At the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP), Bruce Madge was inaugurated as President in February. In January, Caroline Moss-Gibbons, Head of Heritage Collections at the Royal College of Physicians, and Judy Broady-Preston, former Chair of CILIP Cymru, were elected joint leaders of the all new CILIP Council.

Congratulations to Lynne Brindley on her appointment as Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List for services to education. Dame Lynne has been Chief Executive of the British Library since July 2000.

Ian Snowley has been appointed as the British Library’s new Head of Higher Education. Ian will take up his new post in March. As Head of Higher Education, he will work as an ambassador for the British Library within the library and HE sectors to develop and strengthen the relationship with key institutions. A major part of Ian’s role will be to work with libraries in the HE sector to take forward the development of a UK Research Reserve, designed to address the issue of acute storage problems in the research library sector. Since 2006 Ian has been Director, Academic Services at the University of London, Research Library Services, where he is responsible for academic liaison and collection development. Ian was President of CILIP in 2007.

In January, Anne Poulson took up the post of Executive Director of CURL. Anne joined CURL from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), part of the University of London, which she joined in February 2002 as Head of Library Services.

Mary Clucas retired at the end of last August from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Legal Library where she was Librarian. Mary had been with the department for over 12 years.

In November last year, Rupert Williams was appointed Head of Library and Archives at the Science Museum. Rupert is based at the museum’s 540-acre Swindon site which houses the Science Museum Library and 85% of the museum’s collections. The History of Science and Technology collection remains in London. The library and archives are due to open to visitors by appointment at the end of February. Rupert was previously Libraries Team Leader at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl).

At the beginning of January, Sabelo Mapasure joined the MRC National Institute for Medical Research Library in Mill Hill as Assistant Librarian. Sabelo was previously Principal Library Assistant at St Mary’s Campus Library, Imperial College London, based at Paddington. Sabelo replaces Ros Wenham who took early retirement at the end of September last year after 29 years in the MRC library.

Since January, the North West Academic Libraries (NoWAL) consortium’s print procurement initiatives, including serials, have been led by Sue Hodges, Technical Services Manager, Learning and Information Services, Liverpool John Moores University. Sue was a member
of the NoWAL and Partners Serials Tendering Working Party and takes on her new role from Gill Barry, Librarian of Manchester Metropolitan University, who had led both serials and monograph groups since 2002. Sue has taken on the role for three years, in the first instance.

In a move missed in the last issue, Gurdish Sandhu was appointed Associate Director (Systems), Library and Learning Services at the University of East London, Docklands Campus. For the previous nine years, Gurdish was at the University of Salford Library, most recently as Collections and Business Systems Manager.

There have been a number of changes at Heriot-Watt University Library following the early retirement last September of Deputy Librarian/Resources and Systems Manager Derek Stephen. Iain Young was appointed Resources Manager in October and is now also responsible for the Library’s financial and stock resources. Iain was previously Metadata Librarian. Dave Bond is Systems Manager, having previously been Information Systems Librarian, and Reader Services Manager Gill McDonald is now also Deputy Librarian.

In December, Moira Furber joined University College London Library as Subject Librarian for English and Philosophy. For the past seven years, Moira was with the Wellcome Library where she was Assistant Librarian Collection Management, responsible in part for serials.

Wendy Oliff joined London South Bank University as Serials Librarian in August, from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College Library. Wendy took over from Nick Wood, who had managed the library’s serials and finances for more than five years. Nick is now Finance & Business Support Services Manager.

In January, Jan Wilkinson took up the post of University Librarian and Director of the John Rylands Library at the University of Manchester. Jan was previously Head of Higher Education at the British Library since 2004. Prior to that, Jan was University Librarian and Keeper of the Brotherton Collection at the University of Leeds and was previously Deputy Librarian at the London School of Economics.

At the University of Nottingham, Christopher Pressler joined the Senior Management Team in October last year as Director of Research and Learning Resources from Dartington College of Arts, where he was Dean of Information and Learning. Christopher’s division is responsible for collection and access management, academic services and Manuscripts and Special Collections. The division also includes the SHERPA Project (Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access).

At the beginning of February, Andrina Howlett joined the University of Nottingham Information Services as E-resources Systems and Support Officer. Andrina previously worked in Library Systems Support at Cardiff University for several years. She replaces Ann Charlton, who has joined OCLC and is based in Sheffield.

Kelly Lovell joined St George’s University of London Library as Journals Librarian at the end of last summer, taking over from Sian Owen, who moved earlier in the year to the University of Sussex Library. Kelly was previously Senior Library Assistant at Queen Mary, University of London.

