

News

SCONUL Summer Conference and AGM 2017

SCONUL is pleased to announce that its conference will be held from the evening of Monday 5 June until Wednesday 7 June in Newcastle at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead. Keynote speakers include Professor Judith Petts, Vice Chancellor, Plymouth University and Alistair Jarvis, Deputy Chief Executive, Universities UK. Further details will be available shortly.

SCONUL announces library leadership research

SCONUL has commissioned research intended to challenge new and existing library leaders to reflect upon their strategic impact and influence. Professor David Baker and Alison Allden OBE have been commissioned to explore two interconnected aspects of leadership; the characteristics required to lead the academic library in uncertain times and a "View from Above" examining perspectives on the library leader's role within the broader organisation based on a set of interviews with strategic leaders outside the library. Both of these strands will be underpinned by a literature review. [Read more](#)

SCONUL Focus 68

The latest issue of SCONUL Focus, our regular publication for academic library professionals, is now available online. This issue showcases the work of a diverse range of institutions and approaches to learning in the library, with a particular focus on opportunities for librarians to support the teaching and learning agendas within Higher Education. There is also the opportunity to find out more about all of the libraries shortlisted for the recent SCONUL Library Design Awards, in a series of inspiring profiles. You can read the issue in its entirety here: <https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/focus-68>

The National Bibliographic Knowledgebase

Jisc and OCLC have announced a partnership to build a new shared service that will aggregate academic bibliographic data at scale, improving library collection management and resource discovery for students and researchers. The National Bibliographic Knowledgebase, originally proposed in Jisc's National Monograph Strategy, will support the learning and research needs of the UK higher education community. The vision is to extend the capabilities of the current Copac service by investing in technology that can ingest diverse library data at higher speed and greater volume. The new service will enable a shift in the way that libraries manage their print and digital collections and in the ways that people access those resources. [Read more](#)

Collecting Drivers for Higher Education Institutions with Archives and Unique and Distinctive Collections

A report jointly commissioned by RLUK and TNA has been published. The report presents the findings of research into the nature of archive material held in higher education institutions; the rationale for its collection; and how it is used to contribute to institutional missions, aims and objectives. The outcomes from the research will serve to inform future support for the higher education archive sector in the areas of advocacy, collaboration and information-sharing. [Read more](#)

Jisc appoints new trustees

Jisc have appointed three new people to their Board. Professor Liz Barnes, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive at Staffordshire University; Susan Bowen, Vice-President and General Manager at Cogeco Peer 1; and Rob McWilliam (previously Vice-President of Consumables at Amazon UK). [Read more](#)

CILIP Leaders Network

CILIP is proposing to change its membership structure. If accepted, the proposal will come into being in January 2018. It includes a new Leaders' Network which will be open to anyone and is inclusive of all the benefits of membership. [Read more](#)

Travelling Librarian Award

The Travelling Librarian Award, jointly sponsored by the English Speaking Union (ESU) and CILIP, offers the opportunity for an adventurous UK library and information professional (who is a CILIP personal member) to explore a professional theme or challenge through a study tour of library and related institutions in the USA or a Commonwealth country. The successful applicant will receive an award of £3000 to undertake their proposed study tour with other practical help in regard to accommodation and introductions being available as well. [Read more](#)

The Information Literacy Awards

The Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC) and CILIP Information Literacy Group are inviting nominations for the 2017 Information Literacy Awards – the UK's most prestigious awards in this field. **The Information Literacy Award** recognises an outstanding contribution from an information literacy practitioner or researcher. **The Credo Digital Award for Information Literacy** recognises a digital resource, programme or service which made a significant impact in 2016. **The Student Award** is the award for newly qualifying professionals and consists of LILAC conference registration, travel and accommodation expenses for two students registered on a UK study programme. The awards will be presented at LILAC 2017 in Swansea on 11 April. [Read more](#)

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.

Appointment: University of Lincoln

As part of the development of small number of strategic academic roles across the University of Lincoln, Ian Snowley has taken on the new role of Dean of Student Learning Development alongside his responsibilities as University Librarian.

Appointment: Ravensbourne

Naomi Elliott has been appointed Head of Learning Resources at Ravensbourne

Appointment: Teesside University

From 1 March Liz Jolly, Director, Library and Information Services, will take up the new role of Director of Student and Library Services at Teesside University.

Events

A calendar of events for HE library directors in the UK, Ireland, and abroad is published on the SCONUL website. The dates of important internal and external meetings are also captured on the calendar. If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please email sconul@sconul.ac.uk. [Read more](#)

Webcast 1: Crossing Paths: An Introduction to the Intersections, 3 March 15.00hrs

RLUK Conference 2017: The future of research, London, 8-10 March

Jisc Digifest 2017, Birmingham, 14-15 March

Open Science Conference 2017, Berlin, 21-22 March

Research Excellence & Publishing – Open Access, Data, Copyright Impact, London, 3 April

8th OpenAIRE workshop: Legal issues in Open Research Data, Barcelona 4 April

Webcast: Creating Learning Experiences at the Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy, 4 April 15.00hrs

Annual UKSG Conference and Exhibition, Harrogate, 10-12 April

LILAC 2017, Swansea, 10-12 April

LEARN Final Conference, Managing the Data Deluge: roles and responsibilities for your institution, London, 5 May

Webcast: Talking Points: Strategies for Building Collaborative Partnerships at the Intersections, 5 May 15.00hrs

A new vision for the future of public libraries: progress, strategy, innovation and collaboration, London, 18 May

9th International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries, Limerick, 23-26 May

CONUL annual conference, Athlone, 30-31 May

SCONUL annual conference and AGM 2017, Newcastle, 5-7 June

UXLibs III, Glasgow, 6-7 June

Next Library® Festival, Aarhus, Denmark, 11-14 June

6th Information, Interactions and Impact (i3) conference, Aberdeen, 27-30 June

LFHE: Leadership and the art of being brilliant, London, 29 June

LIBER Annual Conference, Greece, 5-7 July

AMOSSHE national conference 2017, Brighton, 5-7 July

12th International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries, Oxford, 31 July-2 August

ALPSP 10th Annual Conference and Awards, The Netherlands, 13-15 September

DCDC17: The Cultural Value of Collections and the Creative Economy, Salford Quays, 27-29 November