



AMICO Achievements – The Year 1998 in Review (In reverse-chronological order)

December 1998

- RLG agrees to support weekly updates to the AMICO database in 1999.
- The California Digital Library agrees in principle to develop an application to distribute the AMICO Library.

November 1998

- AMICO receives its first royalty check from Research Library Group (RLG) on behalf of the University Testbed participants. Actual income exceeds budget.

October 1998

- AMICO is granted 501 (c) 3 status from the Internal Revenue Service.
- AMICO and IUPUI are awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant to investigate AMICO Library distribution to K-12 schools and public libraries in 1999-2001.
- The Executive Committee of AMICO approves AMICO staffing plan. Appointment of an Executive Director, Director of Strategy and Research, and Director of Technology are made.

September 1998

- The public AMICO web site launches on September 1st, including a Thumbnail Catalog of all works in The AMICO Library.
- The Library of Congress in Washington, DC joins as an AMICO member.

August 1998

- AMICO and RLG release the Testbed AMICO Library on August 24th.
- The Frick Collection and Research Library, New York, NY and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY join AMICO.

July 1998

- Preview edition of The AMICO Library released for University Testbed participants.
- Application submitted to the National Science Foundation's Digital Libraries II grant competition.

June 1998

- AMICO receives a Mellon Foundation planning grant of \$45,000.
- AMICO Board meets in Worcester, MA, and approved ByLaws.
- AMICO incorporates as an independent, membership organization, separate from the AAMD.
- AMICO Library University Agreements returned by Testbed participants.

May 1998

- Presentation describing AMICO at Committee on Fair Use (CONFU).
- University Testbed Participants' Web Site launched.
- AMICO Library data delivered to the Research Libraries Group (RLG)

April 1998

- Publication in *RLG News* of "Bringing Art Museum Images to the Classroom", Spring, 1998 features the University Testbed.
- Presentation on University Testbed at the Coalition for Networked Information, Washington, DC.

March 1998

- Presentation on AMICO at Visual Resources Association/Art Libraries Association (VRA/ARLIS), March 7, 1998 explains AMICO to those responsible for looking after image collections in universities and colleges.
- University Testbed Participants announced.

February 1998

- Panel Discussion by Stephanie Stebich, Cleveland Museum of Art, Peter Walsh, Davis Museum and Cultural Center, Wellesley College and Susan Chun, College Art Association, Toronto, February 28, 1998.
- University Testbed Participants Announced.

January 1998

- First AMICO Board meeting held. Executive Committee Elected.
- Members submit full list of AMICO Library contributions.
- First Contributions to The AMICO Library made by members.