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## Objectives

The objectives of SCONUL are generally to promote, maintain and advance the science and practice of librarianship and to improve the overall standards of national and university libraries for the benefit of the public.

## Members

SCONUL's members are the universities and national libraries of the United Kingdom and Ireland. SCONUL is governed by its members (listed on pages 11-16) whose Representatives meet twice a year, and between meetings by an elected Executive Board.

### The Executive Board at 31 December

Chair	Jean Sykes
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	Sean Phillips
	David Sweeney <i>coopted</i>
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## Chair's Introduction

To be elected chair of SCONUL in a year that marked both the start of a new millennium and SCONUL's 50th birthday has been a privilege and a pleasure. I have also had the good fortune to be supported by an Executive Board which has shown itself more than willing to embrace the tasks set for us by the previous year's strategic plan. The Board has embarked on a campaign to make its discussions more strategic than ever before, and individual members of the Board have begun to share out among them the sort of tasks that might previously have been undertaken only by the officers. One example is that every Board member is now representing the Executive on at least one Advisory Committee, in order to ensure that there is a close link between the work of the committees and the strategic discussions of the Board. Another example is the creation of a number of task forces, to which the Secretary refers below, which are designed to assist the implementation of the strategic aims and which are chaired by Executive Board members.

We look forward to ensuring that SCONUL's reputation with our library staff, our peer organisations, and our political masters is enhanced in the months and years to come. The prospect of an enlarged SCONUL, following agreement in 2000 to include higher education colleges in membership, is something to feel extremely proud of, and it will be important that we use our new situation to speak authoritatively on matters that affect all higher education institutions and their libraries up and down the country. While there is an increasingly important regional agenda for higher education and higher education libraries, and a growing impetus for cross-sectoral collaboration regionally too, and while there are some issues which affect certain members of SCONUL more than others (distance learning, widening participation, part-time education, research support are all examples), I remain convinced that there is a greater need than ever for the all-embracing body that SCONUL is. There is enough of an agenda common to all of us, and there will be enough situations in which the political imperative will be to respond on behalf of all higher education libraries as one voice, for the future of SCONUL to be assured. The trick will be to ensure that we think and act strategically and in timely fashion in order to gain maximum benefit for ourselves, our institutions, and our users.

The initiatives that have been put in place during 2000 are designed to place SCONUL in a strong position for the beginning of the new century, and I look forward to playing my part in the ongoing development of our national body.

Not forgetting our national library members, I should acknowledge the dawn of an enhanced collaborative spirit between the national and higher education libraries during 2000. Not only have project programmes such as the Research Support Libraries Programme and the British Library's Co-operation and Partnership Programme ensured that we work together to ensure that researchers have greater and easier access to relevant materials and collections wherever they may be housed, but the seeds have been sown for some very exciting initiatives to emerge in the next few years. Technical innovations such as Z39.50, increasing amounts of collection information and data being available electronically, collaboration between libraries and archives, the pervasiveness of the web, and a real desire on the part of so many to agree common standards and interoperability protocols, are all current trends which pave the way for the kind of thing that librarians have dreamed of for years: true resource sharing between libraries, much more effective and efficient document delivery systems and services, and real collaborative acquisitions and collection policies.

In retrospect, the year 2000 may look like a major watershed for SCONUL: the year in which it agreed to become more inclusive in its membership, more strategic in its activities, and more collaborative in anticipation of delivery of more effective, efficient, and user-friendly services in support of library users UK-wide.

*Jean Sykes*

## Secretary's review of 2000

### A year of renewal

Like all healthy membership organizations, SCONUL is watchful that its structures are right for the times. It seeks to be clear in its strategy, active in the field, and responsive to members' needs and wishes. Several changes made 2000 a year of reform:

- amended Articles of Association to permit formally-designated Higher Education Colleges to become members from 1 January 2001
- revised procedures for committees to streamline business
- more scope for participation by senior staff of member libraries (in addition to their heads of service)
- more use of short-life task forces
- improved liaison with organizations working in related fields
- a deliberate emphasis on strategic matters in Executive Board business.

