Marja Kingma was appointed Collections Manager for Science, Technology and Medicine in the new Science team at the British Library in October. Marja is based at St Pancras in London. For the previous ten years, Marja was Librarian for the European Medicines Agency (EMEA).

Malcolm Pendreigh was appointed Head of Agency at the Agency for Legal Deposit Libraries with effect from the beginning of February (http://www.legaldeposit.org.uk/). For the previous 18 months, Malcolm was Project Manager for the relocation of the agency from London to Edinburgh. The London end of the operation closed at the end of February and opened in Edinburgh on 2 March. Malcolm is keen to work toward a more proactive relationship with the publishing community in order to minimize the impact of the move out of London.

At the British Library for Development Studies, Institute of Development Studies, Angela Jordan joined as Acquisitions Assistant responsible for serials at the end of September last year. Angela was previously at the University of Sussex library, next door to the Institute. In January, Rachel Playforth joined the IDS acquisitions team as Senior Library Assistant responsible for cataloguing.

Helen Paul was appointed Information Specialist in November. Helen’s responsibilities include acquisitions at the department, among other things.

In January, Andrea Lannon returned to the DWP Library and Information Services as Legal Librarian, following a year-long career break in which she worked in a university library in Singapore.

At the Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR), Helen Paul was appointed Information Specialist in November. Helen’s responsibilities include acquisitions at the department, among other things.

At the Department for Children Schools and Families, Mark Field is now head of Collaborative Working. Mark was previously Group Leader at DSTL Knowledge Services, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory.

In December last year, Rachel Monk was appointed Librarian at Department of Culture Media and Sport. Rachel was previously at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

At the Department of Work and Pensions Library and Information Services, Elaine Varty was appointed Directors Manager last September and looks after the staff directory for the whole of the DWP. Elaine was previously Librarian at the DWP Legal Library for two years. In January, Andrea Lannon returned to the DWP Library and Information Services as Legal Librarian, following a year-long career break in which she worked in a university library in Singapore.

At the Home Office, Susan Payne, who has been Information Manager for a number of years, is now responsible for the library, which has been merged into Susan’s team.

In October, Kay Pennick was appointed Librarian and Information Officer at the Millennium Seed Bank (the Royal Botanic Gardens, Wakehurst Place). Kay was previously Serials Librarian at the University of Brighton for 11 years.

Professor Derek Law was Head of the Information Resources Directorate and University Librarian at the University of Strathclyde from 1999 until his retirement in October 2008. Now Professor Emeritus, Derek is chair of the...
JISC Services Company and has been appointed programme consultant to oversee and lead the two-year initiative to explore and help shape the future of the academic library, which has been set up by JISC, SCONUL, the RLUK, the British Library and the Research Information Network (RIN).

Guy Lambert has been appointed as the managing director of the new JISC Services Management Company, due to be launched in August. Guy has spent his career in commercial and managerial roles at UK board level within the IT industry, both within the public and private sectors. Recently, Guy worked for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office during a major change initiative, when its services business was reconstituted as a Trading Fund, helping it to develop a commercial approach to business management within a set of traditional core values.

At the University of Brighton, Mercy Mousavi-Zadeh joined the library in January as Serials Librarian. Mercy has been working as Senior Information Officer at City Hall in the Greater London Authority for the past year as maternity cover. At Brighton, Mercy replaces Kay Pennick who moved as Librarian and Information Officer to the Millennium Seed Bank in Wakehurst Place, part of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

At the end of January, Cambridge University appointed Anne Jarvis (née Murray) as University Librarian – the first female to hold the post in the Library’s 650-year history. Anne has been Deputy Librarian at Cambridge University Library since 2000, when she joined the library from Trinity College Dublin where she was Sub-Librarian, Collection Management. Anne replaces Peter Fox, who retires in April after 15 years as University Librarian.

At the University of Edinburgh, Simon Bains has returned to the library as Head of the Digital Library after four and a half years as Digital Library Manager at the National Library of Scotland. Simon replaces John MacColl, who is now the first European Director of the Research Libraries Group (RLG), part of OCLC.

At Imperial College London, Ruth Cooper is Team Leader for Acquisitions and Access, a merging of Information Resources Development and Management. Within the new group, Janice Lewis is now Head of Subscriptions and Document Delivery, having formerly been Head of Inter-Library Loans. In December, Elizabeth Smith, who was Head of Subscriptions Management, left after over 19 years at Imperial.

In December last year, Colin Gerrard retired as Collection Resources Manager at the Templeman Library, University of Kent. Colin had been involved with Acquisitions, Periodicals and Cataloguing procedures for over 31 years and was also responsible for the Library’s staff training programme. He attended many UKSG events and was also active in the Canterbury Circle of Libraries. Colin has suffered from Parkinson’s disease since 1986, but recently had a deep brain stimulation operation that has greatly improved his health and that should enable him to have an active retirement.

