JIBS User Group AGM 13 November 2009

Chair's report: Review of 2008/2009

1. Athens to Shibboleth authentication survey

June Hedges, on behalf of the JIBS User Group, undertook an online survey on the implementation of Shibboleth across UK HE/FE & Research sectors, and has compiled a report from the data. The survey was live for one month during March/April 2009, and invitations were sent out primarily to JIBS member institutions via the JIBS-Users mailing list, but also to members of the JISC-SHIBBOLETH-LIBRARIES mailing list. A total of 42 completed responses were received. The main findings of the survey were ...

At our September meeting, the JIBS committee discussed various issues raised in the report with EDINA's Shibboleth manager Ed Dee, in particular the problems in generating granular usage data.

Printed copies of June's report are available today, and a link to a PDF version of the report is also on our website. I would like to thank June for the work she put into this survey and report, which I'm sure will be extremely useful to the user community. If anyone would like to ask June about the report, please catch up with her at the break this afternoon, or email her on j.hedges@ucl.ac.uk

2. Accessibility advisor

Geraldine Smith, Learning and Teaching Librarian at the Open University, has kindly agreed to become the JIBS Disability Advisor. She already occupies this role at the OU, and is a member of CLAUD.

JIBS met with CLAUD in April, as a result of which TechDis have been approached by CLAUD to work on national standards and guidelines for assessment of the accessibility of resources. CLAUD will also assist JIBS in accessibility guidelines for enhancement groups.

Geraldine has created a page on the Open University Library web site, with her accessibility advice for different databases, having tested them with JAWS. Any institution is welcome to use the information:
http://library.open.ac.uk/help/access/index.cfm?id=7007

3. Committee Meetings

The JIBS Committee has met four times since the last AGM, and representatives from JISC collections, CLAUD, MIMAS and EDINA have

attended our meetings. Additional smaller meetings have taken place to work on the website re-design.

Members of the committee have also been invited to take part in several national projects such as the JISC Film and Sound Think Tank, the Research Information Network Consultative Group for Librarianship and Information Science, and the Bloomsbury Academic Open Access Project Library Advisory Board.

4. Workshops

In addition to today's debate on A & I services, we held an event in June at SOAS in London on *Management Data in Higher Education Libraries*. This included two presentations about SCONUL statistics, a report on COUNTER's role, and views from publishers and libraries, followed by a lively discussion on how consistency and comparability in data reporting could be improved. Amongst the workshop outcomes was the potentially significant proposal that a working group on data management should be set up to work for improved consistency and lobby suppliers. A pilot group will meet in London later this month with a view to launching the group.

We welcome suggestions for topics for future workshops.

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