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The Society of College,  
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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 higher education libraries for the benefit of the public.

## Members

SCONUL's members are drawn from the higher education institutions and the 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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## Chair's Introduction



In my second (and final) year as chair I am pleased to report on another year of achievements for SCONUL. It is my firm belief that we have built on the strong progress made last year in the areas of strategic thinking, engaging the membership in important issues, and influencing important external bodies.

The most significant achievements of all have been in the vital field of copyright. Not only did the months of lobbying done by SCONUL Secretary Toby Bainton and many individual SCONUL members over the European Copyright Directive result in May in an agreement which incorporated many of the clauses we had pressed for. But even more significantly, the long battle between Universities UK and the CLA over the terms of the licence agreement culminated in December in a Copyright Tribunal decision which has improved immeasurably the proposed terms for all member libraries and their institutions. The success of the HE side in this protracted disagreement owes much to the dedication and expertise of two SCONUL members, Toby Bainton and Denis Heathcote. The success of this initiative demonstrates the value of an organisation such as SCONUL for all its members and we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

2001 was also a year in which SCONUL consolidated its position as an organisation whose views are solicited and valued by external bodies across a range of complex issues. Examples are the HEFCE consultations on such major strategic issues as under-investment in research and teaching and the future requirements of HE estates and buildings. A small SCONUL Task Force produced an impressive guidance document for the e-University within a very short timescale and has kept communication going in difficult circumstances. We now have a SCONUL member on the HEFCE Space Management Group, which is a significant step forward. Much of the work done in influencing external bodies during 2001 was done in concert with our sister body, UCISA (Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association), with whom we have now forged a very close and mutually beneficial relationship.

Important work was done by a number of SCONUL Task Forces, notably the ones on Access and Distance Learning. Growing links are now being forged with our public library colleagues in support of the government's agenda on lifelong learning.

Perhaps most significantly of all was the fact that at the AGM in Glasgow in March we formally agreed to widen our membership to include higher education colleges and change our name to reflect this, and already by the time we next met – at the one-day Autumn conference in London – not only had more than 20 higher education colleges decided to become members but two of the speakers at the conference came from this new SCONUL constituency and demonstrated most ably the commonality of interests and purposes across the wider SCONUL spectrum.

It has been a great pleasure to preside over such an important and interesting year in SCONUL's history.

*Jean Sykes*

## Secretary's review of the year 2001



2001 was a year of truly fundamental change for SCONUL. At our AGM in Glasgow in April we changed our name to the Society of College, National and University Libraries (from the Standing Conference of National and University Libraries), in recognition of our recently transformed criteria for membership. Our membership rules are now hospitable to the UK's many institutions of higher education which are not designated as universities. These institutions are a vibrant group of increasing importance, and, because they are funded from exactly the same sources as universities, their exclusion from SCONUL was an anomaly that we have been pleased to rectify. Having made major constitutional changes we were rewarded in 2001 by 27 institutions deciding to join us. At a stroke we have become a more representative body for higher education libraries. Equally we recognise that becoming larger brings its own challenges in involving all members in our work, and in representing a wider range of institutional interests. In view of their large number, SCONUL's new members are listed this year at the beginning of the list of members.

### Strategy

Strategically we have reviewed our position in two ways. First we published at the beginning of the year [The SCONUL vision: the academic library in the year 2005](#). This brief but crucial document sets out our predictions for our members' future. Second, our own corporate strategy, which fits our 'vision', was revised at a short residential meeting in June, attended by our Executive Board and the officers of our advisory committees. The outcome, a revised [Strategic Plan](#), was approved at our EGM in November. Its main thrusts are to affirm the work of the Advisory Committees, to improve SCONUL's influence on the higher education funding councils, the [Joint Information Systems Committee](#), [Universities UK](#), and [Resource](#) (the Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries), and to improve our collaboration with [UCISA](#), [CURL](#), the [Society of Chief Librarians](#) and the new [Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals](#). The Executive Board advances the Strategic Plan at every meeting and has set up for the purpose two Task Forces: on Influencing Policymakers and on Self-Promotion.