### Policy and strategy for libraries and information services

The development of policies for recommendation to members was the major task of the Advisory Committees who report below. The Executive Board was also active in policymaking, and to strengthen its role it established several task forces, including one to consider the most effective ways to influence policy in higher education generally, and another to discuss SCONUL's profile amongst its own members. In preparation for an expanded membership a third task force was asked to suggest how best to draw the new college members into SCONUL's activity. A small group was also established to examine subscriptions and reserves in the light of increased financial commitments (mainly contracts for computing) and potential income from new members.

An ad hoc group met for 24 hours to undertake the task of renewing SCONUL's vision for the future to 2005. Their report appeared for consultation within the membership at the end of the year, with a view to forming the basis for year-term strategy.

### Major advice to national policymakers

It was good to see the influence of SCONUL's advice to the UK higher education funding bodies in the *Assessment panels' criteria and working methods*, published at the beginning of the year for the forthcoming research assessment exercise. The guidance provides, as SCONUL had recommended, that research publications in electronic form should be accorded the same weight, *mutatis mutandis*, as printed publications.

During the year SCONUL submitted formal advice on a wide variety of issues to policymaking bodies. Amongst the most significant submissions were those on the UK's proposed e-University, the future strategy and governance of the Joint Information Systems Committee, the consultation document *Empowering the learning community* from the UK's Library and Information Commission (on the use by learners of public libraries and the libraries of educational institutions), and on the report *Joining forces: delivering libraries and information services in the Information Age* from the Library Council/An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.

## **Advice to members**

In addition to advice given on request to individual members, the UK membership benefited from a guide to the library implications of the Data Protection Act 1998 commissioned as a briefing paper from Professor Charles Oppenheim.

## **New directions**

For the first time SCONUL was commissioned to manage a research project. At the request of the British Library/Higher Education Task Force, SCONUL recruited and advised a team of researchers from the Office of Public Management to investigate the strategic directions of the British Library and of UK higher education, in order to see how far they converge and whether such convergence can be measured over time.

## **The secretariat**

The Secretarial Assistant returned from maternity leave on 2 February. The Assistant Secretary spent the month of May on secondment to the University of Westminster, working in the library at a particularly busy time. This provided an opportunity to update and test her library skills in a real current academic environment with the minimum of disruption to both 'employers', and maximum input/benefits in a positive way. The Secretary was invited to join several short-life working groups, including two of the 'think-tanks' considering the future of JISC, and the legal advisory group for the EU-funded project Testbed Implementation of the European Copyright Users Platform. As in 1999 he chaired a workshop on copyright at the London International Bookfair (March), which as before was repeated later in the year. He gave presentations at the British Universities Film and Video Council, to staff of Kingston University, and to a CVCP Management Action Conference on intellectual property rights. He resigned as Chair of the Library Association's Rare Books Group committee and was elected general secretary of LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche). At the invitation of the Catalan government's university quality agency, he spent a week in the University of Barcelona as one of three external assessors examining the university library's self-evaluation of its service quality.

Amongst visitors to the SCONUL office were two senior staff from publishing houses, an official from Resource, and a group of staff from Riksbibliotekstjenesten, the Norwegian government office for university and research libraries.

*Toby Bainton*

## Reports of Advisory Committees and Working Group

### Buildings

The major event was the critical visit to the Hatfield Learning Resource Centre at the University of Hertfordshire, which took place on 12-13 December. The visit was over subscribed and the 70 participants had the opportunity to hear presentations from the design team as well as from users and staff. The visit included a tour of the building as well as consideration of the delivery of integrated services over 24 hours with case studies from the Universities of Bath and Hertfordshire. It was rounded off with a presentation on the planning of the new de Havilland campus LRC.

A number of themes emerged during the visit:

- Design, and user support, challenges for growing ICT provision in an integrated, 24x7 environment
- How to move into a 24x7 service culture (staff and users)
- The importance of library input to the project at all stages, but particularly at the planning/architect briefing stage, and how this could be supported
- The need for better communication between stakeholders at all stages of planning, space management and building projects.

While none of these themes were unexpected, it was important that participants were given a chance to discuss and explore them, together with architects and users. It was clear to the organisers that the critical visit programme is still an important service to SCONUL members. It is worth noting that for the first time the event attracted commercial sponsors (Forster Ecospace and Project Office Furniture – key suppliers to the LRC).

A SCONUL Briefing Paper on *Information and communications technology in academic library buildings*, written by Andrew McDonald, Vilas Edwards and Dave Webster (University of Sunderland) and Phil Range (University of Wolverhampton), was published in February.

