

## sherif User Group Committee Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Location: C223 (College Building) which is a meeting room within the VC area, Middlesex University, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BT**

**Meet Adam (Tel: 07963 505025) in the Quad at the Main University Reception at 10.30**

Phone: [020 8411 5555](tel:02084115555)

Start time: 11am start – tea / coffee from 10.30. Finish time 15.00

**In Attendance:** Fiona Bowtell, Cath Broadley, Yvonne Cotton, Adam Edwards (Treasurer), Elizabeth McHugh (Chair), Elaine Mulholland (Vice-Chair), Amanda Parker, Nicola Tricker, Michelle Walker

Phone call from Edina – 12.20. Possible phone call from JISC Collections prior to that.

Jenny Carroll, Eduserv, to join the meeting from 12.30 / 12.40 depending on length of Edina call

Notes:

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence – Jane Cooke / Klara Finnimore / John Taylor</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Arrivals and departures</b> – to include Enhancement Groups: Cath Broadley to step down from the committee.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last ordinary meeting</b> Accepted as a true record and passed
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters arising</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Meet with SCOUNL. Aim to invite them to next committee meeting.</li><li>2. Point 6.2 typo of HIS instead of IHS</li><li>3. EM and YC have chased Sarah Thompson regarding EBSCO minutes as we are still waiting on agreement from them regarding publication on our website. The committee had some discussion relating to whether we should publish by an agreed date unless the supplier asks us not to.</li><li>4. Point 12 regarding admin support for the committee. Action: EM to follow up with JC as we will need admin support in place before the AGM in February.</li></ol>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports on liaison activity</b>
5.1	<b>JISC Collections eResources Group (EIRWG)</b> – Elizabeth McHugh: Feedback from the last meeting, (minutes from it shared with the committee): <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Negotiations ongoing with Taylor and Francis. Points discussed included the moving backfile wall due to be in place from January 2018 simplification of Open Access and keeping pricing as low as they can (4%).</li><li>2. No mention of Digimap.</li><li>3. Night be changing the frequency of meetings to space them out differently.</li><li>4. Discussion about historic spend models and database model.</li><li>5. Liam Earney offered to set up a meeting to encourage Elsevier to engage with us regarding Scopus.</li><li>6. JISC are nearly finished their review of banding.</li></ol>
5.2	<b>EDINA</b> – Elaine Mulholland – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edina meeting report. Meet and greet for Janet Roberts new director of Edina. Discussion about Edina’s relationship with JISC. Edina’s funding from JISC to last one more year. Edina will still drive for value for money, learning gains and learning outcomes once they split from JISC.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digimap discussion from Edina enhancement group meeting. All very confidential. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Edina plan to visit universities to get a comprehensive idea about how Digimap is currently used.</li> <li>○ One price at the moment, but they are thinking about the possibility of one fee for looking at the collection and another fee for downloading.</li> <li>○ Digimap was heavily subsidised by JISC. Things will have to change after Edina loses the JISC subsidy.</li> <li>○ Price model will probably depend on HESA research banding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.3	<p><b>Eduserv</b> – Nicola Tricker</p> <p>1. Eduserv update (Jenny Carroll) Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Returning to chest.ac.uk</li> <li>b. New website next year.</li> <li>c. Shared a list of new CHEST agreements</li> <li>d. Wolters Kluwer – testing the water, short-term nursing agreements</li> <li>e. Emerald, global staffing changes</li> <li>f. Urkund is a competitor for Turnitin</li> <li>g. APA renewed</li> <li>h. Igi global institutions are entitles to credit.</li> <li>i. Chest and Openathens now seen as more of a brand of Eduserv.</li> <li>j. More consultancy than datacentres.</li> <li>k. Not going to follow up with Springer Nature Protocols as they prefer to negotiate with individual institutions.</li> <li>l. Partnerships chest agreements</li> <li>m. Eduserv is moving to offices in Bristol. They will have meeting space in Bristol.</li> </ol>
5.4	<p>2. <b>Research Councils</b> – John Taylor - John is at the WOSEC meeting today and unable to report in the Sherif meeting.</p>
5.5	<p><b>FE:</b> Amanda Parker</p> <p>Points covered in the report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ofsted inspections.</li> <li>b. New technical routes delivered as 2-year courses or apprenticeships. Resources will need to be easy to access, easy to log in, mapped to new occupational standards and curriculum pathways. Big refocus on digital skills and maths.</li> <li>c. Slump in birth rate so funding reduced.</li> <li>d. Adult flexible working opportunities have some funding so it will affect where colleges put their resources, so they may run more twilight courses.</li> <li>e. LinkedIn Learning bought by Microsoft, attractive resource for colleges.</li> <li>f. Student retention issues.</li> <li>g. College mergers.</li> </ol>
6.	<p><b>Reports on enhancement groups</b></p>