### Major events

Policy issues culminated in a series of major events. Several years' lobbying for recognition of the needs of education and research in the European Copyright Directive were vindicated when the final text of the Directive, agreed in May, incorporated many of the terms we had pressed for. In this policy area we had worked with an informal alliance of associations with similar concerns, especially education and disability groups and learned academies. Less fortunately, our efforts alongside CURL and others to restrain the monopolies in scientific journal publishing were frustrated when the UK's Competition Commission allowed, by a narrow vote, the merger of Reed Elsevier plc with Harcourt General Inc. We had worked hard on the case in collecting evidence, making a written submission, and providing witnesses to appear in person for nearly three hours at a Commission hearing.

On this same policy issue SCONUL was one of four founders of [SPARC Europe](#), the European arm of the [Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition](#). With CURL, JISC and [LIBER](#) we agreed to support the formation of a new body, which was launched at the annual conference in London in July of LIBER.

The year ended well with a balanced decision from the Copyright Tribunal about the UK higher education photocopying licence. Universities UK had made a reference to the Tribunal on the grounds that the existing licence was poor value for money. SCONUL was one of the most active supporters of Universities UK, and several people from SCONUL libraries gave evidence in writing and during the hearing. In December the [Tribunal's interim decision](#) raised the price that universities should pay but swept away much of the burdensome bureaucracy required by some of the licence terms. This seemed a fair outcome which has been applauded by our members, many of whom are closely involved in the operation of the licence in their institutions.

### **New work**

It was also a year of new initiatives by SCONUL. We established a joint Task Force with the Society of Chief Librarians [of UK public library authorities] in order to facilitate the referral from public libraries to academic libraries of enquirers seeking specific information. This bore fruit in an outline policy agreed provisionally at our EGM in the autumn. With the aim of deeper collaboration we invited to our Board meeting in May the Chairs of the Society of Chief Librarians and of the National Museum Directors' Conference, and reciprocal invitations are being taken up. In the spring, we set up a task force on the e-University in order to give advice on information support for distance learners to the e-University's Operating Company, with whose representatives we had several meetings. Our paper on [information support for e-University](#) is available on our website. The report of our own task force on distance learners was published in December in two versions: [one for the benefit of library staff](#) and [one stressing the policy issues of learning support](#), for the benefit of senior university policymakers.

### **Our expert groups**

This account says virtually nothing of the vigorous work of all of [SCONUL's Advisory Committees](#), whose annual reports which follow show how our policy-shaping agenda and advisory work is being pursued in specific areas of interest.

### **Our advice in demand**

In conclusion, mention must be made of just some of the instances of SCONUL's advice being sought by important policymakers – early in the year we supplied statistics, with a commentary, to Sir Howard Newby, then Chair of Universities UK, for his appearance before the Education Subcommittee of the House of Commons. In September Karen Harbinson of HEFCE met our Chair and another Executive Board member to discuss buildings and estates, with the result that the Chair of our Advisory Committee on Buildings has joined HEFCE's Space Management Group. And in October our Chair and Secretary met Melanie Burdett of JM Consulting, the firm conducting a study for the higher education funding bodies, Universities UK, and the Office of Science and Technology on investment needs for research and teaching in science and arts and humanities. The efforts of the Executive Board, and the membership at large, to ensure that our expertise and opinion are brought to the attention of relevant national and international bodies have been marked by considerable success during the year.

*Toby Bainton*

## Reports of Advisory Committees and Working Group

### Buildings

- 1 Preparatory work was carried out for the SCONUL Library Design Award 2002, covering buildings completed between 1996 and 2000.
- 2 A draft SCONUL Briefing Paper on *Key qualities of library space*, was prepared for publication in 2002.
- 3 Members of the Committee continued to deal with enquiries from the SCONUL membership about building-related issues.
- 4 Andrew McDonald, Committee Chair, was invited to join the HEFCE Space Management Group.
- 5 The [SCONUL Library buildings database](#) was updated.

