

JIBS User Group AGM 13 November 2008

Chair's report: Review of 2007/2008

1. New JIBS logo and stationery

After a lengthy process of consultation, and assessing various examples and options, the committee has selected a new logo, and has appointed a printing and marketing company – Seventy-Three Design - to produce headed stationery, pens, folders and notepads with the new logo and strapline. The strapline – “Serving the interests of e-resource users in Research, Higher and Further Education Libraries” - explains what JIBS is about, since the acronym has now become just a brandname.

I would like to offer enormous thanks from the committee to Fiona Bowtell who has done most of the leg-work on this.

2. New flyer

Along with the new logo we have produced a new publicity flyer, which we are distributing today. I hope you agree that the text is clear and informative, and that the design is attractive and modern. It will be extremely useful in promoting JIBS at various events. Thanks to Mark Clowes and Fiona Bowtell for their work on this.

3. Website

Work will commence soon on revamping the JIBS website. In the past year, we have seen steady traffic on the blog which we introduced just over a year ago. We can track this because Chris Roberts has set up Google Analytics on the site.

4. Enhancement Groups

There are now eight enhancement or user groups organised by JIBS. I shall be telling you more about these in the workshop which follows the AGM. The Committee would be pleased to receive suggestions for other e-resource providers that you would like us to work with.

5. Committee Meetings

The JIBS Committee has met 5 times since the last AGM, and representatives from JISC collections, EduServ CHEST, EDINA and MIMAS have attended our meetings. Additional smaller meetings have taken place to work on the new logo and flyer.

Members of the committee have also been invited to take part in several national projects such as the JISC Discovery to Delivery Project, the MIMAS branding review, and to help as markers on two JISC Collections bids.

We are also working on making available case studies on the process of moving from Athens to Shibboleth authentication, and hope to release this material on our Website in the next month or so, so that it may help members avoid reinventing the wheel when making the move to Shibboleth.

6. Workshops

We have decided to scale down the number of workshops we offer to two a year, to allow us more time to focus on our core activity of liaison with providers and users. But we welcome suggestions for topics for future workshops. The two workshops for 2008 were:

Walk-in users – time for a step change?

This event took place at the European Research Institute at the University of Birmingham in May. We had presentations on a range of approaches to walk-in online services, including the WAM 25 Project, and progress reports on the Research Information Network and JISC Additional Authorised Users projects.

The second workshop is the “*How to compete with Google – simple resource discovery systems*” one which is taking place today. The presentations from today will also form the basis of several articles in forthcoming issues of "Serials" journal

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