

## sherif (shared e-resources information forum) Committee Meeting

4 December 2019

JISC, London: 11am-3pm

**In Attendance:** Elaine Mulholland (Chair), Adam Edwards (Vice-Chair), Jane Cooke (Treasurer), Klara Finnimore, Brett Moodie, John Taylor, Nicola Tricker, Michelle Walker.

		NOTES	ACTION
1.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Amanda Walker, Kerry Hadaway, Sarah Taylor.	
2.	<b>Arrivals and departures – to include Enhancement Groups</b>	This was John Taylor's last meeting before his retirement and the Chair and committee wished him well for the future, possibly in the Orkney Islands. There is a member of John's library who would like to join the committee to represent research institutions. Elaine to send John questions to ask her about her application.	EM
3.	<b>Minutes of the last ordinary meeting</b>	Agreed as accurate.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add email use grid for October to previous minutes</li> <li>Add treasurer's report for October to previous minutes.</li> <li>Noted that drafting agendas is in the Secretary's job description. The Chair to discuss this with her for future meetings.</li> </ul>	AE AE EM
5.	<b>Reports on liaison activity</b>		
5.1	JISC (JCCSG)	EM reported that there is a planned restructuring with JISC aiming to set up a University Executive level group to decide strategy. It is not yet clear what role sherif will have in any operational group.	
5.2	EDINA	Nothing since the last meeting. EM to chase again.	EM
5.3	Eduserv CHEST	NT had circulated a report from a meeting last summer. This can be added to the website.	BM
5.4	Research Councils	No recent meeting. JT will be replaced by a new person in the new year as noted above.	
5.5	FE	AE read out AP's report. Report to be circulated with the minutes.	AE
6.	<b>Reports on Enhancement Groups</b>		
6.1	BSOL	Next due to Meet in February 2020	
6.2	IHS	No action. BM to chase as he works with the sherif rep.	BM
6.3	EBSCO	No news.	
6.4	Ovid	Meeting organised but inquorate as too few members. Meeting to be held once more people have been recruited.	
6.5	Proquest	Next meeting due on 13.12.19. Noted that problems with the O'Reilly ebooks platform (formerly Safari) are again on the Agenda.	AE
6.6	Scopus	The current Chair to chase the Past Chair for her missing report from August 2019.	EM

6.7	Web of Science	Meeting due on 11/2/20. Meetings reduced to annual as not enough business. JT to be replaced by DSTL Library colleague.	
7.	<b>sherif Prize</b>	Two entries which EM, KF and ST have read. KF to agree a consensus as to the winner for 9.12.19.	KF
8.	<b>Event Planning</b>	<p>February event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speakers have been contacted by NT who is working on the programme.</li> <li>▪ No response from JISC potential speaker. Adam to chase [done at meeting]</li> <li>▪ If no JISC speaker AE offered to do a lightening talk on Commuter students based on Middlesex University experiences so far.</li> <li>▪ Advert on event to go out before Xmas with titles and abstracts.</li> </ul> <p>June event potential themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accessibility e.g. Blackboard VLE Ally; Accessibility statements and JISC (see 9); How to manage visual material e.g. Textbox – images, charts, equations converted to text; PDFs and accessibility – Kate Vasili at Middlesex could talk about scanning and digitisation work; anticipatory duty of care and value for disabled students if their books are delayed. Is this then a mental health issue?</li> <li>▪ Artificial Intelligence and Libraries e.g. searching replaced by linked data; search design.</li> <li>▪ Everyone to think about these ideas and suggest speakers.</li> <li>▪ Agreed to book cilip around 25.6.20 for the June event.</li> </ul>	<p>NT</p> <p>AE</p> <p>AE</p> <p>NT</p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p>EM</p>
9.	<b>JISC presentation</b>	<p>Anna Vernon and Caroline McKay joined the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan S plus Welcome Policy on Open Access and URI move to Plan S are driving negotiations with journal publishers e.g. Wiley deal including OA publishing. Proposals and details to come to libraries soon. Welcome are not funding hybrid publication.</li> <li>• UUK have set up a high level strategy group looking at this area.</li> <li>• E-textbooks strategy group formed to increase efficiency and reduce costs by reducing dependence on the big publishers. They will negotiate terms to avoid lock-ins and protect our data. Cutting costs important given University funding levels. A strategy document and executive summary are due in January 2020. Key themes are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investigating spend by academic departments on Coursewear and textbooks via 4-5 pilots to see what economies of scale can be made. This may become a Jisc service.</li> <li>▪ Inclusive access model (ie purchase of books for students to keep) Jisc will negotiate pricing to reduce costs.</li> <li>▪ Coursewear: Issue is fragmented purchasing. Looking at Business and STEM big programmes. Seeking to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>AV</p> <p>CM</p>

		<p>avoid academic click and go purchasing as bad VFM and problems of IT support when it goes wrong. Need a glossary of terms so everyone is using the same language. Toolkit for academic staff including accessibility issues. This will be based on USA Courseware in Context scheme and will include case studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diversifying the ecology: Supporting small publishers.</li> <li>▪ Open, affordable textbooks: Looking particular at the best models for these and using CLA data to identify niche areas where there are no e-textbooks.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AE asked about publisher accessibility statements following a discussion at the M25 Library Champions for Disability Group meeting. Jisc are going to email publishers who do not have the required statements to link to collections to encourage responses. They will be offering legal advice for Universities soon to ensure we do not have all HEIs creating duplicate information.</li> <li>• Trans-National Education: AE noted that Middlesex is using Open Athens to manage access for partners via permission sets. NT noted Shibboleth is much less useful for this. JISC are working on a priority list of publishers to get deals for us starting with IEEE and Emerald. Also working at UUK level to ensure University Executives are aware of institutional costs.</li> <li>• Jisc Collections Subscriptions Site: The new software has bugs and is being worked on.</li> <li>• JCSSG structure: Jisc is looking at other countries models in particular Germany. In particular making sure Universities do not sign agreements which are unworkable. Hence the need for the UUK level group noted in 5.1. Need to discuss sherif's role in future new structure.</li> </ul>	EM
9.	<b>Changes to the constitution</b>	No changes at this meeting but need to ensure any changes agreed at meetings since February 2019 AGM are brought to the February 2020 AGM	AE
10.	<b>Treasurer's update</b>	Finances good but 4 libraries are not renewing for 2020.	
11.	<b>Admin, finance, constitutional roles, committee members</b>	Adam Robinson is moving to a new job at the University of Derby but has agreed for now to continue to do admin work to support the Treasurer and Events. He holds the badges and banner.	
12.	<b>Mailing list</b>	Stats report sent and will be attached to the minutes	AE
13.	<b>Proposal for an Open Athens Enhancement Group</b>	Not pursuing as no demand.	
14.	<b>Social Media</b>	No items	
15.	<b>Date and place of next meeting</b>	March 2020, JISC, Fetter Lane, London. EM to book a room once date agreed.	EM

**Mailing lists activity: 29th September - 2nd December 2019**

List	Members	Subscribers joining	Leavers	No of posts	No of posts in 2019 (1st Jan - 2nd December)
LIS-SHERIF-ADVISORS	11	0	0	0	4
LIS-SHERIF-CTTE	11	0	0	36	546
LIS-SHERIF-USERS	340	5	5	24	98

Joining the user list:

Northumbria, Bath, UAL, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH)