



UKSG News

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Membership Subscription for 2003

The new UKSG membership rate for 2003 was agreed at the AGM held during the UKSG conference at Warwick – it is £71.50, plus the VAT element on membership services not relating to the journal. How do we do it for the money?

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

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| <i>UK:</i> | Chester College |
| | Institute of Food Research |
| | MIDIRS (Midwives Information and Resource Service) |
| | Opus 57 |
| | Research Research Ltd |
| | Simon Inger & Associates |
| <i>Overseas:</i> | American University of Beirut (Lebanon) |
| | Aries Systems Corporation (USA) |
| | The Charleston Co. (USA) |
| | Georg Thieme Verlag KG (Germany) |
| | International Monetary Fund (USA) |
| | Landspítali University Hospital (Iceland) |
| | SURFdiensten bv (The Netherlands) |
| | University of Saskatchewan (Canada) |
| | University of Tilburg (The Netherlands) |

Looking back – UKSG 2002 Conference and Exhibition

The old adage of not being able to please all of the people all of the time will always stand but this was our first time at Warwick and, judging from the feedback we received, most delegates found the facilities and services very much to their liking. We do appreciate receiving your comments which will help us to hone the event when we return there in 2006. One lively soul was disappointed that the Tuesday disco finished 'too early'. I'm afraid that 1 a.m. was the latest time for which we could book the facilities and bar extension, but next year seasoned campaigners can look forward to the more relaxed approach taken by the Edinburgh magistrates.

Few could fail to have been impressed by the splendour of Stoneleigh Abbey and, even for the few of us who were anticipating the finale, the fireworks surpassed our expectations. One or two adverse remarks were made, deploring the cost of such frippery, but I think they were largely shouted down by 'Superb/amazing/fantastic/marvellous/mega/outstanding, etc.' on the evaluation forms. Yes, they were expensive, but the UKSG Committee felt that a 25-year celebration deserved a moment of madness. The weather was the icing on the cake – and that at least was free.

And thanks again to Sue Hill Recruitment & Services for donating three bottles of champagne to the winning quiz team on Monday evening.

Hope they managed to sort out a fair system of distribution.

Looking forward – UKSG 2003 Conference and Exhibition

Back to bonny Scotland – 7-9 April 2003 at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh – for which planning and preparations are already under way. Get the dates in your diaries.

Taking the plunge

At the recent UKSG seminar entitled 'Taking the plunge: moving from print to electronic journals' some 80 delegates heard papers on a range of experiences of tackling this daunting challenge – report and papers will appear in the November issue of *Serials*, and some of the presentations can be found on our website.

InForums

Two InForums (InFora?) have been held so far this year, the essence of which is to bring together a small group of special librarians to air and share their opinions and concerns on matters of mutual interest. The participants certainly seem to have valued this opportunity. Two more are planned for London this year and we are also hoping to arrange a session in York.

New Committee

The new Committee for 2002/2003 was elected during the conference and the line-up is as follows:

Chair: Christine Fyfe (University of Warwick)

Secretary: Jill Taylor-Roe (University of Newcastle)

Treasurer: Keith Courtney (Taylor & Francis)

Frances Boyle (Oxford University Library Services)

Lesley Crawshaw (University of Hertfordshire)

Jayne Everard (Staffordshire University)

Nancy Gerry (Blackwell Publishing)

Paul Harwood (Swets Blackwell)

Tony Kidd (University of Glasgow)

Ross MacIntyre (MIMAS, University of Manchester)

Terry Morrow (Ingenta)

Lyndsay Rees-Jones (CILIP)

Helen Henderson and Hazel Woodward remain on the Committee as co-opted members in their role as Editors of *Serials*.

I am also very pleased to announce the following co-options to the Committee:

Mick Archer (AstraZeneca R&D Charnwood)

Andrew Hall (ProQuest Information and Learning)

Ian Middleton (EBSCO Information Services)

Graham Stone (Bolton Institute)

Marketing Subcommittee

As reported in March, Richard Hodson decided to step down from the UKSG Committee, thereby also making way for a new Chair of the Marketing Subcommittee, a role which Ian Middleton has agreed to fulfil.

Education Subcommittee

I am pleased to say that Paul Harwood from Swets Blackwell is continuing in the role of Education Officer. His report on the new UKSG International Research Awards can be found in this issue. The Subcommittee will be meeting soon to formulate a programme of seminars for the coming year, details of which will appear on our website in due course.

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And just a reminder to contact me if, as a member organisation of UKSG, you are still not receiving a copy of this informative electronic newsletter.