

Editorial



This year's UKSG conference in Edinburgh was the usual roaring success, and we are fortunate to have many of the papers in this issue. Inevitably there were several papers on the theme of open access and it was clear that some of the fire is going out of that debate, with publishing producing open access models alongside their traditional models. It is now up to authors to decide how they use their funds to make their papers available in a wide variety of models. Martin Richardson shows the variety that just one publisher can provide and Hugh Look includes open access amongst the many business models that were researched for the JISC. You will note that we have *Serials'* first peer-reviewed papers in this issue: Martin Richardson, Alicia Wise and Jill Taylor-Roe. Usage statistics were another recurring theme, with Simon Bevan reporting on the JISC NESLi2 usage statistics project which ran in parallel with the business models project, and Jill Taylor-Roe showing how the library can use these statistics. The JISC Journals Working Group has been studying the recommendations of both these reports and we would hope to be able to report further interesting developments shortly.

There were several brilliant review papers, but you had to be there to appreciate the visuals and

the trade secrets, as we can't publish several of these. Every year UKSG funds up to six LIS students to attend the conference, and as always we have included the highlights of their reports. It was quite clear that they enjoyed the experience. Three of the students were from Manchester Metropolitan University along with their tutor Peter Lea. Peter has attended virtually all previous UKSG conferences and is retiring this year, so we have taken the opportunity to include his profile in this issue.

It was unfortunate that we could not fit in the late bookers this year, as Heriot-Watt restricted the number of people allowed in the James Watt Centre. Just to be sure, do book early for Warwick next year. Your editors are thinking of setting up a futures market in UKSG conference places. More seriously, UKSG has formed a committee to look at the future options for the conference: moving to commercial premises, changing the timing, having access to more campuses, and many other options. Some of you were surveyed at the conference and a version of the questionnaire is going up on the UKSG web site (www.uksg.org) so you can have your say.