

Minutes of the JIBS User Group Committee Meeting 19 January, 2006, at Aston University, Birmingham

Present: Kathy Abbott, Leo Appleton, Joan Bird, Sue Cumberpatch, Linda Humphreys, Jill Lambert, Ian Mayfield, Adrian Smith, Liz Stevenson, Graham Stone, Malcolm Taggart.

1. Apologies: Gary Horrocks, Maureen Richardson

2. **Welcome** to Leo Appleton, representing FE.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The draft minutes were reviewed, and amendments suggested [both at the meeting, and later by email].

3. Matters arising

Minutes of meeting of 23rd November to be updated and approved – **Action: LS**

JIBS Website updated: Committee members to check their entries – **Action: ALL**

JIBS Reps list: to be updated annually. – **Action: JL/JB/SC to liaise on the process**

Dialog User Group – GH to check on NHS representation - **Action: GH**

AGM Minutes: these were circulated and have been updated

Treasurer's role: volunteer to shadow JL – **deferred**

4. Vote of thanks

Frances Boyle stood down as Chair at the November AGM. The Committee wishes to record its warm thanks for all her work and support during her tenure. – **Action: LH to contact FB**

5. Chair's Report

NHS representation – Bertha Low will continue as a JIBS adviser. It was agreed to review whether there should be full NHS representation on the Committee, in a year's time – **Action: November 2006**

Battle of the Giants – very positive feedback, but the venue was disappointing.

The workshops action checklist is to be circulated, to assist with planning of future workshops – **Action: JB to circulate the current template**

Committee to recommend good venues for future workshops – **Action: ALL**

Guidance for speakers to be drafted – **Action: LH**

Evaluation form to be drafted – **Action: LH**

UKOLN to be consulted for guidance on organising events – **Action: LH**

Scopus Advisory Group – Marion Tattersall has volunteered for this, and if successful, will rejoin the Committee

Adept Scientific – there is no user group at present, just a customer mailing list. Uncertain if JIBS should become more involved at this stage.

LH to contact Gary, in case there is overlap of interest with UKEIG – **Action LH**

JIBS Blog – proposal that JIBS should try this to help with dissemination

LH will circulate details of examples other blogs – **Action: LH**

5. Treasurer's Report

- Subscription renewal invoices have been sent out

- Invoices for the December workshop have been sent out, but no payments received to date
- The new constitution should be sent to both Banks – **Action: JL**

JIBS-Reps – to verify that only subscribing institutions are included – **Action: JL/SC**

Membership information – to verify if updated forms from sites have been passed to SC – **Action: JL/SC**

Membership list on JIBS website to be updated, once checking is complete – **Action: SC/MR**

6. Reports

Learning Materials Working Group – report already circulated.

SC highlighted the example of Bized, and the impact of expenditure cuts in England. Leo reported that withdrawal of funding is only now starting to impact, mainly because of the number of multi-year agreements. To be raised in the afternoon meeting with Liam Earney.

There is continued concern about the poor channels of communication from JISC working groups.

JORUM – SC to circulate more information – **Action: SC**

Web of Knowledge – no meeting, but reminder of the circular from MIMAS about the quarterly updates.

Research Councils – no update

NHS Report – already circulated by BL. Report to be added to JIBS site – **Action: MR**
BL to be thanked for contributing reports – **Action: LH**

Ovid – due to meet in February. AS flagged ongoing accessibility issues and the trial of Ovid's new federated search service.

Crossfire Discovery Gate – AS to forward report, once it is available. **Action: AS**

Dialog – no update. JIBS currently have 2 Dialog reps. The BEI User Group is continuing, and decisions on Dialog representation should be deferred till BEI moves.

Ebsco -Gareth Smith interested in meeting annually JIBS. Likelihood of a new type of customer forum

Inspec/Compendex – no update

7. Accessibility

This has come to the Committee following an enquiry from Stirling about JIBS' role in the monitoring of resource accessibility. There was discussion about

- what action JIBS might take – possible funding of a scoping study? How would this be followed up with suppliers?
- Should such work be done jointly with JISC?
- Is JIBS' role to lobby JISC, perhaps via a workshop? To be discussed in more detail with JISC.

- Agreed to invite representatives from specialist units to a future meeting. MR to follow up on this with the group based at Edgehill – **Action: MR**

LH to reply to the original enquiry, outlining the proposed actions – **Action: LH**

SC reported that the Open Rose group, based in Yorkshire have DVD's on a range of accessibility issues, and on training issues for Library staff.

8. Workshops in 2006

Federated Search services. A session on this is already planned by MMIT, to take place in June, either at John Moores or Manchester Metropolitan. Agreed to plan this as a joint MMIT/JIBS event. **Action: LA/GS**

Possible contributors/sponsors would be:

Ex Libris [Metalib]

Serials Solutions

EDINA [GetRef]

Endeavor

Possible keynote speakers to be approached – **Action: KA and GH**

Database Comparison

Scope for a workshop on user behaviour, looking at users; non-users; and behaviour based on peer-group learning

9. JIBS & JISC – resource discovery issues and database evaluations

- Proposed guidelines for Enhancement Committees

Important that reports from Enhancement Committees are widely disseminated, and that there should be published information about each group's remit, membership, meeting frequency, and that minutes are published on the JIBS website, as well as being circulated.

Possible dissemination channels would be UKSG Serials e-news; JIBS Blog

There would need to be sensitivity to any confidentiality issues

10. AOB – INFORMS/Inhale Support

11. Dates of future meetings

- Thursday 9th March, University of Leeds.
- July – Oxford. To contact Frances re room availability – **Action: LS**
- November - London.