

JIBS User Group AGM 24 February 2012

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Welcome

Fiona Bowtell, Chair, welcomed people to the 2012 AGM. The last AGM was December 2010 in York, during inclement weather. The decision was later take to move future meetings to February and the location to London.

Minutes of the 2010 AGM

These were approved as a correct record.

Chair's report

Dealing with difficult times is the current theme. There have been problems retaining committee members due to constraints on their time.

Thanked Louise Cole for stepping in to Vice Chair role on the resignation of Liz West. Mark Clowes, web manager, is stepping down, thanks to him.

New committee people this year Yvonne Cotton (web) (University of Teeside, Middlesborough) and Liz Higgs (FE) (Greenwich Community College), plus Nicola Tricker (Charles Seale Hayne Library, Plymouth University).

There is currently a mix of people on the committee to reflect the user make-up (subject librarians and e-resource people). JIBS provides a link between the users and providers and this remains the core focus in the current economic climate. It is important that we continue to encourage people to give their time to things like JIBS and enhancement groups.

The group set up to look at the management of statistical and data reporting (MUDL) is sadly closing due to lack of support and resource.

Andrea Ennis has won the JIBS Prize this year for her piece on Indicators of content: the role of word clouds in the creation of summaries". An MSc student in the Department of Information Science at Loughborough University, Andrea examined the potential use of word clouds as content indicators in summaries of academic papers. Despite the small scale of her study her area of research was particularly innovative and, we think, has great potential for future development and practical application.

Andrea was unable to attend to give a short presentation today, however her dissertation will be made available on the JIBS website soon.
The new deadline for the 2012 prize is May 2012.

JIBS has now agreed to cutting down workshops to winter and summer only, and ideas were invited for future projects through post-its on the wall near the entrance.

A successful event was held in June 2011 in Birmingham on ‘Research evaluation: is it our business?’ This event was very timely, as the majority of attendees were scoping for information and to hear others experience to help their institutions.

Treasurer’s report

Accounts – income still minimal in relation to expenditure.

In 2010/11 there were 92 members. Invoices have just gone out – have lost some institutions (10) and gained a handful of others. Those not renewing generally cited budget cuts as a reason.

No increase from £70 for subscription fee this year.

Hard to keep up to date with contact representatives at institutions – let June know of any change.

Events income – every event makes a loss. Proposal to reduce free places for members from 2 delegates to 1, and for there to be a discounted rate of £50 per additional person from a member organisation.

- Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal to charge non-members £100 not £50. There has been no previous increase.

- Motion carried unanimously.

Membership of Committee

Committee membership changes were ratified. Fiona Bowtell remains chair, Louise Cole remains vice chair, June Hedges remains treasurer, James Caudwell is secretary, and Yvonne Cotton manages the website.

The chair registered thanks to those who have left the committee since the last AGM.

The AGM was declared closed.