*Graham Bulpitt*

### Health Services

The committee met on 2 occasions during 2001 (May and November) under the new Chair, Nicky Whitsed. The Committee membership now reflects the diversity of the committee's remit spanning geographical location, further and higher education, and other key stakeholder groups including the NHS. It is hoped to establish links with CURL through existing Committee members who represent CURL Libraries, as CURL is known to be active at a strategic level in this area also.

The May meeting was preceded by a facilitated workshop, which considered the role and work of the committee within the context of other health groups. As a result of this meeting it was agreed that the committee should adopt as a focus the slogan *Making a difference*. It was agreed to review the Terms of Reference and emphasise the role of policy advice and advocacy and to address the issues of the UK's home countries, the English regions and the Republic of Ireland. The meeting also agreed to make changes to the way it works using the web site more effectively.

Because of the multiplicity of health information groups and the complexity of the NHS agenda a meeting with Chairs of key health information groups was held in June to review the overall health information agenda and to consider overlap of work. This meeting confirmed the need to work around policy and advocacy and confirmed the role of HELICON as the key strategic cross-sector body.

At its meeting in November the Committee agreed to undertake a broad intelligence gathering exercise prior to its next meeting in March 2002. This will further inform the draft Strategic Plan. A presentation on Knowledge Management in the NHS is also planned at this meeting.

*Nicky Whitsed*

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

The committee welcomed the report of the Task Force on Access for Distance Learners and expressed support for its recommendations, urging its dissemination across the wider academic environment.

Attention was given to new and recent legislation that affect access to information. It was agreed that further discussion and action would take place after the publication by JISC Assist of guidance on various pieces of information-related legislation.

Access for people with disabilities became an important new focus for the committee. The manager of the [CLAUDINE project](#) attended a committee meeting to describe its work and that of [CLAUD](#), a regional network of academic library services. The setting up of a task force was recommended to take forward this aspect of SCONUL activity.

The RSLP access strategy continued to be monitored, particularly in the context of access control systems.

The continuing expansion and success of the UK Libraries Plus scheme was followed with interest and commendation.

Members contributed individually to the Resource proposal to develop a standard for learning and access.

The committee received summaries of relevant issues considered by [UCISA's Networking Group](#).

Members decided not to proceed with a proposed briefing paper on the Z39.50 interoperability standard.

*Edward Oyston*

## **Performance Improvement**

The name, role and remit, and membership of the committee were reviewed and revised during the year, following the workshop in Glasgow. The committee has therefore had approval from SCONUL's Executive Board to change its name to Advisory Committee on Performance *Improvement* (from *Indicators*) and has welcomed a number of new members (above). The Committee's revised terms are available on the web site ([http://www.sconul.ac.uk/performance\\_ind/terms.htm](http://www.sconul.ac.uk/performance_ind/terms.htm)).

A significant revision to the SCONUL Statistics was carried out in response to a scoping survey commissioned in 2000 from Gordon Harris. As a result there was a reduction in the amount of data collected, with the removal of a large proportion of analytical questions. The Committee's aim is to provide guidelines and templates in order to assist members in using the core data in support of local needs and circumstances.

The Task Force on Information Skills held a workshop at the Spring SCONUL Conference in order to identify specific measures to use in the management and improvement of information skills. A report on this workshop was published in the SCONUL Newsletter (22, Spring 2001, pp22-24). This was followed up by a more detailed exercise at the University of Southampton, with the results of both events

being presented by Stephen Town at the 4th Northumbria International Conference on Library and Information Service Performance Measurement in Pittsburgh. Further testing and validation has been arranged at a series of regional workshops in December 2001.

The Working Group on User satisfaction completed its work with the publication of "Measuring user satisfaction: a practical guide", by Christopher West and with the production of a questionnaire template which has been made available to members via the SCONUL web site. A survey carried out in October 2001 on the SCONUL e-mail list received 12 positive responses from members who have used the template. Members reported that a number of amendments have been made in order to address local circumstances. In line with the committee's intention to provide guidelines on the use of different tools and to facilitate networking between members the report of this survey has been placed on the committee's web site.