Members of the Committee continued to deal with enquiries from the SCONUL membership about building-related issues.

The Buildings Database available on the SCONUL Web site was updated and continues to be a well-used SCONUL service.

*Graham Bulpitt*

### Health Services

It is the principal objective of the Committee to monitor developments in health information provision and during the course of the year the Committee acted upon or reviewed developments in the following areas:

- a) Hylife for health: a significant advance in the development of the hybrid library being undertaken at the University of Newcastle

- b) Electronic books for health care. A briefing was given to the Committee by the American based Netlibrary organisation
- c) Health information developments under the auspices of the Department of Health for England: and in particular the National Electronic Library for Health and the position paper 'A health service of all the talents'. A briefing was received from Veronica Fraser, the NHS Libraries Adviser
- d) Pubmed Central: an important web based electronic publishing initiative for healthcare
- e) A possible information handling skills course for healthcare
- f) Joint NHS/HE access to electronic journals for healthcare
- g) Health information initiatives in Ireland. The Committee received a report from Beatrice Doran of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
- h) The role of the history of medicine in modern healthcare education

Liaison with other bodies continues. The Chairs of the University Medical School Librarians' Group and the University Health Sciences Librarians are ex officio members of the Committee. From time to time information about issues of concern to the NHS Regional Librarians' Group are considered. The Committee also has representation on the LINC Health Panel of which SCONUL is a founding member.

*John Lancaster*

### **Access to Information Systems and Services**

The title of the Committee changed from Advisory Committee on Information Systems and Services to Advisory Committee on Access to Information Systems and Services.

### **Activities**

- The Task Force on Access for Distance Learners produced a revised policy statement and recommendations for action on reciprocal access to library and learning support for distance learners throughout the UK. SCONUL Executive Board asked that the Task Force report directly to it, rather than via ACAISS, but that the Chair of the Task Force should continue to update ACAISS. The Task Force also established liaison with a similar UCISA Group.
- Attention was given to new and recent legislation that affect access to information. A briefing paper providing guidance and identifying examples of good practice on Data Protection was commissioned and delivered.
- The RSLP access strategy was discussed and the difficulties of monitoring use, particularly in the context of access control systems, were highlighted and raised with the RSLP Steering Group.

- A briefing paper on Z39.50 was commissioned to widen awareness of current technical developments.
- The UK Libraries Plus scheme was commended as a significant step forward in reciprocal access. The attention of the CURL Board was drawn to the scheme and ways to encourage take-up identified, including a detailed analysis of experience.
- Members contributed to discussions on the development of the Sparta authentication system, particularly from the perspective of reciprocal access in member institutions.
- A Committee member acted as the SCONUL representative to contribute to the development of the proposed service level agreement to be included in the invitation to tender for the provision of Athens.
- Cross-sectoral initiatives were identified and discussed, in the context of both regional developments and national proposals, such as the LIC report *Empowering the learning community*. The SCONUL Board established a Task Force on Lifelong Learning. It was agreed that there was no conflict of remit with ACAISS, although ACAISS would continue to have an interest in any access issues identified.
- Committee priorities were updated and reformatted during the year.
- The ingenta/Lancaster agreement provided a focus to discuss the changing environment for electronic document delivery.
- The Committee received UCISA's response to the e-university proposal and members were invited to send individual responses directly to the SCONUL Secretary.
- The Committee received summaries of relevant issues considered by UCISA-NG
- The Committee also discussed the impact of the Disability Discrimination Act and of e-bookshops on access to information.

*Edward Oyston*

### **Performance Indicators**

The Committee met three times in 2000. Guests at the meetings included Laurie Burbridge, Carys Thomas and Martin Price (UCISA), and Claire Creaser (LISU).

Work continued to ensure a closer collaboration with UCISA on statistics and performance indicators. As an extension to this, the joint statistics working group reported recommendations on how to ensure greater convergence of data collection operations between SCONUL, UCISA and HCLRG. Relating to these initiatives was the continuing work, in consultation with Claire Creaser from LISU, on refining the presentation of statistics in the joint SCONUL/HCLRG UK Higher Education Library

Management Statistics 1998/99. In particular, additional graphics were provided as an aid to presentation of some of the key data.

