



## **JIBS User Group AGM**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005

### **JIBS User Group: review of 2004-2005 and plans for 2005-6**

The last year has seen much activity at the national level, and at the JIBS UG level. This report attempts to summarise all of these.

#### **Membership of the committee**

We have welcomed several new members to the committee

- Linda Humphries has returned from her travels.
- Maureen Richardson from Edge Hill and Graham Stone from the Bolton Institute

A number of committee members were resigning to take effect immediately these were FB, Alun Edwards and Ruth Stubbings

The nominations for the officer posts are as follows

- Chair – Linda Humphries
- Secretary – Liz Stevenson
- Treasurer – Jill Lambert
- Vice Chair a new post – Sue Cumberpatch
- Membership/Mailing List - Joan Bird
- PR – Gary Horrocks
- Web editors – Maureen Richardson & Graham Stone
- FE - Leo Appleton

At the AGM the above nominations were ratified.

#### **Infrastructure**

The Committee has revised the Constitution and a final version was released for comment to the membership last week. No comments were received.

After consultation with the membership it has been proposed that the JIBS acronym would remain but its expanded version should change to **Joint Internet-Based Sources User Group**.

This change was ratified at the AGM.

JIBS continues to see its role as an independent body that seeks:

- \* to stimulate and maintain interest in the use of JISC supported online services and the Information Environment, focusing especially on matters of content
- \* to provide an effective and independent forum for discussion and information exchange between the users of such services (HE, FE and RCUK)
- \* to bring matters of concern to the attention of the data suppliers and the data service providers
- \* to influence collectively the development of JISC supported online products and services

We have also expanded our remit beyond just those resources contained in JISC's IE.

JIBS have made a concerted effort to attract more 'members' – the treasurer will expand on the current membership level in her report. As reported at the last AGM JIBS has been fortunate to be in receipt of donations from other bodies.

## ***JISC***

The JIBS UG has ongoing relations with activities under the JISC. Members of the JIBS committee sit on many of the working groups that have been started by the JISC and report back to the community on any developments.

## ***EDUSERV***

We have also continued to link up with EDUSERV/CHEST.

## ***Data Centres***

The Committee continues to meet regularly with the data centres. It is planned that representatives would be invited to the January meeting.

## ***Liaison and Feedback***

User Group committee members have been actively involved in several other working groups, committees, and evaluations related to particular datasets and data centres. In particular we would like to draw attention to the following:

- IBSS Steering Committee meetings
- JUGL UG Committee has been wound up but there have been developments in JIBS' relationship to JIBS which culminated in their funds being transferred to JIBS. The Treasurer will report in more detail on this.
- Web of Knowledge Enhancement Committee
- Ovid/SilverPlatter has been set up after a meeting with Ovid representatives
- It has been suggested that an enhancement committee for Dialog/DataStar services would be useful group for the community.

We have also continued to monitor progress in other areas through attending seminars and conferences. Other activities:

- Organised three workshops during the year:
  - Repurposing Content – from E-Publications to Learning Objects (Aston, 24<sup>th</sup> May)
  - Are Institutional Repositories Taking Over the World (Keyworth, 15th September)
  - Battle of the Giants A comparison of Web of Knowledge, Scopus & Google Scholar (London, 23<sup>rd</sup> November)

## ***Future Activities***

- Always keen to receive suggestions for future workshops