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Chair's report: Review of 2006/2007

1. New JIBS Web Site

A new JIBS website was released in October 2007. The site provides up-to-date contact information, a list of institutional members, minutes of committee meetings, and information about JIBS events and activities. Thanks are due to Eddie Young of UKOLN for carrying out the work and to Maureen Richardson of JIBS for taking responsibility for the web site during this period.

The JIBS News weblog was set up in 2006. To broaden its scope representatives from JISC, MIMAS, Edina and EduServ have been invited to contribute news items.

2. Mailing Lists

The two JIBS mailing lists, lis-jibs-reps and lis-jibs-users, have been consolidated into one list (lis-jibs-users). This is an open list available for all to join. Thanks are due to Joan Bird for organising this.

3. Database enhancements

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

- The *Web of Science Enhancement Committee (WoSEC)* has met twice in the year. MIMAS has continued to provide useful feedback from the community to ISI. A new version of Web of Science has been released, running in parallel with the old version. Kings College London have acted as UK development partner, evaluating the new interface. Gary Horrocks from KCL is JIBS representative on WoSEC, together with Joan Bird from the British Geological Survey Library.
- The *Ovid/Silverplatter Enhancement Group* has provided feedback to the JIBS community on the development of the new OvidSP interface which is due to replace the separate Ovid and SP interfaces in early 2008. Adrian Smith from Leeds is JIBS representative on this Group.

- The *JIBS-BSOL Enhancement Group* is working closely with British Standards on the new interface, scheduled for release in November 2007. Roger Hines (SHU) is chair of this group.
- The *JIBS-SCOPUS Enhancement Group* ???

JIBS has established three further Enhancement Groups in 2007:

- The *JIBS-EBSCO Enhancement Committee*.
This Group met for the first time at Liverpool Hope University in November 2007, with 10 members, including two from Ebsco and one from Eduserv CHEST. The chair is Sarah Thompson of the University of York.
- The *JIBS Intute Enhancement Group*
This group has met twice so far, and has assembled a wish-list of enhancement requests. The chair is Sue Cumberpatch of JIBS.
- The *JIBS MDL (Beilstein) Enhancement Group*

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

4. Committee Meetings

The JIBS Committee met 5 times in the year. Discussions took place with JISC, EduServ CHEST, Edina and Mimas. An additional meeting was called to work on the web site development together with UKOLN.

JIBS are also represented on the following committees:

- IBSS steering committee
- EDINA management board
- ESDS advisory committee

5. Working with JISC

JIBS has continued to work closely with JISC Collections in 2007. We have provided further feedback on the JISC Academic Database Assessment Tool, which has recently been improved and updated. We have been represented on the E-books observatory project group by Sue Cumberpatch (York).

JIBS are represented on all six JISC working groups:

E-books Working Group - Liz Stevenson
 E-journals Working Group - Marion Tattersall
 Images Working Group - Linda Purdy
 Online film and Sound Working Group - Lisa Foggo

Geospatial Working Group - Joan Bird
Library Advisory Group - Linda Humphreys

The latter group was established in May 2007 to advise JISC on issues relating to customer service, consultations and evaluation of online resources, and licensing and renewals of agreements.

6. Workshops

JIBS have organised two workshops in 2007:

Discovering E-prints: finding needles in the haystack?

This event took place at the University of Birmingham in September. We had presentations on a number of discovery tools including Web Citation Index and OAIster. It provoked lively discussions on future trends in academic publishing and has prompted some useful collaboration.

Is Library 2.0 a Trivial Pursuit?

At the Diskus, London, November 2007.

Suggestions for topics for future workshops would be welcomed.

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