Introducing our editorial board

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Michael Mabe is Director of Academic Relations at Elsevier, a research and external relations department created in 1999, and since 2001 he has also been a Visiting Professor in the Department of Information Science at City University, London.

Michael began his publishing career as a scientific lexicographer working on OUP's *OED Supplement* in 1980. Since leaving OUP in 1985, he has worked in various capacities for the British Standards Institution, Pergamon Press, and Elsevier, where for nearly ten years he was Publishing Director of their international materials science programme.

A frequent contributor of articles and book reviews to both *Serials* and *Learned Publishing*, he speaks regularly on the evolution of the scholarly communication system, as well as serving on the programme committees of the Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Meetings and the 2003 European Conference on Digital Libraries.

His research interests cover bibliometrics, user behaviour and the quantitative, historical and sociological analysis of publishing systems and the needs they fulfil for their users. This summer he taught a graduate level summer school course on the scholarly communication system and STM publishing at the College of Communication of the University of Tennessee, and hopes to develop this material into a book.

In his spare time, Michael is trying to learn to speak acceptable Italian, collects wine and likes to visit Roman archaeological and historical sites.

Graham Stone is Head of Serials and Electronic Developments at Bolton Institute of Higher Education. He is responsible for the access and management of over 5000 e-journals and 100 databases for students and staff at the Institute, over half of which are off-campus users. He is also responsible for the negotiation of new e-journal and e-book deals, the serials budget, the management of the library management system, the Learning Support and Development web pages and all the other jobs that come to a serials/electronic resources manager working at the 'coal face' in a small/medium higher education institution. He sees himself very much as a practitioner and spends a lot of time trying not to re-invent the wheel!

A member of the UKSG committee since 2001, Graham is also treasurer of the Multimedia Information & Technology Group (North West), a sub-group of CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). He represents Bolton Institute on the North West Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC) journals agreement and is responsible for negotiating new consortia agreements on the Institute's behalf at NorthWest Academic Libraries consortium (NoWAL).

Graham has reported on various seminars, briefing sessions and workshops for *Serials* and has presented a briefing session on newcomers to serials/e-journals at the last two UKSG Annual Conferences. Graham is currently working on a new edition of the *Serials Management Handbook* with fellow UKSG committee member Jayne Everard.

His own personal interests mainly centre around the TV on alternate Sunday afternoons watching Formula One Grand Prix with his son.