At the University of Sussex, Kitty Inglis has been appointed Librarian and will take up her post in mid April. Kitty is currently Acting Librarian at the University of East Anglia (UEA) where, since 1998, she has been Library and Learning Resources Director and, for the last 12 months, Acting University Librarian. At Sussex, Kitty replaces Debby Shorley, who moved to Imperial College as Director of Library Services last October.

All who knew Leslie Bryan at Trinity College Dublin will have been truly grieved at news of his death shortly before Christmas – see obituary.

At the University of the West of Scotland, Hamilton Campus Library, Barbara Catt is taking early retirement at the end of March after some 30 years with the Library. The Hamilton
Campus was formerly Bell College until its merger last year with the University of Paisley, which in turn was renamed the University of the West of Scotland on St Andrew’s Day last year – 30th November. The new name better reflects the new institution with campuses in Hamilton, Dumfries, and Ayr.

Catherine Ebenezer is taking up the post of Library Manager at Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust in March. The trust provides mental health and learning disabilities services for County Durham, Teesside and North Yorkshire. For the past five years, Catherine has been Information Systems Manager at the Royal College of Midwives in London. She and a colleague had been made redundant following the corporate decision to close the RCM Library and put the stock into storage pending a decision about its future.

At the Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine, Victoria Sinclair is now E-resources Librarian following a reorganization of the department on Moira Furber’s move to UCL in December (see above). Victoria was formerly Acquisitions Librarian Serials at the Wellcome and shared responsibility for serials with Moira. The library will be appointing a Library Assistant to manage the print serials.

In August last year, Richard Steeden, formerly of EBSCO’s UK office, returned from EBSCO Australia to begin a new role with MetaPress, based in London. Richard’s main focus is on raising the profile of MetaPress within UK and European publishing circles and generating new business. His additional responsibilities include promoting EBSCO’s Publishing Services Division’s Fulfilment and Advertising services.

Ingenta recently announced that Rebecca Lenzini, President of The Charleston Company, is joining Ingenta as Director of Business Development, Publisher Services, on an assignment to improve the positioning and development of the company’s US presence. Becky is well-known as the publisher of The Charleston Advisor, as co-founder and sponsor of the Fiesole Collection Development Retreat Series and, of course, for her place on the Editorial Board of Serials. She will continue her activities for The Charleston Company in addition to her new role at Ingenta.

Jeff Downing joined Ingenta in February as Manager, Library Relations and will pursue opportunities for the company’s suite of integrated library services. Jeff joins Ingenta from Amigos Library Services where he was most recently Associate Director and Manager, Electronic Information Services.

In November, Maney Publishing appointed Kimberly Martin to the new position of Executive Publisher in North America as part of the publisher’s plans for expansion in the American market. Kimberly has previously worked with ME Sharpe and Taylor & Francis.

Last November, Publishers Communication Group (PCG) announced that Dulcie Watanabe was joining the company as European Business Development Manager. Based in Oxford, Dulcie is responsible for the sales and marketing of the University of Chicago Press’s academic journals in Europe. Most recently, Dulcie was Head of Library Sales at Oxford University Press.

In December, James Raiher joined Sue Hill Recruitment as a recruitment consultant. James is responsible for building the portfolio of clients in the wider publishing industry. Previously, James worked in publisher relations at ProQuest and before that was one of the founding employees of Credo Reference (formerly Xrefer).

At Swets, Debbie Dore’s role as Regional Director for the UK and Ireland has been extended to include North America, Japan and Australia. Debbie remains responsible overall for the commercial relationships in the UK and Ireland and in due course will be recruiting a new
Leslie Bryan

Leslie Bryan, who died suddenly on 18 December 2007 at the age of 56, was a familiar figure in Irish librarianship and was well known to many UK colleagues. He joined Trinity College Dublin library in 1975, having graduated from the university, and spent his working life there.

For the greater part of his professional career he was engaged in acquisitions work. His tenacious memory, deep knowledge of the Irish publishing industry, and his skills in his beloved Irish language were put at the service of the library with an extraordinary degree of commitment. His death is a great loss to the profession in Ireland.

Leslie was a traditionalist, but someone who unfolded as a quite different personality from that of first appearances. He had a gift for friendship and he leaves all those of us glad to have been his friend with memories of his courtesy, chivalrous ways, some endearing foibles, and his sense of fun. His brother Earnest, his godchildren, his many friends in Ireland and abroad and his colleagues in Trinity College Dublin, will miss him greatly.

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