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Chair's report: Review of 2005/2006

1. Database enhancements

This year we have focussed our activities on our core area of interest: bibliographic databases.

We have two well-established database enhancement committees:

- The *Web of Science Enhancement Committee (WoSEC)* has met twice in the year. Both JIBS and MIMAS provide feedback from the community to ISI. JIBS maintains a 'Wishlist' of enhancement requests. Outstanding wishes include:
    - Improving backup capacity for when hardware problems occur
    - Reducing the list of 'stopwords' that cannot be searched
    - Standardizing journal abbreviations used in citation searching
    - Introducing a facility for export into RefWorks

- The *Ovid/Silverplatter Enhancement Committee* has met twice since the last JIBS AGM and has been tracking the problems with Ovid and Ebsco affecting CINAHL and SportDiscus subscribers. We expect the new OvidSP interface to be available in Summer 2007. The enhancement group has been keeping Ovid aware of issues such as Counter compliant usage figures for SilverPlatter, and accessibility (Disability Equality Duty for the public sector comes into effect in December 2006).

JIBS has established two new database enhancement committees:

- The *JIBS-BSOL Enhancement Committee* met for the first time in September. This was very timely as British Standards are planning to introduce a new interface in 2007. The Committee will be involved in beta testing this new service.

- The *JIBS-SCOPUS Enhancement Committee* met for the first time in November. We are delighted that Elsevier has agreed to consult with us on the development of this major new product.

A third group is in process of being established:

- The *JIBS-EBSCO Enhancement Committee.* EBSCO are becoming an important provider of bibliographic databases. From 2008 they will be the sole provider of SportDiscus and Cinahl. They are also developing

databases with full text added. JIBS welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on these services.

The Committee would be pleased to receive suggestions for other database providers that you would like us to work with.

2. Database evaluation tool

In September JISC announced the release of a major new tool for database evaluation: *http://www.andrews-consultancy.com/jisc_database_assessment/*
JIBS Committee members marked the submissions and participated in the library panel providing advice for this project.

3. Communication with the UK HE Community

In June, JIBS set up a Weblog which aims to provide news about resources, to highlight items of interest from JISC and CHEST news, and to provide brief reports from our meetings and enhancement groups. There is an RSS feed for those who prefer to have news sent to a feedreader.

We are consolidating our two mailing lists, lis-jibs-reps and lis-jibs-users, into one list (lis-jibs-users). This will be an open list available for all to join.

4. Meetings

The JIBS Committee met 4 times in the year. Discussions took place with JISC, EduServ CHEST, Edina, Mimas and Intute. JIBS have provided feedback on issues such as: potential agreements; web site developments; licensing and support.

JIBS are represented on the following committees:
- IBSS steering committee
- EDINA management board
- ESDS advisory committee
- JISC learning materials working group
- JISC mirror service steering group

5. Workshops

JIBS have organised one workshop this year: Federated Searching. Suggestions for topics for future workshops would be welcomed.

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