

# JIBS User Group AGM February 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from Chair.
- 2. The minutes of the 2015 AGM and matters arising
- 3. Chair's report
- 4 Treasurer's report
- 5 Committee membership.
  - --any elections
  - -- any changes in roles
  - --any retirals

The Committee thanks the retiring members for their contribution to JIBS.

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# Minutes

- 1. Welcome Elizabeth McHugh welcomed everyone to the 2016 AGM.
- 2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM
  These were approved as a correct record.
- 3. Chair's report

Chair's report: Review of 2015

Welcome to the 2016 AGM, and thank you for attending. Following last's years AGM and event in Birmingham we have moved the event into London and are happy to be here at the University of London. Comments on the choice and locations of our workshops and AGM are always welcomed and you can do this on the evaluation sheets that you should find on your chairs.

This year, 2015 / 16, is my first year as Chair of JIBs User Group, following on from

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Fiona Bowtell's great 4 years in the post. Across the sector times continue to be difficult with the publishers asking institutions to pay for materials and the government expecting institutions to deliver excellent education whilst simultaneously expecting these same institutions to tighten their belts. I would like to thank the committee for their support throughout the year. I would not be able to do my role as chair without their invaluable commitment to all the roles they play on the committee. All of the committee give their time and dedication to organise events like this, plus the ongoing work that JIBS undertakes.

# **User Groups and Liaison activity**

Our enhancement groups including Proquest, OvidSP, Ebsco, Scopus and BSOL, continue to take forward user feedback and have discussions around enhancements.

If anyone is interested in taking part in one of these groups, please see a committee member. It is a great way to feedback your users comments directly to the supplier. We use the JIBs Users and LIS-E-RESOURCES JISC Mail lists to ask for comments ahead of meetings.

Committee members continue to take a seat on the Edina Management board, plus the Electronic Information Resources Working Group (EIRWG) at JISC Collections. In spite of the pressure on our time, it remains imperative that we maintain our independent role and presence on influential boards.

Full details of the groups and minutes from all of the groups and meetings are on our web site: <a href="https://www.jibs.ac.uk">www.jibs.ac.uk</a>

We welcome suggestions for new groups. You do not have to be a committee member to take part in an enhancement group

#### **Workshops**

JIBS hold two events a year. Last year the programmes were:

#### Technology will not defeat us: offering a great service in difficult times

This day was about making sure that technology works for library users and not against them. We gathered together a cross section of speakers, those working in libraries and those working in developing the technologies that the users are accessing. The presentations were humorous and enlightening, with thought provoking discussions taking place during the day both during the sessions and in the break periods.

Get it sorted...positive approaches to non-standard access

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This day brought together issues about licence agreements and how they can be applied across eResources particularly in relation to mobile devices. The interesting discussions considered how institutions and publishers are making the licences work for the eResources. The discussions also considered whether or not the problem relates to the licences or to the technology in relation to the libraries and the end users.

Both events were well attended, and we view this part of JIBS activity as vital. We will continue to offer workshop places as part of the annual subscription for JIBS. The cost of a JIBS subscription and attendance at events, in comparison to other memberships and events, remain a very competitive price.

The JIBS committee welcomes suggestions for topics for future workshops. Suggestions can be fed direct to the committee for consideration via the contact details on the JIBS website.

# **Committee Meetings**

The JIBS Committee has met three times since the last AGM: March and August at KCL (at different sites) and December at the University of Liverpool. It was a pleasure to have Anna Vernon from JISC Collections join the committee for part of the day in September and stimulate discussion around licensing agreements and content.

Minutes from all meetings, including the groups, are on our website.

# **Changes to committee personnel**

The committee named positions require some changes.

Elizabeth McHugh seeks re-election as Chair.

Elaine Mulholland seeks re-election as Vice Chair.

Unfortunately, Catherine Parker had to resign from the committee and the post of Secretary became vacant. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her work the committee and JIBS events.

Jane Cooke, a new member of the committee in 2015, agreed to take on the role of secretary and seeks (re) election to this post.

Adam Edwards seeks re-election as treasurer.

Maggie Johnston is stepping down as Research Councils' representative on the JIBS committee, having served as Treasurer and on the Web of Science Enhancement Committee. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Maggie for her work and insightful contributions to the committee.

June Hedges had to, reluctantly, resign from the committee – the committee wishes JIBS AGM February  $26^{th}$  2016



her well and thanks her for work on the committee and at JIBS events.

Klara Finnimore, having joined the committee last year, is currently on maternity leave. The committee wishes her well and looks forward to her return to the committee after she comes back from maternity leave.

In the past 12 months we have welcomed Jane Cooke and Cath Broadly onto the committee. As mentioned Jane has taken on the position of secretary. Cath has agreed to be responsible for the mailing lists administration while Klara is on maternity leave. We would like to invite a representative from the FE community to join our committee. If it will help, the FE representative need only attend 1 meeting per year as long as they agree to be electronically in contact with the committee during the rest of the year. We still have one vacancy on the committee. Please speak to a member of the committee if you are interested.

