



News from the European Federation of Serials Groups

Third European Serials Conference and Exhibition

Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
25-27 September 1996

It is now three years since the European serials community gathered to pool its collective wisdom. In that time the world in which we work has been transformed by technology, forcing us to question established models and relationships, and giving us new opportunities to exploit resources more fully than ever before.

Just as this technology has created new opportunities, it has also presented us with a whole range of issues that need to be addressed sooner rather than later: copyright protection in an electronic environment, security on the networks, new roles for established players, and archiving of electronic information.

The Third European Serials Conference will be the first real opportunity for the community to discuss and debate these issues together since the emergence of the Internet as a significant instrument of change in the scholarly communication process, and the programme of this conference will provide an excellent starting point:

Wednesday 25 September

Keynote Address: An overview approaching the millennium *Peter Vervest, Multimedia Skills, The Netherlands*

Reception in exhibition area, followed by dinner and a quiz

Thursday 26 September

Intellectual property and copyright law in the European Union and other major jurisdictions: a bird's eye view *Thomas Hoeren, Münster, Germany*

A study in cooperation, collaboration and funding in the information field: IRIS
Patrick Kelly, University of Limerick, Ireland

A case study in e-journal developments: the Scandinavian position *Terje Sørli, Scandinavian University Press, Norway*

Product reviews

Reinventing the subscription agent *David Brown, DJB Associates, UK*

The process of scholarly communication: an Eastern European angle *Ewa Krysiak, National Library, Poland*

Security and censorship on the Net *speakers to include: Richard Collins, University of Manchester, UK*

Product reviews

Civic Reception in the Long Room and Book of Kells exhibition followed by the Conference Dinner and 'A Taste of Ireland' entertainment

Friday 27 September

Keynote for the day: The European Union and serials publishing: impact and influence

Bernard Smith, Electronic Publishing Programme of the European Commission, DGXIII

Concurrent sessions:

A Serials archiving and the continuity of knowledge

Ulrich Montag, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, Germany; Iona Fonyó, Technical University of Budapest, Hungary; Clive Field, University of Birmingham, UK

B Exploiting national serials resources

Catherine Marandas, Bibliothèque Nationale, France; Francien van Bohemen, PICA, The Netherlands; Francisca Hernandez, Hemeroteca Nacional and José Lloréns, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain

The process of scholarly communication: the state of the art *Richard Charkin, Current Science Group, UK; Sally Hardy, Regional Studies Association, UK*

Optional visits:

University Library, including the Long Room
Chester Beatty Library (oriental collection) and
Marsh's Library (oldest public library in Ireland)

Walking tour of Dublin

Whiskey Corner

Malahide Castle and The Fry Model Railway

For the first time the Conference will include an exhibition of the very latest products and services, giving delegates the opportunity not only to hear about how libraries are using the latest technology, but to see it too. In addition translation facilities into French and Spanish will be offered for the plenary sessions.

The venue could not provide a more fitting contrast to the technological bias of the Conference. Trinity represents a wonderfully historic backdrop, and is of course home of the Book of Kells.

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Danish Serials Group

It is always encouraging to hear news of other serials groups in Europe, and this letter, received at the UKSG Annual Conference in April, shows the success of the Danish Serials Group.

"Dear colleagues and friends

On behalf of the Danish Serials Group I send you the best wishes for an inspiring and festive Annual Meeting and Conference. Unfortunately it has not been possible for me to join you in Keele. The Danish Serials Group, however, will be represented at the Conference. Ms Anette Schneider of the Technical Knowledge Center & Library of Denmark is a member of the Board of our group.

The Danish Serials Group was, as some of you already know, founded in the summer 1993 as an interest group under the auspices of the Danish Research Library Association.

1995-1996 has been the period where we have accomplished the first visible results of our efforts.

Our first bi-annual conference was held 16-17 May 1995. It was a great success with speakers on:

- the definition of library materials in the year 2000: what are we dealing with - and how are we dealing with it?
- electronic publishing. The future for the libraries and the consequences for service and internal procedures?
- the new Danish Copyright Act;
- the question of tendering;
- the perspectives of the Danish National electronic library system.

The conference was attended by 70 people. A report of the conference has been published in *Serials*, vol. 8, no. 3, 1995 pp. 272-274.

We gave one-day courses in electronic journals on 3 March 1996 and on 7 March 1996, including: What is an e-journal? How do you get e-journals? And what e-journals are worthwhile? How do you record and catalogue e-journals? How do you work with e-journals in a lending department?

116 persons participated in these two courses and we had the great pleasure of welcoming more than 20 colleagues from Norway and Sweden.

We have made recommendations concerning cataloguing of newspapers as regards a total utilization of the electronic media and catalogues.

Newspapers have not until now been catalogued electronically in all Danish libraries. We will make an effort to make good this deficiency.

In the coming year we will plan further courses in electronic journals, we will look into the trend of "loan instead of own" and we will discuss budgetary problems including drawing up, estimating and following up a budget in the light of price increases, electronic journals and contractors. And we will organize our next conference. It seems that there is a rising interest in problems concerning serials now that serials get harder and harder to define.

Hopefully a lot of our members will be able to take part in the Third European Serials Conference later this year in Dublin. I have received many positive reactions from people

within the Danish library world concerning the ESC. I know that Anette will go to Dublin, too, and I will most certainly be there myself. So I hope to see a lot of you in Dublin and I send you my best wishes for your meeting in Keele.

Yours sincerely

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Serials in Finland

We are hoping to report further on the activities of the The Finnish Research Library Association (Serials Section) in the next issue. They have a WWW address at

<http://www.jyu.fi/~library/STKS/>

and information on the Third European Serials Conference located at

<http://www.jyu.fi/~library/STKS/efsg.html>