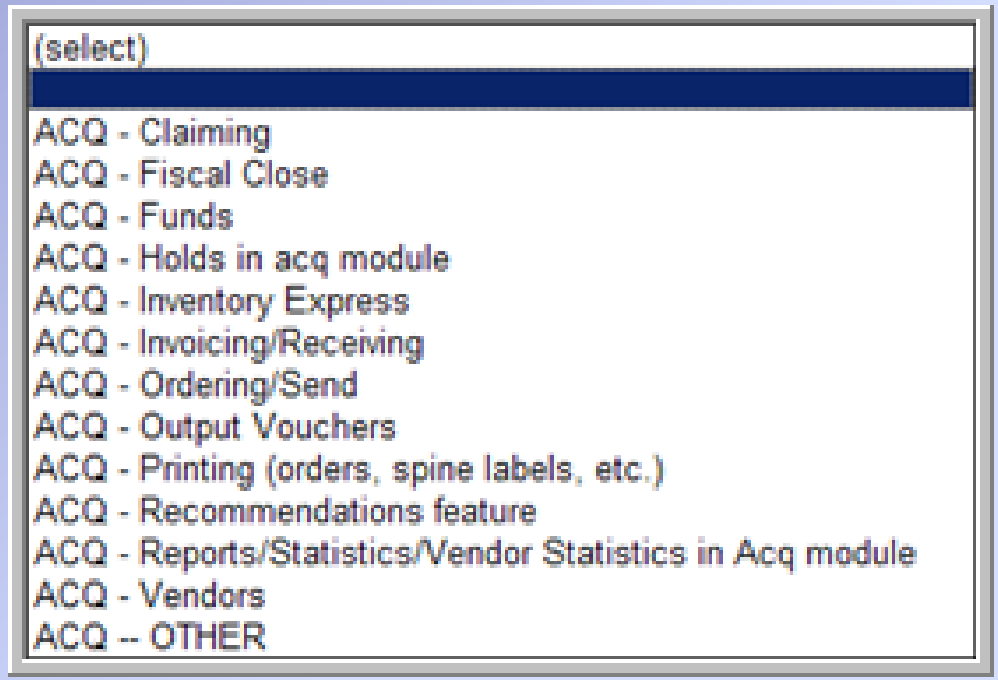
Mantis Report Screen



New Request

- Category
- Brief Description
- Detailed Description
- Enhancement Request
- Interface
- Release level
- IUG Membership number
- Library Name

Categories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ACQ - Claiming
ACQ - Fiscal Close
ACQ - Funds
ACQ - Holds in acq module
ACQ - Inventory Express
ACQ - Invoicing/Receiving
ACQ - Ordering/Send
ACQ - Output Vouchers
ACQ - Printing (orders, spine labels, etc.)
ACQ - Recommendations feature
ACQ - Reports/Statistics/Vendor Statistics in Acq module
ACQ - Vendors
ACQ -- OTHER

Categories

- **Acquisitions**
- **Cataloging, Database Maintenance & Authority Control**
- **Circulation Ancillary Programs**
- **Circulation Functionality**
- **Circulation Parameters**
- **Consortia**
- **Electronic Access Products**

More Categories

- **Management Information, Create Lists & Statistics**
- **Other Programs**
- **Patron Functions in the WebOPAC**
- **Serials**
- **Systems Functionality**
- **WebOPAC**

Categories have Categories

- **Acquisitions**
  - Claiming
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New Category - Consortia

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- System Functionality
- WebOPAC

2008 IUG Enhancement Schedule

- 2008 Enhancements - Deadline for submissions on Dec. 14, 2007 at midnight (Pacific Time USA)
- 2009 Enhancements - Cycle began on December 15, 2007 at 12:01 (PST)
- March 10, 2008 - Ballot published on IUG website and IUG voting starts
- April 11, 2008 - IUG voting ends at 11:59pm (Pacific Time USA) - firm deadline
- **April 21, 2008 - Ballot results posted to IUG website and sent to III**

FE Enhancement Schedule

- Jan. 8, 2008 - FE trading deadline between categories
- Jan. 9, 2008 – FE's given the # of ballot items per category
- Feb. 15, 2008 - FEs have first good draft of ballot items in Mantis
- Feb. 22, 2008 - FEs send final draft of ballot items to Coordinators
- Mar. 3, 2008 - Final draft from FEs is complete with all necessary edits
- Mar. 10, 2008 - Final ballot published on IUG website and IUG voting starts
- Apr. 11, 2008 - IUG voting ends at midnight (Pacific Time USA) - firm deadline
- Apr. 21, 2008 - Ballot results posted to IUG website and sent to III
- Apr. 27, 2008 – FE's meet at IUG – Critique, suggest, summarize

2008 Enhancement Voting

- 40 Functional Experts
- 1500+ requests by 218 libraries
- 250 for ballot
- 50 – Telnet, can Millennium can't
- 57% of membership voted
- Percentage as basis for number of ballot items per category
- 75 top vote getters submitted to III

INN-Reach Enhancements

- Separate process
- Separate discussion list
- Not very active
- 2009 – INN-Reach enhancements will become part of IUG process
- MOBIUS = One vote

Innovative Enhancements

- enhance@iii.com

- Innovative is discussing using the IUG process for all enhancements

Shameless Plug

- Only IUG members can vote
- $70 IUG membership fee

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