

# People

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At the beginning of September, **Dr Herbert van de Sompel** took up his post as Director of e-Strategy and Programmes at the British Library. Herbert has spent the past year as Visiting Professor of Computer Science at Cornell University. For 17 years he was head of the library automation department at the University of Ghent in Belgium, before working at the Research Library at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. At Los Alamos, Herbert worked on a PhD focusing on open reference linking (OpenURL and SFX) and the Open Archives Initiative. As e-Director, Herbert will lead the British Library's transformation to an e-centric organisation.

Herbert van de Sompel's appointment completes the restructuring of the top tier of management at the British Library. The directors are now concentrating on the second tier of senior management. A draft structure has been agreed and this is now out to consultation with BL staff. To be continued in the March 2002 issue of *Serials*.

In UK government libraries there have been a number of

changes. At the Department of Trade and Industry, **Victoria Macfarlane** was appointed Serials Co-ordinator in May, taking over from **Tom Meechan** who is now Monographs Manager for the Department. Victoria was previously Circulations Librarian at West Thames College in Hounslow. **Claire Meadows**, formerly Acquisitions Librarian at DTI left in the summer to become Intranet Manager for the National Children's Home in Islington.

Change too at the Department of Health. **Martin Gilbert**, Acquisitions Manager for seven years will be Customer Services Librarian at Skipton House from January 2002, effectively swapping jobs with **Melanie Peffer**, who is currently temporary Customer Services Librarian at Skipton House. Melanie was formerly Customer Services Librarian at Wellington House, but moved to the Elephant and Castle site when **Karen George** moved to the Home Office. **Lesley Vickers** is now Customer Services Librarian at Wellington House, having moved from the

NHS Estates Library in Leeds. **Dion Lindsay** left the Department in September to join the Motor Neurone Disease Society in Northampton. Dion had been with the DH Library since 1988 and was Acquisitions Librarian there for a spell.

At the Home Office, **Karen George** is now Senior Librarian. **Jason Stewart** joined the Library in August as an Assistant Librarian in Cataloguing. Jason was at Imperial College, where he worked as Senior Library Assistant at the Earth Resources Engineering Library.

At MOD's Whitehall Library there was a re-organisation in July. **Howard Milton** is now Head of Corporate Services for MOD libraries, charged with liaising with all MOD's libraries, improving communication and managing purchasing contracts. **Carole Tucker** is now Corporate Communications Manager, reporting to Howard. Carole was previously in the Marketing and Evaluation Team. **Laura Scott**, Head of Support Services, now takes on

responsibility for bibliographic services including serials.

Former Head of the Marketing and Evaluation Team, **Andrea Drewett** is now Head of the Profession Support Team.

At the National Meteorological Library in Bracknell, **Jill Claiden** was appointed National Meteorological Library & Archive Manager in the summer. Jill had been Head of Learning Resources at Farnborough Technical College for more than 10 years. At Farnborough, **Kim Greenfield** is now Head of Learning Resources.

**Lee Bacciochi** joined the Arts Council of England Library earlier this year and deals with the day to day running of subscriptions.

At the BBSRC (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council), **Sarah Stephens**, Librarian at the Scottish Crop Research Institute in Invergowrie was elected Chair of BRILCOM (BBSRC Research Institutes Librarians' Committee) in June.

**Alison Sproston** was appointed to a new post as the David Eccles Librarian at the British Museum in December last year. Alison's remit is to advise at a senior level on the management of the museum's 17 library collections. From April this year, Alison has headed a new department at the Museum, the Department of Libraries & Archives. Alison was previously at Trinity College Library in Cambridge

where she was Sub-Librarian for six years.

At the Environment Agency in mid-May, **Wendy Buckle**, Head of National Library and Information Service, left on twelve months' secondment to head up a customer services project for the agency.

**Katherine Nicol** is Acting Head for the year. Katherine was formerly Information Centre Manager for the Environment Agency in Wales. Former Serials Librarian to the Agency **Rebecca Cantwell** left in the summer, to get married.

At UNESCO **Coryn Lang** was appointed Head of the Collections Development Services at the end of June, where she replaced Ms U Gabrielsen. Coryn joined the UNESCO library in 1997 as a cataloguer and indexer librarian after six years as a library and information assistant at the British Council Library in Paris.

Meanwhile, in the UK academic library scene, at the end of September **Anne Kennett** (and Pippa – her Yorkshire terrier) retired from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh. Anne was with the university for over 30 years and Librarian at the Dick Vet Library for the past 13 years. Anne (along with Pippa) plans to continue working one day a week (on a voluntary basis) to help raise the £3 million needed for the new joint library to be built at the Easter Bush Veterinary Centre – all donations welcomed! **Fiona**

**Brown** is the new Dick Vet Librarian and was previously at the Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine, which is also part of the Dick Vet. (If you were wondering, William Dick founded the School of Veterinary Studies in 1823.)