A growing area of concern and interest for the Committee was the recognition that a thorough review of the SCONUL statistics exercise is now due in order to take account of changed circumstances, the bringing together of SCONUL and HCLRG and the declared policy of seeking greater collaboration with UCISA. An initial move in this direction was a scoping survey, funded with £2,000 by the Executive Board's Project Fund, to investigate methods of data collection and difficulties experienced by members in completing the Questionnaire. Maxine Melling acted as project leader for the survey and Gordon Harris, from Birmingham University, carried out the interviews and drafted the final report. The scoping survey was carried out during the autumn of 2000 in order to report at the January meeting in 2001.

Stephen Town completed outstanding work on the benchmarking manual, with plans to launch it in early 2001.

The public report of the 1999 SCONUL User Satisfaction Project using Priority Search LIBRA software was completed and is due for publication early in 2001.

Links with the American Research Libraries group were built upon by Ian Winkworth's attendance at the ARL 'Measuring Service Quality Symposium' in Washington in October 2000. Close contact is being maintained with ARL, via Martha Kyrillidou. The possibility of UK participation in the ARL's 'Libqual+' satisfaction survey project (based on SERVQUAL method) is being considered.

Peter Brophy continued to keep the committee informed of developments in MIS and performance measurement for the electronic library. Peter reported on the Equinox Project, liaising closely with the committee about the performance indicators developed for the Project. The committee supported a workshop for UK academic and public librarians on 3 November 2000.

*Ian Winkworth*  
*Maxine Melling*

## **Scholarly Communication**

The role of the Advisory Committee on Scholarly Communication is to maintain contact with individuals and organisations in the chain of communication which leads from author to reader, to promote discussion of issues which will affect the future of scholarly publishing, and to feed back information about key developments to the SCONUL membership. During 2000 ACOSC covered all three aspects of its role in two meetings and in many e-mail exchanges and personal conversations. Tom Graham took over as Chair in the middle of the year and Fred Friend moved from the role of Chair to that of Secretary, and these changes provided an opportunity for ACOSC to review its programme.

The responsibility to feed back information to the SCONUL membership has in the past been carried out on an 'ad hoc' basis, but it was decided to issue a regular 'Digest of information' containing brief news items which could be of value not only to library directors but also to their staff members. Urgent 'one-off' messages will continue to be sent out on lis-sconul but this 'Digest' will provide a focus for news of important developments. Likewise ACOSC has re-thought its range of contacts with

other organizations, wishing to continue its relationship with the PA SPE group, but looking also to develop contact with ALPSP. An important meeting held in December 2000 was with the CURL Task Force on Scholarly Communication, to ensure that the two groups are supporting each other's work. Contact will also be maintained with the new JISC Scholarly Communication Group, which is looking at broad issues and national developments in this area. Internationally, ACOSC members have been attendees at meetings of LIBER, ICOLC and SPARC, and some of these links may take on a more formal character during the coming year.

*Frederick J Friend*

## **Staffing**

The year 2000 saw some significant changes in personnel. John Priestley the founder Chair of ACoS under the new SCONUL took up a new appointment in Plymouth University and resigned as Chair he was replaced by Pat Noon. Following a review of membership both Andrew Wale and Margaret Coutts left the committee at the end of the year having completed their terms and Phil Sykes resigned having been asked to serve as Executive Board member for another Advisory Committee. The committee has lost an enormous wealth of experience and hard work that will be very difficult to replace. The Committee is enormously grateful for the scale of their collective contribution, and wishes them all well for the future.

The departure of John Priestley prompted the inevitable navel gazing session on the purpose and relevance of ACoS. The relevance of the committee's brief was reaffirmed and several new areas for development especially on the staffing as distinct from staff development activities were identified for future discussions.

A continuing theme through the year has been concerns about the provision of development activities for 'Deputy Librarians'. Although there continues to be a very successful group established more than 10 years ago the folding of an alternative event with a wider constituency may have left many in this senior position without a peer support group. Planned discussion on this with the established group had to be abandoned but may still prove useful.

Support for the successful suite of management programmes continued and the Making Management Work course was completely revamped by UCOSDA with significant input from Andrew Wale, and members continue to offer input to the Introduction to Management Course whenever possible. Unfortunately despite several discussions a theme and date for Training Together 7 has not been agreed.

