JIBS User Group AGM 2 December 2010

Chair's report: Review of 2009/10

1. <u>JIBS prize</u>

This year, JIBS offered for the first time a prize for a student research project, and this will become an annual award, presented at the AGM. The JIBS Student Prize will be awarded to a Postgraduate dissertation or a final year Undergraduate project which focuses on the area of library information systems, bibliographic databases or other resource discovery technologies and how such resources or technologies are being developed or exploited. Every School of Library and Information Studies in the UK may nominate one of their students' projects for the award. The presentation to this year's winner, Nicky Ransom, will take place at the end of the AGM today, with a brief report on the project by Nicky.

2. <u>MUDL</u>

Following a JIBS workshop on management data in July last year, we helped set up a new group to work for improvements in the quality of data available to managers in higher education libraries. The Working Group on Managing and Understanding Data in Libraries (MUDL) brings together librarians, publishers, aggregators and other relevant groups such as COUNTER. The small steering group which first established the Group has recently been expanded, leading to a stronger steering committee including enhanced representation from publishers. Nature Publishing Group kindly agreed to provide a small start-up fund.

An increasing amount of usage data is available for electronic resources and the development of COUNTER standards has enhanced the consistency and comparability of data between different suppliers. However, there remain problems with standardisation and interpretation of the data remains complex and although its systematic use in decision-making is increasingly important, it remains for the moment a developing art. The MUDL working group will bring a similar agenda to bear on wider aspects of management data associated with external reporting. MUDL has met twice this year and is planning a workshop for 2011.

MUDL promotes discussion around methodologies and facilitates the sharing of good practice, as well as working with publishers and aggregators to further improve the availability, accessibility and comparability of data. The group has a discussion list - mudl@jiscmail.ac.uk - and a blog. and is currently compiling a set of resources designed to assist anyone new to this area. The Group was conceived following a JIBS workshop on management data held last July and has been adopted by JIBS as one of its official working groups.
If anyone wishes to know more about MUDL, contact Ian Mayfield who is here today.

3. <u>Committee Meetings</u>

The JIBS Committee has met three times since the last AGM, and representatives from Eduserv and JISC Collections have attended our meetings.

Members of the committee have also been invited to take part in several national groups and projects such as the JISC Collections Stakeholder Group, the JISC E-resources Group, and the MIMAS Board.

4. User Groups

We have representatives on several user or enhancement groups, including Web of Science, OvidSP, Ebsco and BSOL. We are in negotiation about some new enhancement group – with Proquest and HIS – and welcome suggestions for new groups.

5. Updated JIBS website and blog

This summer we finally launched the new JIBS website, bringing it in line with our new visual identity.   The changes are primarily cosmetic, although we have restructured some of the information to make it easier to find. We hope you like the new look, but should you have any feedback please send this to jibs@ukoln.ac.uk

6. Workshops

JIBS ran a shared event with Eduserv in June at SOAS in London, on new models for licensing electronic resources. More than 70 delegates attended the event, and there was much discussion, including a live blog hosted by Andy Powell of Eduserv. The speakers included Owen Stephens, who gave us some stimulating and original thoughts on the new and different ways in which users are now accessing electronic resources, which begged the question whether physical location matters in the digital world. Louise Cole and Josephine Burt gave the view from the Library front-line, describing the many and varied types of user and access which are becoming the norm. There was some technical background from Mark Bide of the Editeur project who gave us a very user-friendly explanation of machine readable licences and ONIX-PL, and Ed Dee of Edina on requirements for user and usage data which can be generated from Shibboleth and other authentication and access mechanisms. Finally, several presenters from Eduserv told us about their work on new licensing models to cope with the new parameters. Jenny Carroll of Eduserv is here today, and may get further licence ideas from our discussions.

We welcome suggestions for topics for future workshops.

Sue Cumberpatch, December 2010