### **JIBS Name Change**

The JIBS User Group is one of the major means of feedback for end-users of the UK's networked resources. As committee members, and anecdotally, the JIBS Committee has noticed that over the last few years JIBS has been suffering from a lack of awareness across some parts of the UK HE community. JIBS originated as the user group for 'JIsc (assisted) Bibliographic dataserviceS' http://jibs.ac.uk/role.html . However, In 2016, it remains important for JIBS to continue as group that is independent of any supplier, JISC included. It is the voice of the users speaking to the suppliers without any undue influence from the suppliers. The remit of JIBS is now seen to extend to electronic content of interest to HE and FE institutions available either via JISC's Information Environment (IE), or delivered independently by other sources.

Following discussions at the committee meeting in March 2015 the committee decided to ask the JIBS User Group for a suggestion for a new name that would more properly represent the remit of the group. The group put this request out to the JIBS User Group community in the form of a competition and received a number of responses. The name chosen by the committee is SERIF: Shared E-Resources Information Forum. The winner was Peter Brooks, Head of Library Services at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester.

The committee requests that the members of the AGM ratify this change of name, to replace the JIBS acronym.

# JIBS prize

We offer an annual prize to a library school dissertation in the area of library

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information systems, bibliographic databases or other electronic technologies and how such resources or technologies are being developed or exploited. We sent out a call to the library schools asking for dissertations and received 2 entries. Both entries were well written and of showed high standards in their fields of study – research skills and information literacy. Regrettably, since neither of the dissertations focused heavily on the technology aspects of resources as detailed in our published criteria, the committee was unable to award the prize this year.

We look to awarding the prize in 2017 and hope to receive appropriate dissertations for us to read and review. As a reminder, the prize is £300, the prize winners give a short presentation of their work at the JIBS AGM and a copy of the dissertation is posted on the JIBS website.

#### For future submissions:

Projects must meet a list of criteria and library schools are invited to nominate projects which fulfil the criteria. Previous winners are on our website: http://www.jibs.ac.uk/prize.html

Elizabeth McHugh, February 2016

4. Treasurer's Report:

JIBs Treasurer's report

I am presenting the accounts for the year November 2014 to October 2015. Income for the year 2014/15 was £15,338.12 and expenditure was £8,681.20. The income includes 18 institutions paying for 3 years membership with a small discount. However, excluding the extra years in that income, our income was virtually the same for the year as for the previous year.

On the expenditure side, we have significantly reduced the workshop expenses by 62%. This was due to some shared costs with Eduserv, and Jisc Collections offering us use of their conference rooms for free. We also reduced our administration costs. Committee expenses remain high, as we have coverage on the committee from Northern Ireland, Scotland, and all areas of the UK, from Plymouth to Teesside. While we try to mitigate the expenses as much as we can, it is something which is unavoidable in order to represent different institutions across the UK on JIBs. Our bank balance at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 was £21,556.97, achieving our aim of better financial resilience, having begun the year at £14,900.05.

The membership fee will remain at £100 and invoices have been issued. Institutions may also take the option of a 3 year membership for £275. We continue to offer



membership to FE colleges at a special rate of £50 to encourage them to join. Non-member delegates at events continue to pay £150.

Membership runs for the calendar year and at the end of 2015 membership consisted of 95 higher education institutions and research councils, and 5 further education colleges. This is a reduction of 11 HE, and an increase of 3 FE institutions. Finally, I would like to propose that Alan Bowtell be once again appointed as Honorary Auditor.

#### 5. Committee Membership

#### JIBS Committee 2015-16

Elizabeth McHugh (Chair) (EIRWG)
Elaine Mulholland(Vice-Chair) Edina Management Committee
Jane Cooke (Secretary)
Adam Edwards (Treasurer)
Yvonne Cotton (Webmaster)
Maggie Johnston (Research Councils representative) Maggie retired at the AGM

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Fiona Bowtell

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Nicola Tricker (Eduserv liaison)
June Hedges
Michelle Walker
Cath Broadley
FE representative (post vacant)

#### **Advisors List**

Fiona Bowtell
Mark Clowes (Chair OVID enhancement group)
Louise Cole (EIRWG)
Nadine Edwards
Martin Gill
(June Hedges)
Linda Humphreys (WOSEC)
Frances Hyde (Chair CIS enhancement group)
Maggie Johnston (WOSEC)
Bertha Low
Andria McGrath
Lynne Meehan (WOSEC)



Linda Purdy
Carole Rhodes (Chair Scopus enhancement group)
Catherine Robertson (Chair Proquest enhancement group)
Ann Siswell
Adrian Smith
Liz Stevenson
Liam Sullivan (Ebsco enhancement group)
Sarah Thompson (Chair Ebsco enhancement group)
Michael Whitton (Chair BSOL enhancement group)
Nick Woolley

### Lis-Jibs-users = 328 members

List	Members	Subscribers joining in last 90 days	Leavers in last 90 days	No of posts in last 90	No of posts in last year
				days	
LIS-JIBS- ADVISORS	21	0	0	4	16
LIS-JIBS- CTTE	12	0	0	324	1199
LIS-JIBS- USERS	348	6	2	20	116

The AGM was then declared closed.