The publicity and eligibility for the SCONUL Award were revised to improve interest and applications. This appears to have been successful with five applications. The winner was Claire Barnes from University of Abertay Dundee.

Although a bid to the HEFCE Good Management Practice Awards was made on behalf of the Committee it proved unsuccessful. The Committee is however represented on the Advisory Board of a successful project submitted by Birmingham University.

Links with UCISA continue to be good with regular reports from their SDG and reciprocal visits on an occasional basis. The Committee also received a very

interesting talk on the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) from Maureen Saunderson of the Staff Development Group.

*Pat Noon*

### **Joint Working Group on Quality Assurance**

The Group concentrated on its main objective to monitor and respond to developments related to the implementation of the new Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) framework as they affect learning resources and information services.

Responses were made to the QAA consultations on the benchmarking of academic standards and on the reporting of judgements on the quality of learning opportunities. Close contact was maintained with the QAA through meetings of the Group's Chair, Jeremy Atkinson, and Nicola Channon, Head of Operations, Institutional Review at the QAA.

Agreement was reached with the QAA towards the end of the year for the Group to provide input to the training of Academic Reviewers, particularly via a revised Aide Memoire, and work began on revising the Aide Memoire previously used for Teaching Quality Assessment.

Updates on the Group's activities, information on QAA developments and extracts about learning resources from subject review reports were provided for SCONUL, UCISA and HCLRG members.

*Jeremy Atkinson*

## **Obituary**

Douglas Harold Varley, University Librarian, University of Liverpool, 1966-1976 and Librarian Emeritus died 15 December 2000.

## **Retirements**

The following Representatives retired during the year:

Dorette Biggs (Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College)

Magda Czigány (Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine)

John McGuirk (City University)

Bernard Naylor (University of Southampton)

Adrian Peasgood (University of Sussex)

Jan van der Wateren (Victoria & Albert Museum)

## Member institutions 2000

\* denotes Associate Member

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative (at 31 December)</b>
University of Aberdeen	Carole Munro
University of Abertay Dundee	Ivor Lloyd
Anglia Polytechnic University	Nicky Kershaw
Aston University	Nick Smith
University of Bath	Howard Nicholson
Birkbeck College	Philippa Dolphin
University of Birmingham	Clive Field
*Bolton Institute	Karen Senior
Bournemouth University	David Ball
University of Bradford	Malcolm Stevenson
University of Brighton	Robin Arak
University of Bristol	Geoffrey Ford
BFI National Library	Ray Templeton
British Library	David Bradbury Lynne Brindley David Russon
Brunel University	Louis Lee
University of Buckingham	Joan Holah
*Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College	Lizanne Thackery
University of Cambridge	Peter Fox
University of Central England in Birmingham	Judith Andrews
*Cheltenham & Gloucester College	Ann E Mathie
City University	Brendan Casey
University College Cork	John Fitzgerald
Coventry University	Patrick Noon
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative (at 31 December)</b>

Cranfield University	Hazel Woodward
University of Central Lancashire	Kevin Ellard
De Montfort University	Kathryn Arnold
University of Derby	Gordon Brewer
Dublin City University	Paul Sheehan
University College Dublin	Sean Phillips
University of Dundee	John Bagnall
University of Durham	John Hall
University of East Anglia	Jean Steward
University of East London	Mary Davies
University of Edinburgh	Ian Mowat
University of Essex	Robert Butler
University of Exeter	Alasdair Paterson
National University of Ireland, Galway	Marie Reddan
University of Glamorgan	Jeremy Atkinson
University of Glasgow	Andrew Wale
Glasgow Caledonian University	Flora Smith
Goldsmiths College	Sacha Shaw
University of Greenwich	Denis Heathcote
Heriot-Watt University	Michael Breaks
University of Hertfordshire	Di Martin
University of Huddersfield	Phil Sykes
University of Hull	Bridget Towler
Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine	Clare Jenkins
Institute of Education (University of London)	Anne Peters
Keele University	Allan Foster
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative</b> (at 31 December)

