



## **JIBS User Group AGM**

30 November 2001

### **JIBS User Group: review of 2000-2001 and plans for 2001-2**

#### ***Report from the Chair***

The last year has seen much activity at the national level through the JISC/DNER and other groups, and at the JIBS UG level. This report attempts to summarise all of these.

#### **Membership of the committee**

The membership of the committee has changed somewhat over the past 12 months:

- Stuart Lee is now the Chair
- Jill Lambert is now the Treasurer
- Bertha Yuen Man Low has joined as our RLG rep
- Chris Kelland and Nia Jones have joined to represent the FE sector
- Members leaving: Mary Harrison and Lorraine Freeman; members joining Claire Grace (Open) and Adrian Whitwood (York)

JIBS continues to see its role as an independent body that seeks:

- \* to stimulate and maintain interest in the use of JISC supported online services and the DNER, focusing especially on matters of content
- \* to provide an effective and independent forum for discussion and information exchange between the users of such services (both FE and HE)
- \* to bring matters of concern to the attention of the data suppliers and the data service providers
- \* to influence collectively the development of JISC supported online products and services

#### ***JISC/DNER***

The JIBS UG has continued to develop its relations with activities under the JISC/DNER. At the beginning of the year the DNER established a series of Working Groups to look at content acquisition, future spending plans, and so on. JIBS now has a representative on each of these working groups.

The Chair of JIBS also sat on the 'aborted' panel to look at the future of the national negotiation agents earlier this year, and JIBS have continued to monitor progress in this area and provide feedback at every opportunity.

JIBS also provided a lengthy series of comments on the circulated draft versions of the JISC/DENER Collection Strategies in August. We are also advising on future user forums for DNER products, based on the extremely successful model of the Web of Science Enhancement Committee.

#### ***Liaison and Feedback***

User Group committee members have been actively involved in several working groups, committees, and evaluations related to particular datasets and data centres. In particular we would like to draw attention to the following. Attendance at:

- NESLI e-journals meetings
- UK Mirror Service SG meetings
- IBSS Advisory Committee meetings
- JUGL UG Committee meeting
- RESCOLINC meeting
- BIOMED Advisory Group
- Several meetings with EduServe, BIDS, EDINA, and MIMAS representatives

We have also continued to monitor progress in other areas through attending seminars and conferences:

- OCLC: AGM, Committee meeting, Users' Forum, Focus Group, UK
- Reference Service Advisory Committee (there's been one of each)
- ELSEVIER: ScienceDirect seminar, Manchester, 9th May
- PsiGate launch: 10th Sept. (Mary H. also there)

Other activities:

- Organised a workshop on Linkage Services 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Oxford
- JIBS has posted a review of BIOSIS on its web site
- JIBS has been extremely active with the WOSEC, and has posted the WOSEC wishlist on its web site
- JIBS was responsible for getting an extension to the EMBASE subscription (Sep 2001)

The User Group has also continued to work closely with:

SCONUL  
 UKOLN (who continue to host our Web pages)  
 UKOLUG (a JIBS User Group column appears occasionally in the *UKOLUG Newsletter*)

## ***Plans for 2002***

1. The JIBS UG wants to build up closer relationships with the JIBS Reps, and draw on their expertise more. We have already begun to solicit their views on responses to JISC announcements, and to circulate any official replies.
2. Liaison with JISC contacts, data centres and information providers will also be further developed, to explore ways in which the User Group may contribute to the electronic collection development processes in UK HE.
3. JIBS has brought two members from the FE community onto its committee. Over the next year we wish to take a closer look at how that sector could be better served and represented.
4. We wish to continue our push for user for a (enhancement committees) to be a mandatory part of any agreement with publishers.
5. Effort will be put into updating the JIBS User Group Web pages to reflect activities undertaken by members of the committee throughout the year.