

# UKSG news



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## Membership subscription for 2004

The UKSG membership rate for 2004 was agreed at the AGM held during the UKSG conference in Edinburgh – £75.00, plus the VAT element on membership services not relating to the journal. For this paltry sum, you will receive *Serials* both in print and online, as well as the fortnightly electronic newsletter, *Serials-eNews*, and you can take advantage of discounted member rates for attendance at the UKSG annual conference and seminars. Fantastic value!

## New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

- UK:**
- Avecia Ltd
  - BioMed Central Ltd
  - Financial Services Authority
  - Free Pint Ltd
  - INASP
  - Scholarly Information Strategies Ltd
  - TSO (The Stationery Office)
- Overseas:**
- American Institute of Physics (USA)
  - EBSCO Information Services (USA)
  - H Lundbeck A/S (Denmark)
  - Institute of Technology, Tallaght (Ireland)
  - JSTOR (USA)
  - Lehtimarket Oy (Finland)
  - Middle East Technical University (Turkey)
  - SAGE Publications (USA)
  - Sanofi-Synthelabo Research (France)
  - Serials Solutions, LLC (USA)
  - University of Southern Denmark

## Looking back – UKSG 2003 Conference and Exhibition

'Best conference yet!?' Well, that is of course for delegates to make up their own minds about but it was certainly a comment heard from several sources. Whilst there was the feeling that standards at Heriot-Watt had slipped a tad from our last visit in 2001 – and we have taken up certain issues with them, as we revisit in 2005 – the overall quality of the conference obviously hit the spot. As for the entertainment at the conference dinner, you either loved it or hated it. We do not have jurisdiction over the precise content of any performances and we know we cannot please everyone. Prepare yourselves for an entirely different mood next year. Talking of which ...

## Looking forward – UKSG 2004 Conference and Exhibition

**Back to sunny Manchester – 29-31 March at UMIST – for which planning and preparations are already under way. Get the dates in your diaries.**

## OAI seminar

At the recent UKSG seminar entitled 'The Open Archives Initiative: application and exploitation' delegates heard papers on a range of experiences of how the OAI protocol has been applied within specific projects, with the emphasis on the practical, rather than the technical, aspects. A report on the seminar appeared in Issue 43 of *Serials-eNews* and some of the papers will appear in the November 2003 issue of *Serials*. Most of the presentations can be found on our website.

### New Committee

The new Committee for 2003/2004 was elected during the UKSG conference and the line-up is as follows:

#### Honorary Officers:

Chair: Keith Courtney (Taylor & Francis)

Secretary: Lesley Crawshaw (University of Hertfordshire)

Treasurer: Paul Harwood (Swets Blackwell)

#### Committee members elected this year:

Richard Gedye (Oxford University Press)

Tony Kidd (University of Glasgow)

Alison McNab (University of Nottingham)

Ian Middleton (EBSCO Information Services)

The new voting procedure for the incorporated UK Serials Association allows for committee members, once elected, to remain on the committee for a three-year term. Committee members already in place are:

Frances Boyle (Oxford University Library Services)

Jayne Everard (Manchester Metropolitan University)

Nancy Gerry (Blackwell Publishing)



Keith  
Courtney

Ross MacIntyre (MIMAS, University of Manchester)

Lyndsay Rees-Jones (CILIP)

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

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

Christine Fyfe (University of Leicester)

Terry Morrow (Ingenta)

Graham Stone (Bolton Institute)

Jill Taylor-Roe (University of Newcastle)

### Serials electronic only?

We want to canvass your views on a proposal being considered by the UKSG committee to make the UKSG journal, *Serials*, available as an e-only publication from 2005. What do you think? The editorial in this issue lays out the whys and wherefores. If you have not already registered your opinions via *Serials*-eNews please go to the online survey at <http://www.uksg.org/survey.asp> on the UKSG website. It is *YOUR* organisation, *YOUR* journal – please make *YOUR* views known to us.

### Marketing Subcommittee

I am pleased to say that Ian Middleton from EBSCO Information Services is continuing in the role of Marketing Officer. Last year's major project

was the updating of the UKSG website and, now that that exercise is more or less completed, the team can focus their attention on other marketing aspects to keep UKSG at the forefront of the serials community. As ever, comments and suggestions from UKSG members are always welcome.

### Education Subcommittee

With Paul Harwood taking on the role of Treasurer from this year, Ross MacIntyre has agreed to step in as Education Officer. The Subcommittee has already met to discuss the programme of seminars for the coming year, details of which will appear on our website in due course.