

JIBS User Group AGM 25 February 2013

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1. Welcome

Fiona Bowtell, Chair, welcomed people to the 2013 AGM.

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

These were approved as a correct record.

3. Chair's report

The Chair thanked everyone present for attending. Pressure of time on committee members had been especially acute this year, but the importance of the work of JIBS was more and more relevant in our liaison with publishers, stretched budgets and rising student expectations. The committee is also keen to include all types of digital content (not databases alone as originally), and that our remit should cover anything.

In 2012 JIBS was very pleased to start a new enhancement group with ProQuest, covering all types of content. The Chair sought expressions of interest for anyone wanting to take part in the JIBS liaison activity. There is interest in forming a new group in conjunction with Edina to fill the gap left by the closure of the GeoSpatial special interest group.

The JIBS Committee met three times since the last AGM. The April meeting was held with Eduserv at the University of the West of England, and the September meeting was at Edina's offices in Edinburgh with Peter Burnhill and other Edina staff. Two events have been very successful, besides today's. In February 2012, JIBS events were "Back to the future and into the cloud" (<http://www.jibs.ac.uk/events/workshops/cloud/programme.htm>) and "Demystifying research data: don't be scared, be prepared" with RLUK (<http://www.jibs.ac.uk/events/workshops/RDM/programme.htm>).

The Chair ended her report with the news on the JIBS Student Prize which has been awarded to Rachel Hussey, an MSc student in the Department of Information Science at the University of Sheffield. Her dissertation was entitled "The impact of knowledge exports from librarianship and information science: investigating cross-disciplinary citations", where she set out to "investigate the influence of librarianship and information science (LIS) exports, and the extent to which import-export studies in LIS can be enhanced by incorporating the measure of journal impact factor (IF)". The Chair applauded Rachel Hussey on a truly outstanding and highly relevant contribution to this area.

4. Treasurer's report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's report was given by the Vice-Chair Louise Cole.

It was reported that income is up slightly on 2011-2012. Events income is partly responsible, but also JIBS membership has risen slightly. JIBS is still awaiting reimbursal from RLUK for costs incurred running the joint JIBS-RLUK July 2012 event which when received will improve the bank balance.

Running costs, especially for events, are increasing. The Treasurer on behalf of JIBS User Group proposed that the membership fee be increased to £100 from the start of the next membership year (January 2014).

FE membership has dwindled to almost none. To address this, the Treasurer proposed an incentivised membership rate to attract new FE members of £50. This will be extended to new FE members joining during 2013 and 2014 (although the rate is a joining rate, those joining now will be charged the full membership rate on renewal).

Both proposals - to increase the membership fee to £100 from January 2014, and the discounted new members fee for FE institutions – were approved.

5. Membership of Committee

Re-election of the existing committee members with officer roles were approved (Fiona Bowtell - chair, Louise Cole - vice chair, June Hedges - treasurer, James Caudwell - secretary, and Yvonne Cotton - website).

The Chair reported that Sue Cumberpatch (University of York) and the previous JIBS Chair has stepped down from JIBS. Sue will continue as an advisor until her retirement. The Chair thanked Sue for her exceptional contribution to the work JIBS has done over the last 10 years. Catherine Robertson (Birmingham University) will chair the new ProQuest enhancement group, but is stepping back from the committee to be an advisor. Liz Higgs (FE representative) has resigned due to a change in circumstances. In her place, Stephen Harvey (Hertford Regional College) will be the new FE representative on JIBS.

The Chair sought expressions of interest for members to put themselves forward for the committee as there are now 2 vacancies on the committee.

The chair registered thanks to those who have left the committee since the last AGM.

The AGM was declared closed.