

UKSG News



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Membership subscription for 2005

It was agreed at the AGM held at UMIST on 30 March 2004 that the membership fee for 2005 would be £79.00 plus VAT but please note an important change in what UKSG will be delivering to its members next year. The AGM ratified a proposal to make *Serials* generally available as an e-only publication and VAT will therefore be levied on the whole membership fee. However, do please remember that this still represents great value as, in addition to *Serials* online, you will receive our fortnightly electronic newsletter, *Serials-eNews*, and you can take advantage of discounted rates for attendance at UKSG seminars and the annual conference. Please see over for more news on the changes affecting *Serials* and how to obtain online access to the journal.

Looking back – UKSG 2004 Conference and Exhibition

We returned to UMIST after a gap of five years and I have to say that we were somewhat disappointed with the general state of the facilities. UMIST is about to merge with the University of Manchester and a lot of refurbishment will be taking place over the next few years but too late for a certain number of delegates to whom we can only apologize for sub-standard accommodation. Your comments have been passed on to UMIST. However, I think most of you enjoyed the quiriness of the Imperial War Museum North as the conference dinner venue and, overall, it was yet another successful conference – even the mice came to listen ...

New members

A warm welcome to the following new UKSG members:

- UK: Central Police Training & Development Authority
The Company of Biologists Ltd
ConsultMU Ltd
Hollingworth & Moss Ltd
Information Today
Regent's College
Social Care Institute for Excellence
- Overseas: Annual Reviews (USA)
AstraZeneca (USA)
Katholieke Univesiteit Leuven (Belgium)
Kluwer Law International (The Netherlands)
Limerick Institute of Technology (Ireland)
News About Working Life (Denmark)
RIVM (The Netherlands)
Rutgers University Libraries (USA)
University of Adelaide Libraries (Australia)
University of Umeå (Sweden)

Looking forward – UKSG 2005 Conference and Exhibition

Back to delightful Edinburgh – 11–13 April at Heriot-Watt University – for which planning and preparations are already underway. Get the dates

in your diaries and prepare to book swiftly. The 2004 conference was a sell-out and Heriot-Watt is unlikely to be able to accommodate the same number of delegates. And please remember that all exhibitors also need to register as delegates.

New Committee

The new Committee for 2004/2005 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 (Content Complete)

Committee members elected this year:

Christine Fyfe (University of Leicester)

Ross MacIntyre (MIMAS, University of Manchester)

Graham Stone (Bolton Institute)

Jill Taylor-Roe (University of Newcastle)

The voting procedure for 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:

Nancy Buckley (Blackwell Publishing)

Richard Gedye (Oxford University Press)

Tony Kidd (University of Glasgow)

Alison McNab (University of Nottingham)

Ian Middleton (EBSCO Information Services)

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:

Robert Bley (Ex Libris [UK] Ltd)

Terry Bucknell (University of Liverpool)

Rochelle Clarkson (Gillette Management Inc)

David Sommer (Macmillan Publisher Services)

Marketing Subcommittee

Ian Middleton from EBSCO Information Services is continuing in the role of Marketing Officer, heading a team whose inspiration and perspiration are devoted to spreading the UKSG name and promoting its services.

If you were at this year's conference in Manchester you were probably approached by a very nice UKSG representative with a red clipboard and asked to help with a short questionnaire, which has subsequently also been placed on our web site. The purpose of the exercise was to get up close and personal with our members in an attempt to find out what they really think of UKSG and the services it provides. Whilst



New Committee (L to R) Back: Ross MacIntyre, Ian Middleton, Nancy Buckley, Richard Gedye, Graham Stone, Keith Courtney, Paul Harwood, Tony Kidd

Front: Alison McNab, Jill Taylor-Roe, Helen Henderson, Lesley Crawshaw, Hazel Woodward, Christine Fyfe

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not wishing to sound in any way complacent, we were quite pleased to see that no obvious major threads of discontent emerged from the survey. Nonetheless it was a very valuable exercise and we are extremely grateful to everyone who spared the time to give us their views.

Education Subcommittee

The indefatigable Ross MacIntyre from MIMAS continues in the role of Education Officer, leading a subcommittee which plans and organizes the annual programme of seminars, details of which appear on our web site during the year. The newly introduced E-Journal Technical Update courses certainly seem to have hit the spot in helping people to make sense of this somewhat daunting, often mystifying and rapidly developing area of serials. Led by Simon Inger from Scholarly Information Strategies, these training days have so far been run in Manchester, Glasgow and Oxford

and more are planned for 2004. Please refer to the web site for details.

Serials

From 2005 *Serials* is to be available as an e-only publication as part of UKSG membership, although we will be offering a print-on-demand option for an additional fee of £35.00 per year if you hold a UKSG membership or a subscription to *Serials*. *Serials* online is now hosted by MetaPress and, in order to get access, members and subscribers need to register with MetaPress to obtain a MetaPress ID. Please then send this reference number to me and I will arrange access to the journal for you. Free access to the back files of *Serials* over one year old, i.e. currently from March 2000 through to July 2003, is now available.