



UKSG News

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New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

<i>UK:</i>	Fretwell-Downing Informatics Wythenshawe Hospital
<i>Overseas:</i>	Drexel University (USA) Exchange Centre for Scientific Literature (Finland) Meyers Consulting Services (USA) SCD University of Lille 2 (France)

UKSG membership

Membership currently stands at 570, of which 207 are overseas members. The membership breaks down by category as follows:

Agents and booksellers	23
Electronic aggregators/facilitators	14
Individuals and consultants	21
Libraries:	
Academic	243
Commercial (manufacturing)	31
Commercial (service)	20
Government	54
Medical	19
National	32
Public	3
National data centres	4
Printers and binders	3
Professional associations	25
Publishers	73
System suppliers	5

UKSG 2003 Conference and Exhibition

Another reminder to get the dates for next year's conference in your diaries – 7-9 April at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. The finishing touches are being made to our speaker line-up, and programmes and booking forms should be mailed out before Christmas.



IFLA 2002

UKSG were keen to support IFLA's return to the UK in August 2002, but I have attended busier exhibitions (see above!) – no doubt the amazing Glasgow weather enticed many delegates outside. Still, a sociable event nonetheless and UKSG 25th anniversary pens are now scattered worldwide.

ER: promoting and managing electronic resources without the trauma

This UKSG seminar took place on 14 November, with the underlying theme of 'Now we've got all

these e-resources, how do we maximise their use and usefulness?' A report of the event and some of the papers will feature in the March 2003 issue of *Serials*.

Marketing Subcommittee

We say farewell to Martin White and Alison Turner to whom thanks are due for their valuable input to the team's work, and we welcome Karine Chapuis from divine and Robert Bley from Swets Blackwell.

Education Subcommittee

The Education Subcommittee is delighted to welcome the following new members to the team: Ashleigh Thompson from Taylor & Francis, Richard Steeden from EBSCO, James Mullan from CMS Cameron McKenna and Michael Davis from divine. (Michael replaces Des Le Roy who, we understand, is now worm farming in Ireland.) They join Caroline Moss-Gibbons, Jill Taylor-Roe, Ann Betterton, Graeme Forbes, Peter Lea, Julie Nurden, Alison Whitehorn and Paul Harwood, and give the group a real strength in depth and excellent coverage of the different parts of the information chain.

Jill Taylor-Roe and Caroline Moss-Gibbons have put together an excellent programme for the 'A Day in the Life of an E-journal Librarian' seminar to be held at the London School of Economics on 12 December. If you are a publisher or intermediary and want to see how your customers are managing electronic journals, this is a must. Of course, librarians are welcome to attend too, and the event includes a tour of the fabulous new LSE library.

At our next meeting in January, we will be planning our Serials Resource Management seminar commitments for 2003. With Dublin already pencilled in for 5 February, we will be looking to run at least two others during the course of the year. If you feel that UKSG is ignoring your part of the world and you have a venue that can accommodate us, please let me know and we will try and build it into our programme.

And a familiar plea: if you would like to get involved in the work of the group in any way, please contact me at the e-mail address below. We are always looking for speakers for our Serials Resource Management seminars, as well as for the Roadshows that we put on for those universities that have Information Studies departments!

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UKSG International Research Awards

If you are engaged in any full-time, part-time or distance learning activity related to serials, look out for an announcement concerning the 2003 International Research Awards from UKSG in the coming weeks ...

Serials

Many thanks to Fytton Rowland who has been acting as Deputy Editor for *Serials* since Dennis Pilling stepped down at the end of 2001. Fytton was probably under the impression that he would be covering just the March issue but, owing to circumstances beyond our control, he got roped in for the whole volume. I am pleased to announce that, from 2003, our part-time accounts administrator, Ally Souster, has agreed to take on in addition the newly-created role of Editorial Assistant for *Serials*, for which she will be able to draw on a great deal of experience from a previous life at Oxford University Press. We also say a fond goodbye to Brian Cox (a tribute to him appears in this issue), for whom the lure of a History of Art course attended predominantly by the female sex was just too compelling. The loss is ours.

Serials-eNews

Doesn't seem possible but Peter Evans has now produced a whole year's worth of serials-related news and, judging from our recent reader survey, he's doing a grand job.