

UKSG news



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UK Serials Association

After having gone through the somewhat prolonged process of becoming incorporated, UKSG can announce that it has finally attained the status of a 'company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital'. Companies House regulations dictated that we could not register the name 'UK Serials Group' – they don't like 'Group' – so we now bear the legal name of 'UK Serials Association', although we can and will continue to trade under the better-known names of UKSG, UK Serials Group and United Kingdom Serials Group. Another legal requirement imposes on us the duty of having to ask all members to agree to becoming members of the new corporate entity so a letter about this will be with member contacts shortly. Please could I ask the authorised representative in each of our member organisations to return the form to me as soon as possible as, without this assent being granted, your organisation is not legally entitled to vote at the UKSG's AGM which will be held at the Annual Conference on Tuesday 8 April.

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

UK: Blackwell's Book Services
 Brasenose College, Oxford
 Ex Libris (UK) Ltd
 Extenza e-Publishing Services
 Modern English Publishing
 White & Case

Overseas: Huber & Lang (Hans Huber AG)
 (Switzerland)
 University of Orange Free State (South Africa)
 University of Oslo (Norway)

UKSG 2003 Conference and Exhibition, 7-9 April

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for our return visit to Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. The closing date is 12 March so please register now to avoid disappointment. This year's conference dinner will take place in the Round Stables at Prestonfield House, a country house estate on the east side of Edinburgh set against the spectacular backdrop of Arthur's Seat, where you are promised an evening of traditional (and not so traditional) Scottish entertainment.

We are once again 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.

AGM and new committee

Thanks are due to the committee for their efforts over the past year, and none more so than the three executive officers, Christine Fyfe (Chair), Keith Courtney (Treasurer) and Jill Taylor-Roe (Secretary). All three have now served a three-year term of office and are therefore obliged to stand down, so it will be all change for 2003/4. Special thanks are due to Christine for all the time she has spent on the UKSG incorporation process. Even with the advice of so-called professionals this has been a far from easy manoeuvre.

UKSG seminar

A seminar on OAI is scheduled for 14 May 2003 at the Royal College of Nursing in London and will focus on application and exploitation, rather than the more technical aspects of the topic. More

details will be available on our website in due course.

Marketing Subcommittee

A new look UKSG website is soon to be unveiled, thanks to the sterling efforts of the Marketing Subcommittee who have undertaken a full review of the existing site. Thanks are also due in shedloads to the staff at Taylor & Francis who have been supporting this project so efficiently.

Education Subcommittee

At their meeting in January the Education Subcommittee worked on formulating a programme of seminars for the coming year. The Serials Resource Management days always prove particularly popular and are clearly providing a valuable service to those fairly new to the serials industry. Please let us know if there are any topics you would like to see covered in a UKSG seminar.

Serials-eNews

Not wishing to see any members go without, please contact me if you are yet to receive this valuable membership benefit.



Serials

We hope you like this new look for *Serials*. In her interview for the role of Editorial Assistant, Ally Souster (pictured) was asked what she thought of the old design, and decided – rather rashly, she now realises – to reply honestly! She was therefore asked to suggest some improvements and, with the help of the Editorial Board and a very creative typesetter, introduced the changes you are seeing in this, her first issue as Editorial Assistant. Having worked for several years as an art editor, Ally was keen to include as many photographs as possible, and she requests that in future, if anyone out there has any clear, sharp photographs of serials-related events they attend, or of people who they think might be featured in the 'People' page (such as people retiring, or moving jobs), they should please get in touch and send them in for consideration. Ally is also the person to contact if you wish to advertise in *Serials*. But be warned – she will be contacting *you* if your invoices are still buried at the bottom of your 'IN' trays three months after the conference, as she is also continuing in her existing role as our Accounts Rottweiler!

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