

UKSG News



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New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

UK:

Equinox Publishing Ltd
Intellect Ltd
Linklaters
River Valley Technologies
SomCom Ltd

Overseas:

Duke University Press (USA)

UKSG membership

Our membership currently stands at 540, of which 176 are overseas members. This representation is nearly a third of the total which shows that, despite our name, we are clearly serving the needs of the international serials community. The membership breakdown by country is as follows:

Australia	6	Greece	1	Luxembourg	1	Spain	5
Austria	1	Hong Kong	2	The Netherlands	19	Sweden	17
Belgium	3	Hungary	1	New Zealand	2	Switzerland	10
Canada	4	Iceland	1	Norway	6	Trinidad and Tobago	1
Denmark	14	Ireland	14	Portugal	1	UK	364
Egypt	1	Israel	1	Russia	1	USA	32
Finland	5	Italy	2	Singapore	1		
France	9	Japan	1	Slovenia	3		
Germany	7	Lebanon	1	South Africa	3		

The membership breaks down by category as follows:

Agents and booksellers	14	Libraries <i>cont</i>	
Electronic aggregators/facilitators	15	National	24
Individuals and consultants	22	Public	2
Libraries:		National data centres	6
Academic	238	Printers and binders	4
Commercial (manufacturing)	31	Professional associations	19
Commercial (service)	18	Publishers	72
Government	48	System suppliers	8
Medical	19		

Mergers and acquisitions of companies and institutions continue apace within the industry but we seem to be weathering these developments fairly well on the membership front.

UKSG 2005 Conference and Exhibition

Another reminder to get the dates and venue in your diaries for next year's annual conference – 11–13 April at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. The finishing touches are being made to our speaker line-up, and programmes and booking forms will be mailed out to all and sundry before Christmas. Details regarding exhibiting will be available in early January 2005.

Scientific Publications: Free for all?

This major UKSG seminar is taking place on 23 November at The Geological Society in London. The aim of the event is to help busy professionals in the serials world digest and interpret the conclusions and recommendations from the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee report on scientific publications so that they can understand the implications for their own spheres of operation. A report of the event and a selection of the papers will feature in the March 2005 issue of *Serials*.

E-Journal Technical Update Courses

The brainchild of Christine Fyfe, the e-journal technical update courses were introduced this year and have been universally well received, all the better for having such a genial and knowledgeable presenter as Simon Inger from Scholarly Information Strategies to demystify the subject. Judging from the comments made on our feedback forms, the courses have given delegates a comprehensive overview of a complex area, clarifying and

consolidating existing knowledge, as well as providing awareness of new developments. "Very useful and informative", "Excellent – brought lots of issues together", "Brilliant!" – need I say more? The next Update will be held in Coventry on 27 January, with more dates and venues to be announced in due course for 2005.

Roadshows

The take-up for this service provided by UKSG to university Library and Information Studies departments was very encouraging for the last academic year and we are hoping for similar interest in 2004/5. As ever, we always welcome offers from our members to speak at these informal sessions. Please contact Karen Sadler (karen@uksg.org) if your institution would like to host a Roadshow for its students or if you would be interested in offering your services to speak at one of the sessions which are arranged at university venues around the country.

Serials

As you should now be aware, *Serials* will be produced as an online-only journal from 2005, following the overwhelming vote in favour by UKSG members in response to our e-only survey. Membership renewal invoices will be sent out as usual but we will also be offering the option to purchase print-on-demand copies of the journal.

Serials-eNews

Peter Evans, our dogged editor of *Serials-eNews*, has now been producing this invaluable information source for three years. If you have any news or events which you would like to be considered for inclusion in *Serials-eNews* please send the details to Peter (pwevans@biblio-tech.com).