The *SCONUL Benchmarking Manual*, edited by Stephen Town, was published in 2000 and distributed to members early in 2001. The Manual was the result of work carried out by a range of colleagues in pilots in 2000. The lis-sconul e-mail survey, carried out in October 2001, indicates interest in the use of benchmarking and a positive response to the provision of the manual. However, take up of the manual to date has been limited. Again, a list of those involved in the pilots has been posted on the committee's web site to facilitate networking amongst those interested in pursuing this approach.

In addition to the individual titles noted above, the Committee continued with its regular publications, including the *Higher education library management statistics* (HELMS), *SCONUL Annual library statistics* and *SCONUL Library statistics: trend analysis*.

The committee continued to liaise with UCISA, benefiting greatly from Martin Price's attendance as a co-opted member of the committee. The committee also continued to develop links with the American Research Libraries group, with particular reference to the possibility of piloting LibQual+ in the UK. It is hoped that research into the relevance of this tool, and its possible adaptation to meet UK needs, will be carried out in 2002.

*Geoffrey Ford*  
*Maxine Melling*

### **Scholarly Communication**

The work of the Advisory Committee during this year has concentrated on (a) awareness-raising amongst members by the provision of information, and (b) seeking to provide information which might be of use in shaping further scholarly communication developments.

The first of these was maintained throughout the year by the production for all SCONUL institutions of a *Digest on Scholarly Communication*, issued by e-mail at regular two-monthly intervals, and this seems to have been highly-valued. In addition, SCONUL sponsored, jointly with CURL and JISC, a visit to the UK by representatives of SPARC. As a result of this initiative, a European arm of SPARC has been set up. The text of a UK version of the *Create change* advocacy leaflet has been written by Fred Friend, and LISU (the Library and Information Statistics Unit at Loughborough

University) was contracted to provide information on serial price increases; the resulting leaflet is available to all SCONUL members. Information about the International Coalition of Library Consortia has been made available to members as a further contribution to this strand of activity. The Committee also sponsored, along with ALPSP, a seminar on *Publishers and Libraries: working together*, at which the Chair spoke on the higher education perspective on current developments.

Within the second strand, the Committee has considered developments in the area of journal publication, focusing on the impact of publisher mergers. Information was provided for a SCONUL submission to the Competition Commission's review of the merger between Elsevier Science and Harcourt-General, and subsequently for the submission to the Director General of Fair Trading's consideration of the need for a review of the science, technical and medical serials market. It has also considered the report of the consultation on criteria for journals selected for the UK's Distributed National Electronic Resource, business models for such materials, and the issues of content negotiation and subscription management. Where appropriate, views on these have been submitted to the JISC Journals Working Group. The Committee has also begun to investigate the growing use of e-books and their possible impact on scholarly communication.

*Tom Graham*

## **Staffing**

### *Events and courses*

A rather mixed bag of successful and not so successful activities this year. Our traditional event for library training officers, Training Together 7, has still not materialised but we now have a project leader to try and deliver an event in spring 2002. The UCISA joint venture on project management has not materialised either. The hitherto highly-regarded 'Managing for Strategic Change' did run, attracting a full cohort of 24 delegates and a waiting list. Sadly the event was far from successful on this occasion with some serious problems in the first module. This was rectified to some extent in the second module but is now the subject of debate to consider the future of this kind of activity.

We did continue to support both 'Making Management Work' and 'Introduction to Management' including leading a session at the latter, and we continue to explore the need for an event to bring together a wider range of Deputy Librarians but have not yet reached any conclusion.

### *The SCONUL Award*

The SCONUL Award for 2000 was presented to Claire Barnes (Abertay) for her project to evaluate the cross-sectoral impact of training in the Tayside library co-operative TAFLIN. Her excellent report has now been received by the Committee. The decision to continue with the Award at the level of £1000 has been enormously successful with nine applications for this year's Award, all of which appear to be of very good quality.