At Glasgow University, **Chris Bailey** was appointed Acting Director of Library Services in August. For the past three years, Chris has been CURL Executive Secretary.

At the University of Hull, **Geoff Weston**, Deputy Director of Academic Services took early retirement at the end of July. Geoff had been at Hull for more than 25 years. Geoff will continue to work at the library on a part time basis on the NEYAL tendering project and negotiations.

At the University of Liverpool in June, **Philip Cohen** was appointed Head of Technical Services, replacing **Jon Purcell**, who moved last year to the University of Newcastle. Philip was previously at Manchester Metropolitan University, where he was Site Librarian at Didsbury.

Congratulations to **Frances Shipsey** back from maternity leave in September, the better for baby Fiona born on St Valentine's Day. Frances is Serials Librarian at the British Library of Political and Economic Science at the London School of Economics.

At the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, **Ian**

**Cooke** was appointed to a new post as Resources Development Librarian in October. For the previous four years, Ian worked as a Library Assistant at Kingston University library where he completed his MA in Information Services Management at University of North London.

There have been a number of changes at MIMAS. In September, **Jessica Eustace** replaced **Alison Murphy** at the NESLI Help-desk ([help@nesli.ac.uk](mailto:help@nesli.ac.uk)). Alison has worked on the Help-desk for the last 2 years. Jessica currently works on the Web of Science Help-desk and joined MIMAS in January of this year.

At the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, Professor **Jane Core** has been appointed Director of Learning Resources in place of Ian Winkworth. Jane was at the University of Abertay Dundee for more than 10 years, where she was Assistant Head of Information Services and Professor of Lifelong Learning.

At Oxford University, **Francis Boyle** was appointed Electronic Resource Co-ordinator to administer and co-ordinate the purchase of electronic resources, especially electronic journals, on a university-wide basis. Frances was previously Electronic Resource R&D Manager at the University of Liverpool.

At Queen's University Belfast there have been a number of changes. **Elizabeth Traynor** is now Associate

## OBITUARIES



*Miles Blackwell*

The past couple of months have seen the passing of two major figures in recent history of the international subscription agency and library supply world, whose names and faces were synonymous with the family companies they represented.

First came the sad news in September of the death of Miles Blackwell. Miles died aged 56, just four weeks after the death of his wife, Briony. He joined the family company in 1966 and oversaw the development and growth of Blackwell's overseas business. Miles was well liked and respected by his staff who found him a pleasure to work with, and someone who was genuinely concerned for them. Miles was particularly well known in the book world where he had many friends in the international library community. He retired in 1997.



*'Jos' Swets*

On the 19th October Adrianus (Jos) Swets died at the age of 71. After graduating from UCLA, Jos started in the family firm in 1951 working through all the departments at Swets. In the seventies Jos was appointed to the board when his father Wim retired, becoming Commercial Director. Jos played a key role in growing Swets' microstore, publishing, backsets and reprints services. He travelled widely, and was instrumental in developing Swets' international library business and the setting up of overseas offices around the world. Under Jos' directorship, Swets became a major international subscription agent. He attended early UKSG conferences. Those who worked with him remember him with affection as a warm and sympathetic man who always had the well-being of his employees at heart.

Director of Research, having previously been Agriculture and Food Sciences Librarian at QUB. **Karen Latimer**, previously Deputy Science Librarian is now Librarian at Agriculture and Food Sciences. Moving from Agriculture, **Diarmuid Kennedy** is now Faculty Librarian Medicine and Health Science at the Medical Library, Institute of Clinical

Science at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. **Diarmuid** was previously Assistant Librarian with overall responsibility for periodicals at the Agriculture Library.

At St Mary's University College in Belfast, **John Morrissey** became Librarian at the beginning of September. John was Librarian at St

Joseph's College, which merged with St Mary's in 1985, when John became Deputy Librarian. He replaces **Sheila Fitzpatrick**, who took early retirement after 30 years as Librarian at St Mary's.

At the University of Ulster, **Collette McKenna** has been promoted to the post of User Services Librarian based at the Coleraine library. Collette was previously Subject Librarian Business & Management at UU.

Alas, not much news of changes at health sector libraries. At Farnborough Hospital in Kent, **Sandy Tarbox** took early retirement after 24 years service. Sandy was as Head of Library Services at Farnborough.

Following the merging of the library services of what were the Kent & Sussex Weald and the Mid-Kent Healthcare Trusts into the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust, **David Copsey** is now the Trust's Library and Information Services Manager. **Jennifer Blackburn** is Knowledge Manager – Clinical Support. David was Head of Library Services at Maidstone Hospital for two years. Jennifer had been Head of Library Services at the Kent & Sussex Hospital for nine years.