At the end of May, Mary Morley takes early retirement after 33 years at Loughborough University, the past 12 as University Librarian. Mary is looking forward to having the time to do other things. The University plans to appoint Mary’s successor in March.

At Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), Bernadette Mellody was promoted to the post of Library Services Manager (Finance and Acquisitions) at the beginning of February. Bernie was previously Deputy Library Services Manager under Mary Needles, who has retired after 34 years in Acquisitions at MMU, formerly Manchester Polytechnic. Mary spent ten years as Serials Librarian before taking on books and finance, during which time she frequently attended UKSG.
In September last year, JoAnne Sparks joined Oxford University Library Services (OULS) as OULS Assistant Director, Research and Learning Services, a newly-created position uniting related activities in the Bodleian Library and OULS. JoAnne has oversight of the heads of subject areas and responsibility for Reader Services. For the past five years, she had been Director of Library Services, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre, New York, transforming the MSKCC Library Services from a traditional operation to mostly virtual service.

At the School of Oriental and African Studies in London (SOAS), John Robinson has been appointed Director of Information Services and Learning Support with effect from the beginning of March. John was previously working at King’s College London as Director of Services for the JISC Executive. John takes over from David Perrow who has been Interim Librarian since the retirement of Anne Poulson at the end of 2007.

At the University of Stirling, Mark Toole was appointed Director of Information Services in October last year. Mark joined Stirling from the University of Brighton, where he was Director of IS, managing six libraries across Sussex. Mark replaced Peter Kemp who retired after 11 years as Director of IS last summer. Peter is now Emeritus University Librarian at Stirling.

At the end of December, Paul Reynolds retired as Head of Bibliographic Services at the University of Swansea.

At Trinity College Dublin, Patricia Quigley was appointed Accessions Librarian last August. Patricia is also responsible for Legal Deposit at Trinity. She replaces Leslie Bryan as Accessions Librarian. Patricia was previously Librarian at the Jesuit Library in Milltown, Dublin.

The UK library world was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Tom Graham at the end of November. Tom was University Librarian and Keeper of the Pybus Collection at the University of Newcastle from 1997, having moved from the University of York where he had been University Librarian since 1984. He played a key role in the UK university sector as a chair of SCONUL (the Society of College, National and University Libraries) from 1992 to 1994, and as chair of the JISC’s Journals Working Group from 2001. Tom’s full obituary is on the University website: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/press.office/newslink/item/obituary-dr-tom-graham
In January, Julia Bloxham returned to West Thames College, Isleworth, Middlesex as E-learning librarian, a post which involves a mix of teaching, purchasing, enquiry and customer services. Julia was previously Information Assistant in the Collections Department at Kingston University.

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In November, Fiona McLean joined the King’s Fund as Information Specialist. Fiona was previously at Cancerbackup and before that was at the British Library. The King’s Fund library services underwent a restructure in January. Matthew Hale has been promoted to the post of Online Services Development Librarian, having previously been Systems Development Librarian. Tim Judkins has been promoted to be Specialist Libraries and Projects Lead. Tim was formerly Senior Information Specialist. Valerie Wildridge left at the end of February after 20 years at the King’s Fund, most recently as Information and Library Services and Projects Coordinator. Research Librarian Karen Hartley left at the beginning of March after seven years at the King’s Fund.

At the end of October, Kirsty Meddings joined CrossRef in a new product management role, initially concentrating on the CrossCheck service. Kirsty was previously Product Development Manager at Ingenta, a division of Publishing Technology. Kirsty is based in Oxford, and features in our ‘Mini-profile: a day in the life of …’ in this issue.

At Sue Hill Recruitment, Stuart Cooper has taken over the reins from James Raiher. Stuart will continue to build the company’s portfolio of clients in the wider publishing industry and of candidates with information industry skills. Stuart’s background is in publishing and he has worked for some of the major global information providers.

In November, Rakesh Malik joined Swets as Country Manager for Greater India, working from the recently opened office in New Delhi. At the end of December, Arie Jongejan stepped down after three years as CEO of Swets. Arie joined Swets in 2005 after 24 years with Elsevier, latterly as CEO of Elsevier’s Science & Technology division.

At its last meeting, the Serials Editorial Board was sorry to say goodbye to Prof Jack Meadows who retired from the board after many years of dedicated service. His wit and humour (and sometimes dreadful puns) will be sorely missed, as will his hard work and knowledge of the information industry. Jack was presented with a book signed by board members.

It was a great sadness and shock to hear news of the unexpected death of Philip Dance of the University of Portsmouth. Phil died on 21 October 2008 after a short illness. He joined Portsmouth University (then Portsmouth Polytechnic) in 1978 as Assistant Librarian (Acquisitions), before his promotion to the post of Technical Services Manager.

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