University of Kent at Canterbury	Margaret Coutts
King's College London	Anne Bell
Kingston University	Nik Pollard
University of Lancaster	Jacqueline Whiteside
University of Leeds	Jan Wilkinson
Leeds Metropolitan University	Philip Payne
University of Leicester	Tim Hobbs
University of Limerick	John Lancaster
University of Lincolnshire and Humberside	Philippa Dyson
University of Liverpool	Frances Thomson
Liverpool John Moores University	Maxine Melling
University College London	Frederick J Friend
University of London	Emma Robinson
London Business School	Helen Edwards
London Guildhall University	Maureen Castens
*The London Institute	Mary Auckland
London School of Economics	Jean Sykes
Loughborough University	Mary Morley
University of Luton	Tim Stone
University of Manchester	Chris Hunt
Manchester Metropolitan University	Colin Harris
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	Agnes Neligan
Middlesex University	William Marsterson
Napier University	Chris Pinder
National Library of Ireland	Brendan O'Donoghue
National Library of Scotland	Ian McGowan
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative</b> (at 31 December)
National Library of Wales	Andrew Green

Natural History Museum	Ray Lester
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	Thomas Graham
University of North London	Roy Williams
University College Northampton	Hilary Johnson
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	Ian Winkworth
University of Nottingham	Robert Oldroyd
Nottingham Trent University	Liz Lines
Open University	Nicky Whitsed
University of Oxford	Reg Carr
Oxford Brookes University	Helen Workman
University of Paisley	Stuart James
University of Plymouth	Bob Sharpe
University of Portsmouth	Ian Bonar
Queen Mary and Westfield College	Brian Murphy
Queen's University of Belfast	Norman Russell
University of Reading	Sheila Corrall
Robert Gordon University	Elaine Dunphy
*Roehampton Institute	Sue Clegg
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Beatrice Doran
Royal Holloway, University of London	Sarah Gerrard
University of St Andrews	Neil Dumbleton
St George's Hospital Medical School	Susan Gove
University of Salford	Mark Clark
School of Advanced Study	Jules Winterton
School of Oriental and African Studies	Keith Webster
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative</b> (at 31 December)
Science Museum	Pauline Dingley

University of Sheffield	Michael Hannon
Sheffield Hallam University	Graham Bulpitt
South Bank University	John Akeroyd
*Southampton Institute	John Moore
University of Southampton	Mark Brown
Staffordshire University	Elizabeth Hart
University of Stirling	Peter Kemp
University of Strathclyde	Derek Law
University of Sunderland	Andrew McDonald
University of Surrey	Tom Crawshaw
University of Sussex	Deborah Shorley
University of Teesside	Ian Butchart
Thames Valley University	John Wolstenholme
Trinity College Dublin	William Simpson
University of Ulster	Nigel Macartney
UMIST	Mike Day
Victoria & Albert Museum	Douglas Dodds
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	Mike Hopkins
University of Wales, Bangor	Nigel Soane
University of Wales, Cardiff	Ken Roberts
University of Wales, College of Medicine	Steve Pritchard
University of Wales, Lampeter	Miriam Perrett
University of Wales, Swansea	Christopher West
University of Wales College, Newport	Janet Peters
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	Paul Riley
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative</b> (at 31 December)
University of Warwick	John Henshall
Wellcome Library for the History and	

Understanding of Medicine

University of the West of England, Bristol

University of Westminster

University of Wolverhampton

University of York

David Pearson

Ali Taylor

Suzanne Enright

Mary Heaney

Elizabeth Heaps

## Membership of Advisory Committees and Working Groups as at 31 December

- ◆ Chair/Convenor
- Secretary
- c Co-opted

### Buildings

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◆ Andrew McDonald | Colin Harris                |
| • Graham Bulpitt  | Howard Nicholson            |
| Philippa Dyson    | [Chair's nominee: Mike Day] |
| Suzanne Enright   | SCONUL Assistant Secretary  |

### Health Services

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ◆ Nicky Whitsed                 | Steve Pritchard                |
| • Susan Gove                    | c Angela Conyers (HCLRG)       |
| Beatrice Doran                  | c Liz Fairclough (UHSLG)       |
| Nicky Kershaw                   | c UHSLG Chair (Susan Howard)   |
| Bruce Madge (LINC Health Panel) | [Chair's nominee: Mary Heaney] |
| David Pearson                   | SCONUL Assistant Secretary     |

### Access to Information Systems and Services

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| ◆ Nick Smith                       | Christopher West                         |
| • Edward Oyston (Sheffield Hallam) | c Adam Edwards (HCLRG)                   |
| Mark Brown                         | c Elizabeth Heaps (Task Force on Access) |
| Mike Crump (British Library)       | [Chair's nominee: Tim Hobbs]             |
| Philippa Dolphin                   | SCONUL Assistant Secretary               |

