

# UKSG News

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## **New members**

A warm welcome to the following new members:

- UK:* St Martin's College
- Overseas:* Central Queensland University (Australia)
- China Educational Publications Import & Export Corp. (China)
- National Library of Medicine (USA)
- OCLC Information Center (USA)
- Rockford College (USA)
- Swets Blackwell Inc (USA)
- University of Missouri – Columbia (USA)

## **UKSG 2002 Conference and Exhibition**

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for this year's annual conference at the University of Warwick. The closing date is 22 March so please register now to avoid disappointment. As you know, 2002 marks the UKSG's 25th anniversary which we will be celebrating in style at Stoneleigh Abbey, a truly impressive venue for the conference dinner. Please don your glad rags for what we hope will be a memorable evening. We will once again be offering six free conference places to LIS students – a terrific opportunity to explore the world of serials and network with the major players. Details have been sent to university tutors to whom students should submit their applications.

## **UKSG seminars**

Look out for details of the next major UKSG seminar on 22 May in London, which will focus on the highly topical theme of moving from print to electronic journals.

We will also be running another 'A Day in the Life of a Journal Publisher' seminar on 16 May in Chichester, courtesy of John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

And the InForum is back! These small discussion sessions, run by UKSG Committee member Lyndsay Rees-Jones from the Library Association, are aimed at special librarians and offer participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and experience, as well as extending their personal and professional networks. Please refer to the website for further details.

## **Marketing Subcommittee**

After more years than he cares to remember, Richard Hodson has decided to stand down from the UKSG Committee after the AGM in April and will therefore also be relinquishing his role as Marketing Officer for the group. Although Richard has only held this post for the past year he has nevertheless overseen some very valuable marketing initiatives. We thank him for his tremendous contribution to the Group, not least in his role as Chair from 1997-99, and hope that he will return to the fold at some future date.

We now have stocks of UKSG promotional postcards available, so please contact me if you

can use them in any way to promote the benefits of UKSG membership.

### **lis-e-journals**

Melvin Morbey has recently stood down from the UKSG Committee and also from his role as list owner of lis-e-journals. Many thanks to Melvin for all the work he has put into building up this discussion forum. Happily, Lesley Crawshaw from the University of Hertfordshire, who already sits on the Marketing Subcommittee, has agreed to take over the role and will no doubt continue to develop lis-e-journals as the key discussion list for all aspects of e-journals. We look forward to some lively exchanges of information and opinion.

### **Education Group**

Confused about CrossRef? Suspicious of SFX? Fear not, help is at hand ... A new UKSG event is being devised by the Education Group with the objective of de-mystifying all the technical aspects of working with electronic journals. It will be pitched at a basic level and aimed at those new to

working with serials or those who find themselves having to manage electronic journals alongside print. Watch this space for more details in the next issue of *Serials*.

As many of you know, the Group organises a number of 'education-related' events during the year, notably the Serials Resource Management seminars and a programme of 'roadshows' for students studying information and library work. We are constantly in need of volunteers – especially from the publishing sector – to speak at these events. If you, or anyone in your organisation, would be interested in helping out by agreeing to present such a slot during the year, please contact Paul Harwood at Swets Blackwell (Pharwood@uk.swetsblackwell.com)

### **Serials-eNews**

November saw the launch of *Serials-eNews*, the fortnightly electronic newsletter exclusively for UKSG members. Several issues down the line and, judging from the extremely positive feedback we have been receiving, Peter Evans, the editor, is doing a grand job. Are you getting it? If not, please contact me for more information.