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# *VALE Assessment Committee Annual Report, 2010*

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## **Part 1: Roster of Members**

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Jeanne Boyle (Chair), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Anne Ciliberti, William Paterson University  
Benjamin F. Fisher, Rowan University  
Marianne Gaunt (Executive Committee Liaison), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Jia Mi, The College of New Jersey  
Luis Rodriguez, Kean University

## **Part 2: Summary of achievements during the past year**

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The Assessment Committee sponsored, with the Shared Information Literacy Committee, a successful Assessment Fair that was held May 25, 2010 at the Rutgers Busch Campus Center in Piscataway. Twenty-five presentations on a wide range of assessment methods and experiences were hosted by VALE institutional representatives. Committee members presented information on one of the currently popular methods libraries are using or studying: focus groups, ROI, LibQUAL+®, and Google Analytics, and one presented about the fall 2010 national assessment conference. We estimate that approximately 100 hosts and visitors were involved in the morning-long event. Evaluations received were overwhelmingly positive. Handouts and presentation materials have been posted to the VALE Assessment Committee website at: <http://www.valenj.org/vale-assessment-fair/vale-assessment-fair-2010>. A copy of the program with abstracts is also available at the website and is submitted with this report.

Assessment Committee members reviewed and commented on two survey instruments and survey plans: a Reference Survey designed by the VALE Reference Services Committee to learn about the current state of reference services in New Jersey academic institutions and the eBooks Collections Survey developed by the VALE eBooks Task Force and administered to library directors and deans via the Executive Committee.

## **Part 3: Issues to be considered further**

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The committee addresses a large and growing area. We need to focus on particular methods or attract more members, or both.

## **Part 4: Recommended objectives for the next fiscal year**

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- Provide support to the Executive Committee and other VALE committees by reviewing and commenting on proposed surveys and other assessments,
- Undertake a project for updating VALE members on effective assessment practices,
- Follow up on comments received on evaluation forms from the assessment fair,
- Monitor and inform the membership about LibQUAL+® availability, and
- Seek additional members

## **Part 5: Statement of resources desired/needed**

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If the Committee develops a forum about assessment instruments, travel, honoraria, and refreshments might be needed. Otherwise, no particular resources are needed unless the Executive Committee charges the Assessment Committee with a particular task that requires travel, honoraria, etc.