In August, **Sue Brain** was appointed Librarian for NHS Direct Hampshire and IOW and, as part of the Health Information Team for NHS Direct, is in the process of setting up a new library in Southampton. For the previous

year, Sue was Librarian for the Help for Health Trust in Winchester

In July, **Deborah Porter** was appointed International Serials Director, at ABC-CLIO in Oxford, where she will be developing ABC-CLIO's activities in historical databases and books. <http://serials.abc-clio.com> Deborah was previously with ingenta.

In October **Peter Rushworth** was appointed as EBSCO's Regional Salesman for the northern region. For the previous six years, Peter worked with Emerald (formerly MCB).

In June **Stefan Lacny** was appointed Journals Subscriptions Manager at OUP. Stefan was previously at Gordon and Breach, which is now part of Taylor and Francis.

Since July, **Brian Campbell** has been Business Development Manager with Instant Library's Library Services Division. Brian, formerly with Dawson then RoweCom, is offering subscription agency services.

**Zuzana Helinsky** (*pictured*) has now left her position as Director of Publisher Relations at Prenax Global in order to create a consulting service. For the past 20 years Zuzana has been involved in the sales and

marketing of library related products in Scandinavia, the Middle East and Central Europe. She created the largest subscription service in Sweden (BTJ) from scratch, and more recently has been involved in setting up Prenax Global, not to mention regular lecturing at the Department of Library and Information Science at Lund University. [zh@helitera.se](mailto:zh@helitera.se)

At the end of September **John Davies** retired from the Publishers Association. John was Director of the College, Academic and Professional and the Educational Publishers divisions of the PA and had been at the association for 23 years.

Mark Howard reports some changes at the top of RoweCom. After being appointed President of RoweCom's American operations last year, **Jim Krzywicki** was made Chief Operating Officer of RoweCom Inc earlier this year, and is expected to become President of RoweCom's worldwide operations following the acquisition of RoweCom by divine Inc due for completion in November 2001. **Richard R Rowe** continues in his role as Chairman of RoweCom and is expected to join divine Inc's management team. In the meantime Dr Rowe is leading efforts to establish a BioMedical Archives Consortium to preserve and promote unfettered online



access to biomedical archives ([www.biomedarchives.org](http://www.biomedarchives.org)).

In September **Sue Hill** ([Sue.Hill@suehill.com](mailto:Sue.Hill@suehill.com)) reported that Sue Hill Recruitment & Services had hired three new team members: **Nicola Franklin**, **Gina Cameron** and **Alex Wilson-Campbell**. Nicola, until recently at Phee Farrer Jones is responsible for extending the boundaries of the existing recruitment business and will work with **Francis Muzzu** (recently with EBSCO) and **Una Byrne**. Gina joined Sue Hill from Instant Library Recruitment and will concentrate on the expanding temporary recruitment market with Alex Wilson-Campbell.

Apologies to **Clare Holmes** formerly Sales Manager at Swets Blackwell for typo in her e-mail address. Clare who is now a Training and Development Manager at MSB (Managing the Service Business) can be contacted at [clare.holmes@msb-ltd.co.uk](mailto:clare.holmes@msb-ltd.co.uk)

**Ruth Jones** had been appointed General Manager of

Extenza e-Publishing Services, as part of an initiative to launch e-publishing services for the publishing community. Ruth was formerly Sales and Marketing Director at Thomson Learning (Europe, Middle East & Africa).

Extenza, with **Albert Prior** as Managing Director, is the new brand name for Swets' Publisher Services, a division at Swets that was set up recently to offer services in fulfilment, distribution, marketing and electronic publishing. Extenza Marketing Solutions, a promotions service for publishers, was launched at the recent Frankfurt Book Fair, and the manager of that service is **Pinar Erzin**, who recently joined from Swets Blackwell.

**Rory Souter** joined Swets Blackwell UK as Corporate Sales Executive in September. Rory previously worked in b-to-b publishing at Timothy Benn Publishing, where he was Business Development Manager.

In the world of publishing about serials, the new editor of *Serials Review* is **Connie Foster** ([connie.foster@wku.edu](mailto:connie.foster@wku.edu)), who has taken over from **Cindy Hepfer**, who is Head, Collection Management Services at the Health Sciences Library, University at Buffalo. ([hslcindy@acsu.buffalo.ed](mailto:hslcindy@acsu.buffalo.ed))



And, at the UKSG itself, **Peter Evans** (pictured) has been appointed Editor of the UKSG's forthcoming regular electronic newsletter, *Serials-eNews*. Peter is

currently editing *Biblio Tech Review* – a web-based news and reviews publication for the library automation industry – <http://www.biblio-tech.com> Prior to concentrating on automation, Peter spent 10 years in library and information work, including six years at Hatfield Polytechnic (now the University of Hertfordshire), where he was responsible for reader services, information services to industry and automation projects.