

**SCONUL Advisory Committee on Information Literacy  
ACIL**

**Meeting Number 9**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2004**

**MEETING NOTES AND ACTION POINTS**

1	<b>Present:</b> Hilary Johnson (Chair) Toby Bainton Ellen Breen Peter Godwin Liz Hart Helen Hathaway Jo Parker Janet Peters Stephen Town Sheila Webber Wendy White	<b>Apologies:</b> Marking Jenkins	
	<b>NOTES / ACTION</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>Action No.</b>
2	<b>Guests:</b> Ruth Stubbings Philips Payne sent his apologies. LH to re-arrange.	LH	09/01
3	<b>Guest presentations: Ruth Stubbings</b>  RS outlined the use of the Informs project at Loughborough. RS also outlined a suite of 5 bite size (up to 10 question) "tests" to evaluate student information literacy. Evaluation of PhD and postgraduate students showed they liked the process but results demonstrated a 30% success rate. This appears to prove that students really do not understand information skills. JoP outlined recent meeting at Leeds discussing this questionnaire topic. Potential to be hosted on ACIL website and to be held in accessible MS Word / pdf files or Question-Mark transferable files. Selena to be contacted to discuss how this e-bank can be held on ACIL website.  RS also outlined checklist approaches which improved awareness of searching issues. RS reported she was working on plagiarism. This included a trial of a plagiarism tutorial being developed at Loughborough using external funding. Discussions on how to embed information skills across the curriculum ensued. Overall agreement that including academic staff at the outset was important perhaps through a "new" lecturer training programme in institutions Loughborough developing a comprehensive IL strategy during 2004/2005.	JoP/ST/ S Lock	09/02
4	<b>Apologies:</b> Received from Martin Jenkins		



	<p>Work has been driven forward by Chris Armstrong which includes a definition for CILIP purposes and the website will then follow. ST may be offering Selena Lock's support to put this up on the CILIP website. Contributions from ACIL members was recommended by ST and/or relevant links established. Comments are also requested concerning the CILIP definitions document which appeared on LIS-IL. Noted that this was a relatively limited document to which ACIL members should respond individually. ACIL does need to establish strong links with the CILIP Special Interest Group including potentially inviting a representative to attend ACIL meeting. SW had been approached about the CILIP Special Interest Group and could act in this capacity. Librarians Information Literacy Group Conference was discussed as an example of the need for this coordination. Noted that there was shortly to be a call for papers which members might wish to follow up. TB reported that SCONUL Executive Board members have been in discussion with CILIP as well at a strategic Executive level.</p> <p>RS offered to contact Debbie Bowden on behalf of the group and SW be put forward as the representative from ACIL. Agreed this should be progressed formally through HJ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFLA University and Research Committee. International Certificate. TB reported that he had not be able to attend this event at IFLA. HJ reported on a draft document received on this topic. This document outlined the concepts behind the overall initiative. HJ not aware the document has progressed any further through IFLA. HJ will also circulate the document to members</li> <li>• UCISA/TLIG. WW reported on her attendance at the TLIG Committee. Group clear that they did need to liaise regularly with ACIL which was positive. Discussion included ICT and learning which was admitted to be a huge area. Also the developing links, mergers and partnerships between learning support, libraries, IT, careers etc. Committee is re-forming following new members attending. Next meeting will include a more rigorous decision making in order to progress a clear agenda for the future.</li> <li>• EB briefed the group on her role particularly in relation to the IL work with CONAL in which she has been closely involved as Chair. EB suggested she produce an update and overview for the next meeting</li> <li>• JoP reported that Pete Johnson and Sue McNicoll (UCE) to discuss IL / evidence based work recently. Pete Johnson also made contact with ST about data collected. ACIL could consider creating a dataset to assist this type of evaluation attached to the SCONUL "badge". There would be a need to ensure that ACIL was not duplicating effort in other parts of the sector such as ACPI and LIRG. JoP to circulate notes from the meeting to the group, what we might wish to collect / establish and then suggested a bid might be progressed.</li> <li>• SW reported on an invitation to attend the ICT Skills for Life (post 16) meeting via DFeS . She will report back on the meeting to the Group.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RS/SW/ HJ</b></p> <p><b>HJ HJ</b></p> <p><b>EB</b></p> <p><b>JoP</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p>	<p><b>09/08</b></p> <p><b>08/07 refers 09/09</b></p> <p><b>09/10</b></p> <p><b>09/11</b></p> <p><b>09/12</b></p>
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7	<p><b>MOSAIC Reversion:</b> JoP updated group on this current position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OU is running with MOSAIC</li> <li>• MOSAIC Plus material with Reading, Southampton, Portsmouth and Nottingham. Northumbria is also now involved in the latest round of this. ACIL then attempted to gain funding from EDUserve for evaluation but this proved to be too costly based on prices from CERLIM and UCE. JoP suggested getting an independent consultant to do this work which she felt would be cheaper than a consultancy organisation. HJ in conversation with Suzanne Enright indicated that SE suggested ACIL put forward a proposal to Executive Board without further evaluation. JoP provided an overview of the funding and support model which currently exists with the OU. HH reminded the group that in her experience a site licence would be the only sensible way forward, as this would enable embedding in a variety of different departments. HJ suggested that members of the group formulate a proposal for Executive Board in December based on the group currently involved in the project.</li> </ul>	<p>HJ/HH/ JoP</p>	<p>09/15</p>

8	<p><b>Australian and New Zealand Information Literacy Pack</b></p> <p>Australian and New Zealand Information Literacy Pack. Group agreed that this should be dropped from the agenda but can be recalled as and when required. Selena to add to the ACIL website. Agreed to have an agenda item next time regarding such international developments.</p>	S. Lock LH	09/16 09/17
9	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HJ indicated she felt the group should recognise that the actions that would have been forthcoming from the SCONUL ACHS March event would not now occur as that body had been dissolved. This would impact on the ACIL Action Plan and the approach would have to be re-considered. Group members made various suggestions for establishing future contacts including publicising the website.</li> <li>HJ met with Anne Bell and Suzanne Enright from Executive Board. SE would like more of the SCONUL Committees to follow the pattern of the SCONUL Scholarly Communication Group which provided regular updates/current awareness to SCONUL members on email. This is something the group could consider particularly by using the website and its valuable information. The Group could also use Focus to publicise and disseminate the work of the Group. To consider for Action Plan.</li> <li>HJ reminded the group that Martin Jenkins and Chris Powis were both now National Teaching Fellows. CP was certainly looking at the promulgation of IL in the UK.</li> <li>JaP suggested the Group now look at the next Group Event which was agreed. A plan to have an event once every two years was suggested, perhaps with TLIG again (though with different financial arrangements). The LTSN publication could also lead to an event and we could link it to other developments such as the completion of the Sheffield research. The potential title was suggested as Outcomes and Impact, with TLIG for January 2006. It was suggested that the Warwick venue be used again. HJ to discuss with SCONUL in terms of support and requirements. To be added to the next ACIL agenda.</li> </ul>	HJ/LH	09/18
10	<p><b>Date of next meeting/s</b></p> <p>LH to circulate potential dates for 2004/2005 to group members: December, February, June, September, December.</p> <p>Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004 Location: SCONUL HQ</p>	LH	09/19