

# UKSG News

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## New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Academia Sinica (Taiwan)  
 Ferring International (Denmark)  
 International Transport Workers Federation  
 Learning & Skills Development Agency  
 National Library of France (Filière) (France)  
 Public Record Office  
 Royal Veterinary College  
 Slaughter and May  
 Sue Hill Recruitment & Services Ltd  
 Swets Blackwell AS (Denmark)  
 University of Houston (USA)  
 University of Split Library (Croatia)

## UKSG membership

Membership currently stands at 583, of which 203 are overseas members. The membership breaks down by category as follows:

Agents and booksellers	23
Electronic aggregators/facilitators	17
Individuals and consultants	17
Libraries:	
Academic	239
Commercial (manufacturing)	37
Commercial (service)	24
Government	60
Medical	17
National	33
Public	3
National data centres	4
Printers and binders	4
Professional associations	24
Publishers	78
System suppliers	3

## UKSG 2002 Conference and Exhibition

Another reminder to get the dates for next year's conference in your diaries – 15-17 April at the University of Warwick. We have identified what we think will be a splendid venue for the conference dinner on the Tuesday evening – do come to celebrate the UKSG's 25th anniversary. Conference programmes and booking forms will be mailed out before Christmas.

## Measuring up to expectations?: usage data and electronic journals

This UKSG seminar took place on 22 October. A report of the event and a special focus on this theme will feature in the March 2002 issue of *Serials*.

## Marketing Subcommittee

This diligent group of people are currently working on a variety of initiatives, so there will be more to report on the fruits of their labours early next year.

## Education Group

For some years now, the Serials Resource Management seminars run by the Group have formed the cornerstone of our activity. We firmly believe that they provide one of the most cost-effective and comprehensive events for those new to the world of serials or requiring an update on some of the major changes taking place as a result of the impact of electronic journals.

Based on feedback received, the afternoon

sessions of forthcoming seminars will change to reflect the increasingly technical and jargon-laden aspects of serials work. An additional presentation will be included to cover in some depth (whilst still at an introductory level) new developments like CrossRef, DOI and SFX. We hope this is in line with delegate requirements and interests and will help make this event even more valuable to all that attend.

If you feel you possess the technical competence to be able to present a session like this and would be interested in doing so, please contact Alison Whitehorn or Paul Harwood.

Graeme Forbes is the latest addition to the Education Group's membership. His experience of both serials and training will make him a valuable new recruit.

### **UKSG Dissertation Awards**

If you are about to commence a dissertation in the area of library and information science as part of a professional course or qualification, or know somebody who is, then look out for forthcoming publicity announcing the second round of awards that the UKSG will be sponsoring.

Earlier this year, the Group announced the introduction of two £1,000 awards to those individuals who produced a piece of original research in the area of serials. Within the next few weeks, a further call will go out seeking interested parties and, with a wealth of potential material available as subject matter, given the dramatic changes taking place in the world of scholarly communication, we look forward to a rich and varied response.

Further information is available from Paul Harwood, Education Group Officer.  
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### ***Serials***

More new initiatives on the *Serials* front. From 2002 the journal will be available on subscription to non-members worldwide, with the option of electronic free with print or electronic only. Of course, UKSG membership already offers these benefits, as well as discounted rates for seminars and the annual conference, and November sees the launch of a members' electronic newsletter, *Serials-eNews*. Please contact me for more information.