News

Date for diaries: SCONUL AGM and members meeting, 26 June
SCONUL will be holding its AGM and members meeting on Monday 26 June, 2 - 4pm, via Zoom. Further details will be available in due course.

New SCONUL Deputy Director and Team Administrator
SCONUL is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa McLaren as our new Deputy Director. Lisa will already be known to many of our members and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the SCONUL team, having had more than twenty years' experience in the sector in academic, health, public and school libraries. Lisa was most recently Head of Library Services at Solent University and prior to that worked as Academic Services Manager at the University of Sussex. Her interests include open research, leadership in libraries and staff development. Lisa will be starting on 25 April and will be working closely with the Board, the Executive Director and the rest of the SCONUL team to deliver the new SCONUL strategy, including representing the sector with our stakeholders, working with colleagues on the development of projects and programmes and development of our core services. We are also joined by a new team administrator, Anita Ape, who comes to us from Harrow Council where she was a business officer. Anita joined us in March and takes over from Jenelle Negraeff who has taken on the new role of SCONUL Project Manager. Read more

HEA Fellowship support
SCONUL will be producing a register of those offering support (behind the SCONUL member login) to be available to SCONUL members applying for fellowships. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We would now like to check with the wider SCONUL community if there are any other volunteers to:

- share any resources or links you feel may be helpful to include in an open resource bank for library colleagues applying for fellowships. Please do send these to jenelle.negraeff@sconul.ac.uk or ann.rossiter@sconul.ac.uk.
- offer one-to-one support to a member of library staff applying for the fellowship you have successfully completed.

This will be available by 1 May so please do let us know by 24 April.

SCONUL Technology Survey update
Led by the Technology and Markets Strategy Group, SCONUL is developing a survey of our members' use of current and emerging technologies across their library services which will be run biannually. The survey will help SCONUL and its members identify areas of library activity in which there is a lack of competition or poor performance; evaluate potential suppliers; and identify emerging areas of library activity and the existing or emerging technologies being employed to meet these. Last month we undertook beta testing and will be moving to a full pilot later this month. Many thanks to the members who kindly volunteered to take part in this pilot and we will be sharing the outcomes with the membership in the next few months. For further information, please contact Ann Rossiter at ann.rossiter@sconul.ac.uk.

Unsub National Agreement 2023-2026
Jisc will shortly be announcing the new Unsub National Agreement for 2023-26. This Jisc and SCONUL negotiated agreement offers all UK universities, research institutions and affiliate members access to both a local version of the Unsub product and national, consortium level analysis where Jisc is working with the sector to undertake national negotiations. Read more

Rights Retention Strategies
The development of rights retentions policies is a growing area of interest for SCONUL members and we have made a set of resources available on our website at https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/rights-retention-strategies (Please note you will need to login to access this webpage. If you need a login

please email sconul@sconul.ac.uk). These include the recording of the community webinar held earlier in the year to share information on recent developments which heard from institutions which have successfully introduced such policies.

University of Cambridge Rights Retention: Self Archiving Policy

Following a year long pilot, University of Cambridge have formally approved a Self-Archiving Policy incorporating rights retention which will be in effect from 1 April 2023. This policy uses rights retention and automatically covers research students and staff employed directly by the University (with an opt-out available), as well as enabling researchers employed through the Cambridge Colleges to participate on an opt-in basis. Read more

Updates from our peer organisations:

1. Academic Libraries North https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk/
2. CONUL https://conul.ie/news/
3. LIBER https://libereurope.eu/news/
4. M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries https://www.m25lib.ac.uk/about-the-consortium/newsletter-archive/
5. Mercian Collaboration https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/news
6. RLUK https://www.rluk.ac.uk/rluk-bulletin/
7. SCURL https://www.scurl.ac.uk/news
8. ucisa https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/News-and-Views
9. WHELF https://whelf.ac.uk/

Appointments and job opportunities

If you have moved to a new role or institution or have any senior job opportunities that you would like us to include, please e-mail SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk.

Vacancy: Metadata Librarian, University of Westminster

The Content and Digital Service team within the library at the University of Westminster is recruiting for a Metadata Librarian. The postholder will, take responsibility for the ongoing effectiveness of the metadata across all the library platforms; the catalogue in the library management system Alma, the online reading list system and our retrieval system Primo. They must also have a good knowledge of e-book and e-resource cataloguing. **Closing date 10 April** Read more

Vacancy: Library Manager: User Services & Engagement, Technological University Dublin

Based at either the Blanchardstown or Tallaght campus, the Library Manager: User Services & Engagement will lead Client & Faculty Services' cross-University user services team and be responsible for the operational management of library buildings and other informal learning spaces, incorporating User Experience (UX) and Universal Access principles into the design of library spaces and services. The successful candidate will lead Library Services' communications and marketing team, and lead on event management and the development of community engagement activities. **Closing date 11 April** Read more