### Performance Indicators

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| ◆ Ian Winkworth                        | C Jeremy Atkinson (WG on Quality Assurance) |
| • Maxine Melling                       | c Peter Brophy (Manchester Metropolitan)    |
| Geoffrey Ford (and as Chair's nominee) | c Angela Conyers (HCLRG)                    |
| Jacqueline Whiteside                   | c Stephen Town (Benchmarking)               |
| c Christine Abbott (CURL)              | SCONUL Secretary                            |

### SCONUL Publishing

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| ◆ Alasdair Paterson     | c Antony Brewerton         |
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Matthew Sparks (Glamorgan)  
SCONUL Assistant Secretary

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- Michael Breaks
- Paul Sheehan
- Malcolm Smith (British Library)
- Tim Stone

Helen Workman  
cGraham Cornish (IFLA)  
c Hazel Woodward (UK Serials Group)  
[Chair's nominee: Mary Morley]  
SCONUL Secretary

### **Staffing**

- ◆ Pat Noon
- Sue Clegg
- Nick Bevan (Birkbeck)
- Julia Munro (Reading)
- Anne Murray (Cambridge)

Margaret Oldroyd (De Montfort)  
Andrew Wale  
cJulie Parry (HCLRG)  
[Chair's nominee: Nicky Kershaw]  
SCONUL Secretary

### **Working Group on Quality Assurance**

- ◆ Jeremy Atkinson
- Michael Breaks
- Elizabeth Heaps
- Julie Howell
- Ann Mathie

Howard Nicholson  
Keith Webster  
Scott Robertson (HCLRG)  
Alison Ailken (UCISA)

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## List of abbreviations

AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administration
ARL	Association of Research Libraries (USA/Canada)
BLDSC	British Library Document Supply Centre
BLRIC	British Library Research and Innovation Centre
CURL	Consortium of University Research Libraries
HCLRG	HEFC Colleges Learning Resources Group
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEQC	Higher Education Quality Council
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
LISU	Library and Information Statistics Unit
NPO	National Preservation Office
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
UCISA	Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association
UHLSG	University Health Science Librarians' Group

## **SCONUL Representatives serving on other bodies** as at 31 December

Advisory Council on the Export of Works of Art	Reg Carr
Association for Manuscripts and Archives in Research Collections (AMARC)	Tim Hobbs
Association of Art Historians: Artists' Papers Register Sub-Committee	John Hall
British Academic Committee for Cooperation with Russian Archives (BACCRA)	Christine Thomas (British Library)
British Association for Canadian Studies	Kate Alderson-Smith (Leeds)
British Committee for Map Information and Catalogue Systems (BRICMICS)	SCONUL Secretary
British Library Advisory Council	Geoffrey Ford and Nicky Kershaw
British Library Consultative Group on Newspapers	Chris Hunt
British Standards Institution: Information and Documentation Technology Assembly (IDT/-)	SCONUL Secretary
British Standards Institution: Committee IDT/2/1	Paul McLaughlin (University of London)
British Standards Institution: Committee IDT/2 (Information and Documentation)	Geoffrey Ford
British Standards Institution: Committee IDT/2/15	Geoffrey Ford
British Standards Institution: IDT/2 Sub-Committee for Records Management	Anne Barrett (Imperial College)
Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accounting Committee on Public Library Statistics	Keith Webster
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals: University Libraries and Information Services Committee	SCONUL Secretary
Coordinating Council of Area Studies Associations	Helen Cordell (SOAS)
Department of Trade and Industry: Database Market Strategy Group	SCONUL Secretary
EU Project EDITEUR: Metadata Working Group	Ray Lester
European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations	SCONUL Secretary

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA): British National Committee and Committee of the Section on University Libraries and Other General Research Libraries	SCONUL Secretary
JANET (Joint Academic Network) User Group for Libraries	Alasdair Paterson
JIBS User Group	Alason Roberts (Edinburgh)
Library Association: Academic & Research Libraries Committee	Nik Pollard
Library Association: International Sub-Committee	Graham Bulpitt
LA/JCC Copyright Committee	Denis Heathcote
Library and Information Cooperation Council (LINC)	SCONUL Secretary Di Martin
LINC Health Panel	Vacancy
National Council on Archives	Tim Hobbs
National Council of Orientalist Library Resources	Helen Cordell (SOAS)
Share the Vision (Libraries)) Ltd Board	Andrew McDonald
Universities' Safety Association Topic Group on Manual Handling in Libraries	Ian Burn (Reading)