6.1	BSOL – Fiona Bowtell – Resurgence of the BSOL group. BSOL have recruited a new commercial manager. BSOL asked the group if a group of standards as an ebook would be helpful? Will be in contact with FE rep Deborah Brown to discuss the new technical levels. Authentication and personalisation in institutions.
6.2	3. IHS – <a href="mailto:Emma.Delaney@uwe.ac.uk">Emma.Delaney@uwe.ac.uk</a> - Action: EM to email the Sherif rep. On website they have changed their name to CIS.
6.3	4. EBSCO – Sarah Thompson and Robbins, Sarah < <a href="mailto:S.J.Robbins@ljamu.ac.uk">S.J.Robbins@ljamu.ac.uk</a> > (new secretary) - meeting coming up soon, nothing to report at this meeting.
6.4	5. Ovid – Delyth Morris <a href="mailto:MorrisD13@cardiff.ac.uk">MorrisD13@cardiff.ac.uk</a> (Subject Librarian): the new advisor is trying to arrange a meeting in January 2018.
6.5	6. Proquest – Adam Edwards - meeting happening soon. Bringing an Ex Libris rep. Middlesex are moving to Alma. Refworks user day happening also.
6.6	Scopus – Elizabeth McHugh / Klara Finnimore: No meeting planned. EM to follow up.
6.7	7. Web of Science – Michelle Walker / Linda Humphreys John Taylor at meeting with them today.
7.	8. <b>Marketing and website:</b> Discussion about using the Sherif logo on email signatures when emailing about Sherif business. Website is up to date. New members this year. We have had a membership query from an institution in the Republic of Ireland. They enquired about membership as it makes it cheaper to attend events. Sherif works within a UK framework, would we be able to represent them?
8.	<b>Sherif Prize</b> – discussed
9.	<b>Event Planning – February 2018 event:</b> Speakers, timing and catering discussed. AGM and awarding the Sherif prize. Summer event also discussed.
10	<b>Changes to the constitution</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Point 4 amended to cover libraries outside the UK may join on payment of the normal subscription but Sherif does not undertake to represent them to providers. (Covers the point discussed above.)</li> <li>b. 34a reporting back from enhancements groups</li> <li>c. 38 - if the Sherif group is disbanded assets got to CILIP.</li> </ol> AE to make edits and changes to be discussed at sheriff AGM.
11.	<b>Treasurer's Update:</b> Paypal charges Bank charges, no longer a free current account.

	<p>Otherwise things are healthy. A number of universities will be coming to the end of their 3-year payment period.</p> <p>AE proposed a subscription increase to cover the PayPal charges as admin would be too difficult to have different membership costs depending on how you paid. We also need to increase the price of events. If we agree to it, YC will need to edit the website and we will need to inform the AGM, as we have not put up the cost of events for 3 years.</p> <p>Proposed pricing  1 year £105  3 year £290  FE £52</p> <p>Event prices  Full price £160  Additional place for a member library £52</p> <p>AE to check if we can get a more competitive price for the bank account.</p>																								
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Admin, finance, constitutional, roles, committee members:</b></p> <p>Chair to write report for the AGM. The committee will discuss the role of enhancement groups more at the March Sherif committee meeting. EM to write to the chairs of the enhancement groups.</p>																								
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<b>14</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b> EM to send call out to Sherif members to advise them about space on the committee.</p>																								
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Date and place of next meeting:</b> Early March, Milton Keynes</p>																								

## Appendix

### Notes from phone calls from JISC and Edina

Craig Moran (CM) from JISC (speaking to the committee by phone)

Notes from the conversation:

EM asked CM to explain more about it the JISC's new mapping offering as the committee had seen the official email from JISC discussing the split from Edina and Digimap.

CM Thanked the committee for giving him the opportunity to explain about it.

Background: For the past two years, JISC has reviewed all the services it did via grant funding. JISC previously was able to fund data centres such as MIMAS and Edina to run services on JISC's behalf because it had the money and resources to do that. Now they have to provide the most competitive service.

JISC has been funding Digimap since 2000. Digimap was always Edina's product but they didn't own the IPR.

JISC ran an RFI using the EU procurement regulations to see if there were any other suppliers available to host the JISC licences of OS data. JISC found a significant portion of suppliers able to do it at a reduced rate. JISC would be able to pass these savings on to the JISC community.

