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### Mick Archer

Mick is Global IS&L Project Manager in the Information Sciences and Library Department at AstraZeneca, one of

the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. Although based in Loughborough at the Charnwood site, Mick co-ordinates projects within IS&L, which take place between the eight R&D sites in UK, USA, Sweden and Canada. His previous information roles were managing an information service at SmithKline Beecham for ten years and, prior to this, setting up and managing an information department at chemical manufacturer Koch-Light Laboratories.

He moved to his present location to manage the library at the Loughborough site and when electronic journals came along, he was asked to take on a special project to ensure the company took full advantage of the new access method. This is one of the 'projects' that he still manages, negotiating electronic journal licences for AstraZeneca world-wide, using a network of experienced librarians in several countries to assist him in this role. Leading on from this he is now co-ordinating the management of journals at all sites. The initial step was to run a project last year to select a single subscription agent for the whole of AstraZeneca and now setting up a procedure for managing the paper and electronic subscriptions to ensure the company both complies with the licences and also takes full advantage of them.

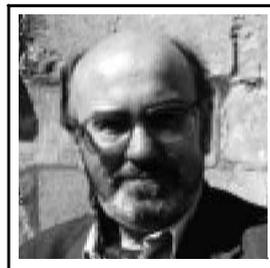
The other facet of his work is to co-ordinate the IT requirements of the information departments. He is working on a project to install the same library management system at all sites. Having selected the system Aleph, from Ex Libris, which is already installed at several sites, he is now working with various project teams to ensure consistent implementation at all sites. Linking these two facets of his job together Mick is leading projects to investigate the various linking options that are available. Already piloting LitLink from MDL, a project is just being

instigated to test the usefulness of SFX in linking up databases, abstracts, library catalogue and journals. Other projects due for completion this year include a current awareness toolkit in order to produce bulletins linked to abstracts and full text in specific subject areas and a global system for the management of all document requests not available electronically.

Mick has degrees in chemistry and has also completed an information technology based degree at the Open University. He is a member of the UK Serials Group committee, is on the editorial board of *Serials* and is a member of the Institute of Information Scientists. His publications include chapters in '*Information Sources in Pharmaceuticals*', '*Information Sources in Chemistry*' and '*The Serials Management Handbook*'.

When not working Mick enjoys playing badminton and watching Nottingham Forest win! He also 'enjoys' himself listening to music, particularly Leonard Cohen – if enjoy is the correct description! Watching Forest and listening to Cohen – what a sad person!

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### Brian Cox

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He worked in bookselling and publishing for over 40 years, being employed firstly by Blackwell as a bookseller and in their subscription agency and was later responsible for the subscription and marketing aspects of journal publishing with Pergamon Press and Elsevier.

For many years Brian was a member of the UKSG Executive Committee and is a former secretary of the Group. Now retired and living in Oxfordshire, he spends his time reading, walking, gardening and studying the history of architecture.

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