

UKSG News



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UK Serials Association and AGM 2004

One year on from achieving incorporated status and only half of our members have to date nominated an Authorised Representative. Our Articles of Association require every member of the company (UK Serials Association) to sign a written consent to become a member. The person giving this consent, the Authorised Representative, is the only person entitled to vote (unless proxy is granted) in the UKSG committee elections and at the AGM, which will be held at the Annual Conference at UMIST, Manchester on Tuesday 30 March. A reminder about Authorised Representatives will be sent out with this year's AGM papers – please don't squander your opportunity to vote.

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

UK: Community College, Shoreditch
Scheman Consulting
Syngenta
TheAnswer Ltd

UKSG Committee

Thanks are due to the Committee for their efforts over the past year, and none more so than the three Honorary Officers, Keith Courtney (Chair),

Paul Harwood (Treasurer) and Lesley Crawshaw (Secretary). All three have now served one year of a potential three-year term of office and all have agreed, with no arm-twisting whatsoever, to stand for re-election. We bid farewell to Frances Boyle, Jayne Everard, Terry Morrow and Lyndsay Rees-Jones.

'A Day in the Life of a Journal Publisher' – Seminar at Taylor & Francis

I think a lot of people were still suffering from Christmas and New Year hangovers and didn't get round to booking a place at this event in January but, although the attendance was fairly small, delegates received an excellent overview of the various aspects of journal publishing, as well as the chance to engage in some very interesting and useful discussions with our hosts.

Staying radical

Following on from the success of the UKSG seminar entitled 'The radical library: taking up the challenge' last November, papers from which appear in this issue, we are returning to the Royal College of Nursing in London on 11 May to explore more examples of real-life activity in libraries, this time looking at added value. More details will be available on our web site in due course.

UKSG 2004 Conference and Exhibition, 29–31 March

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for our visit to UMIST in Manchester, where we last held our conference in 1999. This year's conference dinner will take place at the Imperial War Museum North, an impressive new building designed by the renowned architect, Daniel Libeskind. The exhibition sold out in no time at all this year, testament to the reputation of the event as a major forum for the serials industry.

We are once again offering six free conference places to LIS students – a terrific opportunity to explore the world of serials and network with the major players. Students will have submitted their applications by 20 February and we would ask all delegates to share the benefit of their knowledge and experience with any of the students they might happen to meet at the conference. We always receive extremely favourable reports from them, some of which, written by this year's student attendees, will be appearing in the July issue of *Serials*.



Imperial War Museum North – waterfront venue for the conference dinner

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Marketing Subcommittee – coming at you

It was suggested at a recent meeting of this inspired group that a survey of our membership was long overdue. It's *your* organization and we *do* want to know if UKSG is providing what you want. Nice people with clipboards will be approaching you at the conference so please treat them kindly and spare a few minutes to give them your views. Those who respond will have their names entered in a prize draw, and we hope to obtain some valuable feedback from you.

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As always, please contact me if you are yet to receive this valuable membership benefit which has been so greatly appreciated by UKSG members.

Education Subcommittee

At their meeting in January the Education Subcommittee worked on formulating a programme of seminars for the coming year. The Serials Resource Management days always prove particularly popular and are clearly providing a valuable service to those fairly new to the serials industry. Please let us know if there are any topics you would like to see covered in a UKSG seminar.

Serials

The online version of *Serials* has now migrated to MetaPress in what was largely a very successful operation. We are indebted to the dedicated staff at Taylor & Francis who have been supporting this process so efficiently. Please contact me if you have not yet registered for online access.