JISC consulted fully with Edina. JISC went for a full procurement procedure with open regulations so anyone could apply. JISC set technical and price requirements. CM talked in more detail about the procurement process including the make-up of the panel. There were representatives from Liverpool University and Imperial University, technical consultants and JISC staff on the panel.

There were four bids sent to JISC. Edina informed JISC that they would not bid as they could provide the service at the price required. There were two very strong bids from Airbus and from Aston Technologies. Airbus just won on the pricing, so their results were just a small percentage higher than Aston Technologies.

The committee asked CM whether the tender was for the whole Digimap suite, Geology, historic etc.? CM replied that it was, apart from Aerial Digimap, which is a completely separate service provide by Edina with no input from JISC.

Regarding aerial map data. JISC is looking to create a community panel. If they say that aerial data is important to them then JISC will discuss with Airbus and Getmapping to look at the potential to offer it.

The committee asked CM about the licence for OS data. If JISC holds the licence how with Edina offer the service in the future? CM answered that JISC has always held the licence data for OS maps. Edina was the technical supplier of the product and JISC was the data licence holder.

JISC owns the licence because they made a perpetual purchase of the data in 2006. Edina have been informed of this. Edina will need to go to their own suppliers and get their own data licences to continue to offer the Digimap service. For everything currently on Digimap apart from the Aerial Digimap service. Edina licenced this separately. JISC raised this with Edina when they did not bid for the tender.

The committee asked CM if JISC was planning to talk to institutions about the changes. CM replied that local JISC manager have been fully briefed to have consultations with the academic community about the changes to Digimap. He asked for volunteers to be part of a community panel.

The committee asked when the JISC product would be ready? JISC hope to have a product ready by April/ May 2018.

Committee asked about pricing. CM mentioned that the primary reason JISC went to tender for a new mapping product was that Edina had indicated they were going to raise the price for Digimap. JISC did not want anything raised above 3%. JISC do not know Edina's plans for pricing. JISC are looking to be at least 30% cheaper across the bands.

The committee asked about Digimap for Colleges. JISC are doing the FE consultation. There is potential that Digimap for Colleges might not be free after August 2018 as JISC do not know whether Edina can offer it for free. If JISC can offer something similar to colleges for free, they will. JISC is not part of Digimap for Schools.

Marine Digimap. HR Wallingford are ceasing to operate next year. Last year for sea zone data. JISC are doing a procurement for a new supplier of sea zone data. Possibly someone like Oceanwide.

Committee asked about the need for a tender process. JISC did the tender on behalf of the community. Institutions will not have to tender to purchase Digimap or the JISC map product.

Committee asked whether JISC had learnt from the experience of Historic Texts. JISC have Karen Molloy on the map data project who also worked on Historic Texts and are they will also have a community panel from the outset of the project.

Committee asked if someone from Sherif or Shedl could be on the panel. JISC said yes. They already have a rep from Whelf and would like more people. Call ended.

## Appendix 2

### Notes from phone conversation with Janet Roberts (JR), Edina. Discussing Digimap.

#### Notes from the call

JR joined Edina in January 2017. Is in the process of meeting with Digimap clients. In the call Discussed the direction of the Digimap service and the conversation the Sherif committee had with JISC.

JISC decided to go to tender. When Edina looked at the terms of the tender, Edina decided not to tender as they could not afford it and it seemed as if the service was going in a different direction.

#### Q. Licensing of the content

A. Content all licensed. JISC current holders. Those licences are renewed on an annual basis. Edina have a close working relationship with OS and other owners of the data. No one owner of the licence. Edina have always worked in close collaboration with licence source and buy licence from them.

Q. What guarantee can you give institutions that content will be in place by August 2018?

A. Continuity of licence, dialogue about this with owners.

JR then mentioned the added value Edina have been able to offer, how it works with GIS and CAD, This will stay in place.

Q. Could Sherif still be involved with the development of the Digimap product as part of the Sherif Edina Board?

A. Yes

Q. Pricing?

A. Edina will endeavour to be competitive, price will probably remain the same as it is currently, it will not go up. Edina will be incurring more costs so they will have to take that into consideration though.

Q. Will Digimap continue to be pitched at undergraduate as well as research students?

A. feedback from institutions is that Digimap is a teaching and research tool. It is designed to be as easy to use as possible.

Q. How will pricing work, e.g. downloading fees, hosting fees and different prices for different universities?

A. At the moment, JR is not considering hugely changing the way they charge for Digimap. They are driven by the price of licences.

Final point, Getmapping aerial data provided outside the JISC service and will continue.