### *Other activities*

We have taken an active role in discussing the future of the postgraduate vocational awards (formerly bursaries) with the Arts and Humanities Research Board. The Chair

and Martin Myhill from the University of Exeter attended a consultation day and made a number of forceful points that were supported by the library schools. This has been followed up by representations from the Secretary and Martin.

The HIMSS (Hybrid Information Management: Skills for Senior Staff) Project has been active and both the Chair and Secretary have attended meetings as well as the workshop to devise a suitable analysis tool for the project

Ideas for two new SCONUL Working Papers are progressing: one is to gather together collections of staff development policies from institutions and the other to update the staff structure charts publications. Part of the discussion was around how feasible it would be to produce a genuinely online version of either of these. 'How to organise a staff development event' is also being revised and a new edition was issued at the end of the year.

A great deal of work has been done on the web pages by Jackie Skinner (Reading) who kindly volunteered to manage them for the committee. We are now exploring ways in which we can make the most effective use of the pages to support SCONUL members.

*Pat Noon*

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

In 2001, the work of the joint SCONUL/UCISA Group was again dominated by the need to monitor and respond to Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) developments. Two major responses were made to HEFCE consultations: 'Quality assurance in higher education' (HEFCE 01/45) and 'Information on quality and standards of teaching and learning' (HEFCE 01/66). Close liaison of the Group with QAA was rewarded with QAA agreement to use a new version of the SCONUL/UCISA document 'Aide memoire for reviewers evaluating learning resources' in the training of reviewers for subject reviews taking place in Scotland.

'A guide to good practice for learning resources for teacher education' was finalised and initial discussions on matters of common interest were held with the Institute for Learning and Teaching. Some initial discussions also took place with the SCONUL Advisory Committee on Performance Improvement on providing examples of best practice for the external evaluation of library and ICT services, and Bill Simpson of CONUL attended a meeting of the Group to share experiences of the UK and Irish approaches to quality assurance.

Major improvements were made to the Group pages on the SCONUL web site and updates on quality developments were provided for SCONUL and UCISA members.

*Jeremy Atkinson*

## **Obituary**

John Matthews, Director of Information Services, Trinity and All Saints College, died on 20 June 2001

## **Retirements**

The following Representatives retired during the year:

David Bradbury (The British Library)

David Russon (The British Library)

Malcolm Stevenson (University of Bradford)

Andrew Wale (University of Glasgow)

Ian Winkworth (University of Northumbria at Newcastle)

## **Member institutions 2001** (new members in first sequence)

<b>Institution</b> (joined in 2001)	<b>Representative</b> (at 31 December)
Arts Institute at Bournemouth	Julia Waite
Bath Spa University College	Julie Parry
Bishop Grosseteste College	Chris Child
Canterbury Christ Church University College	Angela Conyers
The Central School of Speech and Drama	Adam Edwards
Chester College	Christine Stockton
University College Chichester	Terry Hanson
Edge Hill	Sue Roberts
Falmouth College of Arts	Anne George
Kent Institute of Art & Design	Vanessa Crane
King Alfred's College	David Farley
Newman College	Janice Bell
Northern College of Contemporary Dance	Samantha King
Queen Margaret University College	Penny Aitken
Rose Bruford College	John Collis
Royal College of Art	Peter Hassell
Royal College of Nursing	Jackie Lord
Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama	Gordon Hunt
College of St Mark and St John	Frank Clements
St Martin's College	David Brown
St Mary's College	Máire Lanigan
School of Pharmacy, University of London	Linda Lisgarten
The Surrey Institute of Art & Design	Marion Wilks
Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Tony Lamb
Trinity and All Saints College	
University College Worcester	Anne Hannaford
York St John College	Tony Chalcraft

