

UKSG News

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A new look

The UKSG underwent something of a makeover towards the end of last year with the introduction of a new logo and a freshly designed conference programme. We hope you approve.

Membership for 2001

Membership renewal invoices were sent out at the beginning of January so, if you don't seem to have received yours, please let us know. Prompt renewal is a tremendous aid to the efficient administration of the Group. And of course, if you're talking to anyone involved with serials who isn't a UKSG member, please pass on their details to us and we'll gladly send them some information on the Group with a complimentary copy of *Serials*.

If you are the main UKSG contact for your organisation, please keep your colleagues informed of UKSG activities. As membership is corporate, we rely on you to spread the word. And, if you are about to leave your current organisation, please let us know the name of the new contact. Remember too, what a good deal membership is – anyone from a member organisation can attend UKSG events, including the conference, at the member rate.

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

- Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
- National Library of South Africa, Pretoria Division

- Pfizer Global Research and Development
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (probably our first member from this country)

2001 Conference and Exhibition, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

The 2001 programme was mailed out before Christmas and full details are on our website, which will be updated regularly with information on exhibitors and the planned informal meetings and receptions. Details of entertainment at the conference are being sent out with booking confirmations.

This is such a good opportunity to network, catch up with old friends and generally keep abreast of developments in the serials industry. If you come across any of the students at the conference who have won sponsored places, please stop and have a chat and pass on the benefit of your experience.

UKSG Committee and AGM

The closing date for receipt of nominations for the Committee was 23 February. As no other candidates were nominated for the Executive Officer posts, Christine Fyfe (University of Warwick), Jill Taylor-Roe (University of Newcastle) and Keith Courtney (Taylor & Francis) will be returned unopposed as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Richard Gedye and Chris Beckett will not be seeking re-election and there is some new blood on the nominations list. Nine places on the Committee are to be voted for at the conference, where the ballot box will close at 11am on Tuesday 3 April

and the results announced shortly afterwards at the AGM. Please remember to register your postal votes by 28 March, if your organisation will not be represented at the conference. If you are attending the conference, please do make every effort to attend the AGM so you can see and hear from the people who give up so much time on a purely voluntary basis to ensure that the UKSG continues to thrive. There will also be some interesting news on proposed developments for the Group. Your attendance and support will be very much appreciated.

Marketing Subcommittee

The main undertaking for the Marketing Subcommittee continues to be the redesign of the website, due to be unveiled shortly, so watch this cyberspace. Many thanks to Richard Gedye who has put so much time and effort into this project – his UKSG sabbatical is well earned!

Education Group

At their last meeting in January the Education Group put together a programme of events for 2001, which should be firmed up soon. Please consult the website for details. Reports of recent UKSG seminars (A Day in the Life of a Journal Publisher, November 2000 and Serials Resource Management, February 2001) can be found in this issue. Look out for details of an important seminar planned for 15 May in London on Reference Linking.

UKSG Dissertation Award

A new initiative launched this year is the UKSG Dissertation Award, which is open to students writing dissertations in library and information science. For each of the two winners producing a dissertation on a particular aspect of the rapidly changing field of scholarly communication there will be an award of £1,000, together with the opportunity to write an article for *Serials* and a free place at the annual conference. Although the date for applications for this year will have passed by the time you read this, please make students aware of its introduction so that they can consider it for next year.

For further information please contact:

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Serials

Hazel Woodward and Helen Henderson are now at the helm and will be introducing some new Editorial Board members with the aim of injecting a more international flavour to the journal.

It has been decided to dispense with printing the Abbreviations and Acronyms section in *Serials* in favour of maintaining it on the UKSG website, where the list will be updated on a regular basis. *Serials* is now available online to all UKSG members, hosted by CatchWord. A copy of the print version will continue to be sent to all member contacts. Please contact me if you want to obtain additional printed copies, which for 2001 will cost £35.00 for the three issues.