



# UKSG News

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## New members

A warm welcome to ERA Technology Ltd and Gillette Management Inc. It is good to see more corporate members swelling our ranks, and we look forward to meeting their representatives at UKSG events during the coming year.

## Committee changes

You will already be aware of Jill Tolson's departure to take up a new position at Cranfield University Press. She will be sorely missed by all members of the committee and by the membership in general. Work on replacing Jill has already begun and a short-term allocation of her many responsibilities has been put in place. All the current UKSG mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses are still valid and operational and will remain in place until next year.

Richard Hodson stands down as Chair of the Group this year and will not seek re-election onto the committee. Richard has done an excellent job in harnessing the experience and talents on the committee and exploiting them to the full. We will also miss Margaret Croucher, our Education Officer, and John Cox, both of whom have contributed enormously to the group over the last few years.

A new system of voting for membership of the committee will be introduced at this year's Annual Conference, giving delegates the opportunity to vote at some point during the conference rather than only at the AGM. Full details about the new system will be included with the AGM documentation that will be sent to

all members. If you are attending the Keele conference, we would still love to see you at the AGM, even if you have voted previously!

## Keele 2000

Bookings for the annual conference and exhibition at Keele are now coming in thick and fast. If you have not booked yet, do not leave it too late and be disappointed. Do remember how simple it is to register for the conference via the web site which also includes a lot more information than in previous years, including a guide to the exhibitors who have booked to date, notes for delegates and information on the informal meetings and receptions planned.

If you are thinking of exhibiting at Keele, make use of the exposure on the web site to promote your attendance and do not leave it too long before booking! Prime positions are going quickly.

## ...And on the subject of the web site...

Plans are underway for a re-design of our home page and we will keep you in touch with developments in this area as the project progresses. With such a wealth of information now available, it is difficult to keep pace, so please give us your thoughts on what else you would like to see on our site. In particular, what useful links to other sources of serials related information you would like to be able to use.

## Other events

Whilst the annual conference is the major event of the year, it is by no means the only one! Three

Serials Resource Management seminars have taken place in the last few months. The Leeds event attracted 49 delegates and the London meeting over 50. The most recent seminar, in Dublin, was also very well attended. At a time of major change in the serials world, these events provide an opportunity for all involved to learn from others and exchange experiences in a cost-effective way.

If you are interested in the whole area of measuring the usage of electronic journals, then you should keep 10 May free for a seminar on this subject. The venue will be the Scientific Societies Lecture in London and more details will be available in due course. In June, the area of Preprint Servers will come under the spotlight in a one-day seminar. The exact date and location still to be confirmed at the time of writing.

Details of the popular, 'Day in the life of a librarian' scheduled for May and 'Day in the life of a publisher' to be held in October will be available in due course.

#### **New publication**

Due to be published in April is *'The Serials Management Handbook; a practical guide to print and electronic serials management'*. Edited by UKSG committee members, Lyndsay Rees-Jones and Tony Kidd and published by Library Association Publishing, in association with the UKSG, the handbook provides a much-needed up-to-date overview of best practice in the many different aspects of serials management and will have broad and international appeal. UKSG members will be eligible for a pre-publication discount.

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