<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, London	Philippa Dolphin
University of Birmingham	Michele Shoebridge
Bolton Institute	Karen Senior
Bournemouth University	David Ball
University of Bradford	John Horton
University of Brighton	Martyn Hayden
University of Bristol	Geoffrey Ford
BFI National Library	Ray Templeton
The British Library	Lynne Brindley Natalie Ceeney Clive Field
Brunel University	Louis Lee
University of Buckingham	Joan Holah
Buckinghamshire University College	Lizanne Thackery
University of Cambridge	Peter Fox
Cardiff University	Ken Roberts
University of Central England in Birmingham	Judith Andrews
University of Central Lancashire	Kevin Ellard
City University	Brendan Casey
University College, Cork	John FitzGerald
Coventry University	Pat Noon
Cranfield University	Hazel Woodward
De Montfort University	Kathryn Arnold

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative (at 31 December)</b>
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
Glasgow University	Christine Bailey
Glasgow Caledonian University	Flora Smith
University of Gloucestershire	Ann Mathie
Goldsmiths College	Joan Pateman
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, London	Clare Jenkins
Institute of Education, University of London	Stephen Pickles
University of Keele	Allan Foster
University of Kent at Canterbury	Margaret Coutts
King's College, London	Anne Bell
Kingston University	Nik Pollard
University of Lancaster	Jacqueline Whiteside

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative (at 31 December)</b>
University of Leeds	Jan Wilkinson
Leeds Metropolitan University	Philip Payne
University of Leicester	Tim Hobbs
University of Limerick	John Lancaster
University of Lincoln	Philippa Dyson
Liverpool John Moores University	Maxine Melling
University of Liverpool	Frances Thomson
London Business School	Helen Edwards
London Guildhall University	Maureen Castens
The London Institute	Mary Auckland
London School of Economics	Jean Sykes
University of London Library	Emma Robinson
University College London	Fred Friend
Loughborough University	Mary Morley
University of Luton	Tim Stone
Manchester Metropolitan University	Colin Harris
University of Manchester	Chris Hunt
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	Agnes Neligan
Middlesex University	William Marsterson
Napier University	Chris Pinder
National Art Library	Douglas Dodds
National Library of Ireland	Brendan O'Donoghue
National Library of Scotland	Ian McGowan
National Library of Wales	Andrew Green
Natural History Museum	Ray Lester
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	Tom Graham
University of North London	Roy Williams
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative (at 31 December)</b>

University College Northampton	Hilary Johnson
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	Jane Core
University of Nottingham	Robert Oldroyd
Nottingham Trent University	Liz Lines
Open University	Nicky Whitsed
Oxford Brookes University	Helen Workman
University of Oxford	Reg Carr
University of Paisley	Stuart James
University of Plymouth	Bob Sharpe
University of Portsmouth	Ian Bonar
Queen Mary, University of London	Brian Murphy
Queen's University, Belfast	Norman Russell
University of Reading	Julia Munro
Robert Gordon University	Elaine Dunphy
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	Margaret Duncan
School of Advanced Study, University of London	Jules Winterton
School of Oriental and African Studies	Keith Webster
Science Museum Library	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	Liz Hart
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Representative (at 31 December)</b>

University of Stirling	Peter Kemp
University of Strathclyde	Keith Davis
University of Sunderland	Andrew McDonald
University of Surrey	Tom Crawshaw
University of Surrey Roehampton	Sue Clegg
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
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	Mike Hopkins
University of Wales, Bangor	Nigel Soane
University of Wales, Lampeter	Miriam Perrett
University of Wales, College of Medicine	Steve Pritchard
University of Wales, Swansea	Christopher West
University of Wales College, Newport	Janet Peters
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	Paul Riley
University of Warwick	John Henshall
Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine	David Pearson
University of Westminster	Suzanne Enright
University of the West of England, Bristol	Ali Taylor
University of Wolverhampton	Mary Heaney
University of York	Elizabeth Heaps

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

- ◆ Chair/Convenor
- Secretary

## Advisory Committees

### Access to Information Systems and Services

- ◆ Nick Smith
- Edward Oyston (Sheffield Hallam)
- Mark Brown
- Patricia Chapman (British Library)
- Karen Senior
- Ali Taylor
- Adam Edwards
- Elizabeth Heaps
- [Chair's nominee: Suzanne Enright]
- SCONUL Assistant Secretary

