



# UKSG News

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## Editor of *Serials*

As you will have read in the Editorial, John Merriman has decided to stand down as Editor of *Serials*. John has done a wonderful job in editing the Group's journal these last few years, ensuring that each edition contains a balanced mix of papers, news, views and comment from the serials world. He has established a strong editorial board and there is no doubt that its members will miss his guiding hand, especially since it often held the Good Beer Guide and the kitty.

In recognition of John's work, the UKSG Executive Committee has unanimously agreed to award him the title and role of Honorary Editor to add to his life membership of UKSG.

With John's resignation the Group is looking for a suitably qualified person to become Editor of *Serials*, commencing with the March 2001 issue. The job entails the overall control and direction of the journal, with the support of the editorial and production team. In order to maintain the relevance and topicality of the content, the Editor should, ideally, be active in the serials and information world and have an awareness of the different sectors.

*Serials* is the flagship of the UKSG and is only available to members (currently 577 organisations). A survey indicated that the actual readership is in the region of 5,000. Anyone interested in editing this valued journal should contact: John Merriman, Editor, *Serials*, Thames Gardens, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 3QH; tel. 01608 810375.

## Business Manager

The committee was delighted when Alison Whitehorn agreed to take on the role of Business Manager for the Group, succeeding Jill Tolson. Alison has spent the last 15 months as Group Administrator and is, therefore, perfectly placed to manage the affairs of what is in effect a small business. Work is under way in seeking a replacement for Alison and an announcement on this appointment will be made in due course.

## New Committee

The UKSG committee has undergone a number of changes since the last issue of *Serials*. The new Chair is Christine Fyfe, Deputy Librarian at Warwick University. Christine spent many years at Keele University in a variety of serials-related roles and brings to this position a deep understanding of the serials world. Succeeding Richard Gedye as Treasurer is Keith Courtney from Taylor & Francis. Keith was previously Secretary of the Group. Jill Taylor-Roe from Newcastle University fills the position vacated by Keith. Paul Harwood has moved from the Marketing Subcommittee to become the new Education Officer and Richard Gedye takes over from Paul as Marketing Officer. New members of the committee are Ross MacIntyre from MIMAS and Jayne Everard from Manchester Metropolitan University.

The full committee is listed at the front of *Serials* and on the Group's website.

## Education and Marketing Subcommittees

As mentioned above, both of these committees have new leaders: Paul Harwood for Education and Richard Gedye for Marketing.

The existing Education Subcommittee of Peter Lea, Caroline Moss-Gibbons, Ian Middleton, Jill Taylor-Roe and Vincent Cassidy will be supplemented by Ann Betterton and Julie Nurden. Working with Richard on the Marketing group will be Bev Acreman, Martin White, Tracy Shaw, Andy Crowther, Nell McCreddie and Ann Bunker.

## Heriot-Watt 2001

No sooner has the dust settled on Keele 2000 than the committee must turn its attention to the Annual Conference for next year, to be held at Heriot-Watt University, 2-4 April 2001.

The committee met at the beginning of July to plan the conference, identify speakers and themes and all the other social and logistical aspects that combine to make the conference such a major event in the serials calendar.

Our thanks to all those who completed an evaluation form at Keele. Your comments are appreciated and will be used as part of the planning process for Heriot-Watt.

## Serials Online!

Following discussions between UKSG and CatchWord, an agreement has been reached for CatchWord to make electronic versions of *Serials* available to members. Full details about the arrangement and access methods are contained elsewhere in this issue.

## New Members

It is always a pleasure to finish on a high note. In this instance it is information on new members of the Group.

This issue of *Serials* traditionally has a bumper selection, since it includes those who gained membership as a result of attending the annual conference.

As you can see from the following list, our new members come from all sides of the information chain, and it is particularly good to see the

sprinkling of new academic library members supplemented by those from the corporate and government areas.

- ADIS International
- American Chemical Society, USA/UK
- Bradford College
- British Editorial Society of Bone and Joint Surgery
- Celltech Chiroscience Plc
- Credit Suisse First Boston (Europe) Ltd
- Dawson Books
- DERA
- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Germany
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Faxon-RoweCom, USA
- Gordon and Breach Publishing Group
- Helen Henderson, Consultant
- Infotrieve, USA
- International Labour Organisation, Switzerland
- Intranet Focus Ltd
- JISC
- Massey University, New Zealand
- National Institute for Social Work
- National Maritime Museum
- Norwegian National Office for Research Documentation, Norway
- Nutrition Society, Ireland
- Observatoire de Paris, France
- OECD, France
- Osaka University, Japan
- Paterson Institute for Cancer Research
- Queensland University of Technology, Australia
- Royal College of Physicians
- Schilling UK Ltd
- Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICE)
- Smith & Nephew Group Research Centre
- SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, USA
- Unilever Research, USA
- University of Milan, Italy
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA
- University of Southern Denmark
- Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG, Germany
- Western Kentucky University Libraries, USA

The Group extends a warm welcome to all new members. We hope that membership proves to be of real value to the organisations and their staff.