Vacancy: Library Manager: Teaching & Learning, Technological University Dublin

Based at either the Blanchardstown or Tallaght campus, the Library Manager: Teaching & Learning will lead Client & Faculty Services' cross-University teaching and learning team and the Faculty Liaison Librarian team to align with the University's Education Model the integration of information and digital literacies into academic programmes. The successful candidate will lead on the inclusion of Universal Design for Learning; Equality, Diversity and Inclusion; and Sustainability principles in any information and digital literacies programmes, together with the inclusion of digital technologies and Open Access/Open Research in support of learning and teaching activities. **Closing date 11 April** Read more

Vacancy: Innovator Librarian, Technological University Dublin

Based in one of TU Dublin's campuses at Grangegorman, Blanchardstown or Tallaght, the Innovator Librarian will be a member of the cross-University Digital Services team which maintains and develops the suite of information management systems in Library Services' digital infrastructure while actively

horizon scanning and monitoring technology trends with a view to developing technologies to enhance service provision and support for learning, teaching and research activities. The Innovator Librarian will work to ensure discoverability of library resources in all formats, work with colleagues to build an integrated framework for library systems, maintain a high degree of awareness of developments in library and educational digital systems and software, while ensuring the digital services adhere to Access and Universal Design principles. **Closing date 11 April** Read more

Vacancy: Research Publications Analyst, University of Bath
University of Bath are seeking to appoint a Research Publications Analyst to support its researchers in achieving the aims of their University Research Strategy. Reporting directly to the Head of Library Research Services, the post holder will lead the Library Research Analytics team in this activity by harnessing bibliometric and analytical tools to map and benchmark the range and quality of the University's research and collaborations. **Closing date 11 April** Read more

Vacancy: Head of Digital Scholarship & Innovation, University of Southampton
University of Southampton is seeking a Head of Digital Scholarship. The post holder will lead and manage a small team and work in partnership with researchers, educators and students to develop and support digital activities across all faculties and subjects. They will take the lead for web-based innovations and help to ensure that all digital platforms, objects and pathways are accessible. The Head of Digital Scholarship will be part of the Management Team within Library and Learning, helping to set the overall direction of services as well as playing a role in wider University and sector initiatives. **Closing date 11 April** Read more

Vacancy: Digital Services and Content Developer, University of Sunderland
The University of Sunderland is seeking to appoint a Digital Services and Content Developer. This position is in University Library Services within the Library Collections and E Resources Team, a group of staff expert in their area and focused on the delivery of high quality content and service. Using excellent communication and interpersonal skills the post holder will engage and work collaboratively with library users and wider stakeholders across the University. They will lead on the successful development, promotion and discovery of library digital services and content, identifying patterns of engagement, completing usability research and leading projects to understand and achieve the digital needs of University library communities. **Closing date 12 April** Read more

Vacancy: Deputy Director of Library and Learning Services, University of Southampton
The University of Southampton is seeking to appoint a new Deputy Director of Library and Learning Services. This is a key role, leading the development of engagement strategy for the Library. The role holder will have responsibility for creatively developing a broad portfolio of service areas, in line with ambitious objectives. The engagement day and interviews will be held on 24 April. **Closing date 13 April** Read more

Vacancy: Assistant Director - Digital Library, University of Glasgow
University of Glasgow are recruiting for an Assistant Director – Digital Library. The post holder will lead the strategic development of the University's Digital Library (DL) services and activities, with particular emphasis in the areas of open access/research, institutional repositories, digital preservation and research data management. **Closing date 18 April** Read more

Events

If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please e-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

AI for Information Governance in Microsoft 365, 5 April

UKeiG CPD Workshop: Artificial intelligence for information professionals, 13 April

UKSG Annual Conference and Exhibition, Glasgow, 13-15 April

Westminster Legal Policy Forum: Next steps for intellectual property in the UK, 18 April

Wonkhe: The avalanche is here - HE and the AI revolution, 19 April

LILAC: The Information Literacy Conference, Cambridge, 19-21 April

Artificial Intelligence: Where does it fit into your library strategy?, Sheffield, 20 April

UCL Open Science Conference, 24 April

AI and Machine Learning Symposium – Hybrid, Edinburgh, 25 April

Open Science & AI: a UK policy discussion, London, 25 April

Towards a National Collection Conference. London, 26 April

SWRLS/CILIPSW: User Experience Research and Design, Bristol, 2 May

Call for contributions: University of Edinburgh Open Research Conference 2023, 15-17 May

ARLG DARTS Conference, Dartington, 24-25 May

CONUL Conference 2023, Cork, 24-25 May

NAG Collection Development Seminar, London, 25 May

CILIPS Annual Conference 2023, Dundee, 5-6 June

UXLibs7 2023, Brighton, 6-8 June

Westminster HE Forum: Next steps for the Research Excellence Framework, 16 June

Call for papers: Academic Libraries North Conference 2023, 21 June (via Teams) and 22 June (Leeds)

15th International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries (LibPMC), 11-13 July

Open Science (OAI13) Conference, 4-8 September