### Buildings

- ◆ Andrew McDonald
- Graham Bulpitt
- Philippa Dyson
- Suzanne Enright (and as Chair's nominee)
- Colin Harris
- Di Martin
- Ian Mowat
- Howard Nicholson
- SCONUL Assistant Secretary

### Health Services

- ◆ Nicky Whitsed
- John Van Loo (Sheffield)
- Sheila Cannell (Edinburgh)
- Angela Conyers
- Beatrice Doran
- Susan Gove
- Helen MacFarlane (Northumbria)
- Steve Pritchard
- c Liz Fairclough (UHSLG)
- c UMSLG Chair (Linda Dorrington)
- c Bruce Madge (HELICON)
- [Chair's nominee: Mary Heaney]
- SCONUL Assistant Secretary

### Performance Improvement

- ◆ Maxine Melling
- Chris West
- Angela Conyers
- Stephen Town (Cranfield)
- Keith Webster
- Jacqueline Whiteside
- c Clare Creaser (LISU)
- c Martin Price (UCISA)
- SCONUL Secretary

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SCONUL Assistant Secretary

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SCONUL Assistant Secretary

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- ◆ Tom Graham
- Frederick Friend  
Paul Ayris (University College London)  
Michael Breaks  
Paul Sheehan

Tim Stone  
Helen Workman (and as Chair's nominee)  
Hazel Woodward  
SCONUL Secretary

## **Staffing**

- ◆ Pat Noon
- Julia Munro  
Nick Bevan (Birkbeck)  
Christine Fyfe (Warwick)  
Anne Murray (Cambridge)

Margaret Oldroyd (De Montfort)  
Julie Parry  
[Chair's nominee: Mike Day]  
SCONUL Assistant Secretary

## **Working Groups**

### **Quality Assurance**

- ◆ Jeremy Atkinson  
Michael Breaks  
Elizabeth Heaps  
Julie Howell

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Advisory Council on the Export of Works of Art	Reg Carr
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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	Chris Senior (Leeds)
British Committee for Map Information and Catalogue Systems (BRICMICS)	Anne Taylor
British Library Advisory Council	Jean Sykes and Nicky Kershaw
British Library Consultative Group on Newspapers	Chris Hunt
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
Coordinating Council of Area Studies Associations	Alan Biggins (Institute of Latin American Studies)
Department of Trade and Industry: Database Market Strategy Group	SCONUL Secretary
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	Liz Stevenson (Edinburgh)
Libraries and Archives Copyright Alliance	Denis Heathcote SCONUL Secretary
Library Association: Academic & Research Libraries Committee	Nik Pollard
Library Association: International Sub-Committee	Graham Bulpitt
Library and Information Cooperation Council (LINC)	Di Martin SCONUL Secretary
Library and Information Research Group	Maxine Melling
LINC Health Panel (renamed Helicon)	Nicky Whitsed
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National Council on Archives	Tim Hobbs
National Council of Orientalist Library Resources	Keith Webster
Public Service Quality Group: Working Group on a Standard for Archival Access	Tim Hobbs
Share the Vision (Libraries) Ltd Board	Andrew McDonald
UCISA Executive Board	Mary Heaney
UCISA-TLIG	Janet Peters
Universities' Safety Association Topic Group on Manual Handling in Libraries	Ian Burn (Reading)
Universities UK: University Libraries and Information Services Committee	SCONUL Secretary

## Secretary's liaison work 2001

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

Arts and Humanities Research Board - \*seminar on arts and humanities and ICT

Association of Heads of University Administration - \*liaison meeting

Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers \*seminar: Publishers and libraries working together

British Library Cooperation and Partnership Programme: \*Selection Panel

British Library/Higher Education Task Force - Performance Indicators project management group

Canadian Association of Research Libraries - liaison meetings with Executive Director

Competition Commission - \*hearing on merger between Reed Elsevier Plc and Harcourt General Inc

Consortium of National and University Libraries

Copyright Directorate (Patent Office) \*Collective Management of Copyright consultation