## Secretary's liaison work 2000

The Secretary contributed to the discussions of the following (one-off consultation meetings marked\*):

UK Department for Culture Media and Sport: Advisory group on 'Empowering the learning community'

UK Department of Trade and Industry: Copyright Directorate consultations on the EC Copyright Directive

Joint Information Systems Committee: Joint Cttee with the Publishers Association  
Electronic document delivery group  
National Electronic Site Licence Initiative  
Steering Group

Council of Academic and Professional Publishers/Council of University Booksellers joint group on student textbook purchasing

Educational Copyright Users Forum

European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations copyright group

European Commission: Testbed Implementation of the European Copyright Users Platform: Legal advisory group  
Presidency colloquium on the collective management of copyright, Évora, Portugal

European Fair Practice in Copyright Campaign

Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER): Executive Board

Library Association: Rare Books Group Committee (Chair)  
Subcommittee on Preservation

Library and Information Statistics Unit (Loughborough University) advisory committee

Heritage Lottery Fund\*

Information and Library Services National Training Organisation\*

Macmillan Publishers Ltd

National Preservation Office

Oxford University Press\*

Universities UK negotiating team (Copyright Licensing Agency)

In addition to informal meetings with members of the European Parliament, and with colleagues from the consultancy Acumen, the Association of University Administrators, the Consortium of University Research Libraries, the Council of Academic and Research Libraries (Canada), the Council of Australian University Libraries, the Council of New Zealand University Librarians, the Institute for Learning and Teaching, the Joint Information Systems Committee, the Libraries Partnership - West Midlands, the Library and Information Commission, the Library Association, the National Health Service, the National Museums Directors' Conference, Resource, Riksbibliotekstjenesten (Norway), the Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries, the UK government's Cabinet Office, and the Welsh Higher Education Libraries Forum.

## SCONUL view conveyed to other bodies

<i>Date</i>	<i>Addressee</i>	<i>Subject</i>
25 February	Neville MacKay Museums Libraries & Archives Council	The new Council ('subsequently named Resource')
29 February	Teresa Arnesen Copyright Directorate, The Patent Office	Possible changes to criminal provisions in intellectual property law
21 March	HE Sir Stephen Wall, Ambassador to the EU Copyright Directorate, The Patent Office	Common position of EC Copyright Directive
22 May	Catherine Tasca French Minister of Culture	French implementation of EC public lending directive (letter part of an EBLIDA campaign)
25 May	Mark Wood Chair of Resource	Empowering the learning community
8 June	François Coupry Société des Gens de Lettres de France	French implementation of EC public lending directive
13 June	John Fennell Home Office	Draft cybercrime convention
28 July	Ian McGowan National Library of Scotland	NLS Consultation paper ' A national library for the 21st century
4 September	Norma McDermott Am ChomhairleLebharlanna	Consultation paper 'Joining forces'
12 September	Stephen Green Heritage Lottery Fund	'Libraries and archives acquisitions policy'; and 'Modern archives policy' draft papers

12 September	Kim Howells Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs	EC Copyright Directive
21 September	Sir Brian Follett (written jointly by Chairs of SCONUL and UCISA)	Review of governance of JISC
2 October	Chris Smith Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport	EC Copyright Directive
2 October	Malcolm Wicks Minister Lifelong Learning	EC Copyright Directive
4 October	Roger Stratton-Smith Department for Culture, Media and Sport	'Empowering the learning community'
4 October	Malcolm Read JISC	JISC Strategy 2001-05
27 October	Michael Diamond Consultant on behalf of Resource	V&AMGC Purchase Grant Fund
14 November	Roger Knights Copyright Directorate, The Patent Office	World Intellectual Property Organisation Conference 7-20 December on audio-visual performances
1 December	Alexander Schaub EC Director-General for Competition	Harcourt Sale
22 December	Margaret Bloom Office of Fair Trading	Harcourt Sale
22 December	John Fingleton Irish Competition Authority	Harcourt Sale

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