

# UKSG News

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## UKSG postal address

Rather than give the Royal Mail too much more revenue in redirection fees, could I please ask you all one more time to pass on the main UKSG address to those in your organisations who need to know, especially Finance departments. Not all of them are picking up the new details from our invoices and we are still receiving payments via the old UKSG addresses in Witney and Towcester, both of which are now defunct. The address to use is: Hilltop, Heath End, Newbury RG20 0AP UK

## Membership for 2002

The new membership rate for 2002 was agreed at the AGM at Heriot-Watt, involving only a very slight increase to £69.50 + VAT – still extremely good value.

## New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

ALS International Ltd  
 Baker & McKenzie  
 Focal Image Ltd  
 Forestry Commission  
 Funda o Calouste Gulbenkian (Portugal)  
 Hampshire County Library  
 The Lancet Publishing Group  
 Medical Research Council  
 Nature Publishing Group  
 The Nordic Africa Institute (Sweden)  
 Prenax Global AB (Sweden)  
 Rockefeller University Press (USA)  
 Royal Library (Denmark)  
 Sidley & Austin  
 Tavistock & Portman Library  
 Unilever Information Centre  
 Unilever Research  
 University of Stockholm (Sweden)

Some of these new memberships come about as a result of someone in the organisation having

attended the conference as a full residential non-member delegate. We hope they'll appreciate the benefits of membership during the course of 2001 and decide that renewing for 2002 is worthwhile.

## Conference reflections 2001 ...

I hope a good time was had by all. The venue certainly seemed to please most people and even the weather, for Scotland in early April, was fairly kind to us. (I think Karen and I enjoyed it too but it's all a bit of a blur, not solely red wine-induced.)

Apologies to the vegetarians for the main course of the conference dinner at Dynamic Earth. "Not mushrooms again!", the cry went up. This was not what I had ordered for the menu and the venue duly apologised with a discount – regrettably an administrative impossibility to pass on to the disappointed delegates, but at least Dynamic Earth were not let off the hook.

Apologies also to those of you on Bus No 4 which was scheduled to depart at 12.15pm and left some 20 minutes late, owing to a particularly stropky and inflexible driver. Again, profuse apologies and a discount received from the bus company. Discounts are better than nothing but, of course, decent service in the first place would have been infinitely preferable.

Thanks to all of you who found the time and energy to complete your evaluation forms. We get clear vibes during the event as to what is fairly obviously good and bad but all sorts of interesting and valuable comments surface from these forms on aspects that we would not necessarily have picked up on – very useful for future planning, especially as we will be back at Heriot-Watt in 2003.

## ... and conference preparations 2002

Get the dates in your diaries – 15-17 April at the University of Warwick, our first time at this

venue. And we hope to make the event even more memorable than usual, as we will be celebrating the UKSG's 25th anniversary.

### **UKSG Committee 2001/2002**

The new Committee was elected during the conference and the line-up is as follows:

Chair: Christine Fyfe (University of Warwick)

Secretary: Jill Taylor-Roe (University of Newcastle)

Treasurer: Keith Courtney (Taylor & Francis)  
David Alsmeyer (BT)

Mick Archer (AstraZeneca)

Jayne Everard (Staffordshire University)

Paul Harwood (Swets Blackwell)

Richard Hodson (RoweCom UK)

Tony Kidd (University of Glasgow)

Ross MacIntyre (MIMAS)

Terry Morrow (ingenta)

Lyndsay Rees-Jones (The Library Association).

Helen Henderson and Hazel Woodward will now join the Committee as co-opted members in their roles as Editors of *Serials*.

I am also very pleased to announce the following additional co-options to the Committee:

Peter Baker (NHS Executive Trent)

Melvin Morbey (University of Reading)

Margaret Radbourne (John Wiley)

Graham Stone (Bolton Institute).

### **UKSG Incorporation**

The news on proposed developments for the Group that I referred to in March concerned the incorporation of the UKSG. The Group has been in existence for 24 years and during that period has increased in size and complexity, extending its activities significantly. It was, therefore, decided by last year's Committee that it was time to review the formal status of the Group in order to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that the UKSG is financially and constitutionally secure. The resolution presented to the AGM having been carried unanimously, the Committee pored over the newly drafted Memorandum and Articles of Association at a meeting in May and the formalities should soon be completed.

### **Lights out for Reference Linking**

More apologies, this time to the delegates at the

seminar on Reference Linking held at the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre in London on 15 May. A rogue circuit board put paid to any use of electricity in the lecture theatre, so, for much of the day, the data projector was of ornamental value only and delegates peered through the gloom at the speakers and each other, courtesy of the minimal emergency lighting. A combination of goodwill and Maglites saved the day, which was held together valiantly by the chair, Helen Henderson. My thanks again to speakers and delegates for mucking in and making the best of a situation that was clearly outside anyone's immediate control to remedy. Interestingly, several delegates made the point that, without zippy PowerPoint presentations to distract them, they found themselves more able to concentrate on what the speakers were actually saying.

### **Marketing Subcommittee**

Richard Hodson has agreed to take over from Richard Gedye as Marketing Officer of the Group which is very good news. (To quote Richard H, he was the only one who didn't keep his head below the parapet when the call went out for a replacement.) At the first meeting in his new guise Richard H thanked Richard G for building up a strong team and for having achieved so much over the past year. No doubt the good work will continue.

### **Education Group**

Paul Harwood carries on in his role as Education Officer and is leading an enthusiastic group who formulate the programme of UKSG seminars for the year ahead. We are presenting a seminar in London on 22 October, which will give an update on developments in usage data and in November we are hoping to repeat the format of the successful seminar, 'A Day in the Life of a Journal Publisher', this time courtesy of Emerald in Bradford. Look out for details on our website.

### **Serials**

*Serials* is now available online, hosted by CatchWord. Do sign up – this service is free to members.