Department of Culture, Media and Sport - British Library review\*  
- Empowering the learning community consultation and conference

Department for Education and Skills - \*Consultancy on copyright in education

EBLIDA Copyright Group

European Fair Practice in Copyright Campaign

HCLRG \*final conference

HEFCE - Research Support Libraries Group \*consultation

IFLA annual conference

ISNTO - \*informal consultation meeting on the future of ISNTO

IWI (Wetenschappelijke Informatievoorziening) \*International conference on copyright and universities

JISC - EASY (electronic article supply) project group  
- Journals Working Group  
- PALS (Publishing and Library Solutions) Group  
- PELICAN Project Advisory Board (Chair)

Kingston University: consultancy on academic copyrights

LIBER Executive Board (General Secretary)

Loughborough University: Advisory Committee for LISU (Library & Information Statistics Unit) and \*Scenario planning seminar

Manchester Computing: MIMAS steering group

National Preservation Office - \*Seminar on the future of the NPO  
- Preservation Administrators' Panel

Office of Fair Trading\*

RESCOLINC – librarians of Research Council libraries

SASLIC (Surrey and Sussex Libraries in Cooperation) \*lecture

Ticer International Summer School on the Electronic Library \*lecture

UCISA Management conference

UK Libraries Plus steering group

University of Brighton, School of Information Management (two lectures)

WATCH (Writers and Artists and Their Copyright Holders) project advisory group  
(chaired meeting)

## SCONUL view conveyed to other bodies

<i>Date</i>	<i>Addressee</i>	<i>Subject</i>
1 March	Anthony Murphy Copyright Directorate, The Patent Office	EC Copyright Directive, Article 5(2)(c): Council of Ministers Meeting, 7 March 2001
9 March	Anne Jolly Reference Secretary, Competition Commission	Objecting to the proposed acquisition of Harcourt General Inc. by Reed Elsevier Plc.
10 April	Teresa Arnesen Copyright Directorate, The Patent Office	Consultation paper on Copyright and visually impaired people
11 June	Geoff Smith Information Security Policy Group, Communications and Information Industries Directorate, Department of Trade and Industry	Consultation on the EU Electronic Signatures Directive
28 June	Sue Wilkinson Senior Adviser: Learning, Access and Audience Development, Resource	Empowering the learning community
27 June	Dr Richard Smith-Bingham Policy and Research Officer, Heritage Lottery Fund	The horizons of heritage
8 August	Roger Knights and Brian Simpson Assistant Directors of Copyright, The Patent Office	Implementation in the UK of the 'Copyright Directive' (Directive 2001/29/EC of 22 May 2001)
9 August	Melanie Johnson Minister for Competition, Consumers and Markets, Department of Trade and Industry	Intellectual Property Advisory Committee

3 September	Barbara Powell Competition Policy Division, Office of Fair Trading	Encouraging investigation into the journals market
12 September	Lynne Brindley Chief Executive, The British Library	New strategic directions: SCONUL's response
13 September	Professor Sir Brian Follett Chair, Research Libraries Strategy Group	Research Support Libraries Group – Call for Evidence
5 October	Martin Johnson Quality Assurance Agency	Quality assurance in higher education: Proposals for consultation
15 November	Sue Wilkinson Senior Adviser: Learning, Access and Audience Development, Resource	Inspiring learning: a framework for access and learning in museums, archives and libraries

*Copies of these letters are available from the SCONUL office.*

## List of abbreviations

AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administration
ARL	Association of Research Libraries (USA/Canada)
CURL	Consortium of University Research Libraries
EBLIDA	European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Association
HCLRG	HEFC Colleges Learning Resources Group
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HELICON	Health Libraries and Information Confederation
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee (of the UK higher education funding councils)
LIBER	Ligue des Bibliothèques Européenes de Recherche
LISU	Library and Information Statistics Unit (Loughborough University)
NPO	National Preservation Office
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
SPARC	Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
UCISA	Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association
UHLSG	University Health Science Librarians' Group