

Background on InULA's New Copyright Policy

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As Jen mentioned in her President's Letter, the Communications Committee, with assistance from Sherri Michaels, Intellectual Property Librarian at IUB, has written up and put forth a new copyright policy for *InULA Notes*, which was passed by the InULA Executive Board in March 2012. This policy is meant to clarify the rights of authors of articles in *InULA Notes*. The previous copyright policy of *InULA Notes* simply stated, "Copyright1997-[current year] InULA. All rights reserved." With the new policy in place, authors retain the copyright to their articles under a Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial, No Derivatives License (CC-BY-NC-ND). Readers can share the article (copy, distribute, and transmit) provided that they:

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The author of the article can waive these rights if he or she wishes. The new copyright policy also gives InULA the explicit right to migrate all articles over to the new website, which should be taking place in the next few weeks.

The Communications Committee has been hard at work finding out the best way to implement this policy for authors, and has created a form for all authors of articles to sign. This form includes the copyright policy and asks authors to accept the terms as written. The upcoming issue of *InULA Notes* (due out in May 2012) will be the first test of this policy. We hope that this policy is clear, and if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the board liaison, Kate Moore, at kabmoore@ius.edu!

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