

## ShERIF User Group Committee Meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

via Microsoft Teams

**In Attendance:** Elaine Mulholland (Chair), Adam Edwards, Jane Cooke, Nicola Tricker, Michelle Walker, Suzanne Davies, Ceri Clark, Adam Robinson

		NOTES	ACTION
1.	<b>Apologies for absence –</b>	Amanda Parker, Klara Finnimore	
2.	<b>Arrivals and departures – to include Enhancement Groups:</b>	Klara Finnimore has announced she is stepping down from the committee. Caroline Gale from Exeter to be considered to replace this role.	
3.	<b>Minutes of the last ordinary meeting</b>	Nicola approved the minutes from the last meeting.	
4.	<b>Matters arising</b>	None.	
5.	<b>Reports on liaison activity</b>		
5.1	<b>JISC Content Expert Group (CEG) (previously the Content Collections Strategy Group (JCCSG))</b>	Jane is due to attend a meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> October.  Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elsevier</b> - ‘read and publish deal’ still being negotiated with JISC. A new proposal has been submitted by Elsevier and will be submitted to Library Directors for consideration shortly.</li> <li>• <b>Unsub</b> – is being found to be useful for institutions when reviewing read and publish deals.</li> <li>• <b>JISC</b> are establishing a new group – the Learning Content Expert Group aimed at focussing on content such as eTextbooks. Agreed representation from sheriff will be required on this group in order to maintain visibility and relevancy to the sector.</li> </ul>	
5.2	<b>EDINA</b> – Elaine Mulholland –	No report	
5.3	<b>Eduserv</b> – Nicola Tricker	Nicola to find out the contact at Eduserv following Jenny’s departure.	NT

5.4	Research Councils – Ceri Clarke	No report	
5.5	FE: Amanda Parker	No report	
6.	Reports on enhancement groups		
		Discussed asking the Chairs of each group to attend Committee meetings to provide their feedback to provide context to their notes and encourage engagement.	EM
6.1	BSOL – Vacant Chair	No report	
6.2	IHS / CIS – Vacant Chair	No report	
6.3	EBSCO – Kath Halfpenny	No report	
6.4	Ovid – Delyth Morris <a href="mailto:MorrisD13@cardiff.ac.uk">MorrisD13@cardiff.ac.uk</a>	No report	
6.5	Proquest – Adam Edwards	Report attached – discussed the preference to continue to meet online as it is more convenient for members, easier to organise and has no associated expenses.	
6.6	Scopus – Elizabeth McHugh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>Draft</b> version of the Scopus meeting minutes (May 2021) were received</li> <li>• <i>These are <b>draft</b> and have yet to be reviewed and approved by Elsevier</i></li> </ul>	
6.7	Web of Science – sherif rep (Ceri Clarke)	No report – discussed issues with contacts emails bouncing back and identified that Ross Macintyre has stepped down. A new email address was provided for Norma Williams. Elaine to reach out to Norma and re-establish communication.	EM
7.	sherif Prize – Volunteers	Adam Edwards, Adam Robinson and Nicola Tricker have volunteered to be judges. Klara Finnimore has also volunteered, Elaine to discuss.  Agreed submission deadline: <b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	EM
8.	AGM feedback / Summer Event:	Feedback responses for the AGM/June events were positive. Breakout rooms in particular were very popular.  Ideas suggested for future events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Access</li> <li>• EBook / ETextbooks</li> </ul> Agreed changes in the sector in regards to	

		<p>eBook licencing is topical and there are several groups (JISC/Sconul/eBookSOS) all striving to encourage publishers to make changes to their current licencing models. Discussed the possibility of gathering speakers from each of these groups to present their work and update the community. A panel discussion with all of the speakers would be useful for members to engage directly and provide an opportunity to have a wider discussion.</p> <p>Elaine to contact Caren Milloy at JISC. Adam Robinson to contact Caroline Ball.</p>	EM/AR
9.	<b>Event Planning</b>	<p>Agreed February event should be held online in line with other JISC/UKSG events. CILIP has offered a month cancellation option if required. Many institutions have placed a freeze on expenses and online would be easier and more convenient for members. Also a danger that the winter months may have restrictions reinforced by the Government.</p> <p>Identified the w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Feb for the AGM.</p> <p>Discussed options for holding the June event at CILIP. Elaine will send out a poll to ask members would prefer an online or in person experience.</p> <p>Identified the w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June for the summer event.</p>	EM
10.	<b>Changes to the constitution:</b>	None.	
11.	<b>Treasurer's Update:</b> Jane Cooke	<p>Report attached. 97 subscriptions This is lower than last year (107).</p> <p>Definite cancellations for 20/21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Hull</li> <li>• University of Essex</li> <li>• University of Bristol</li> <li>• National Art Library</li> <li>• St Andrews</li> </ul>	
12	<b>Mailing Lists:</b> Michelle Walker	<p>A few emails have been bouncing back from the Jisc lists. Many departures over the last 12 months.</p> <p>MW has provided statistics.</p>	

<b>13.</b>	<b>Membership costs 2022:</b> Adam Robinson	Agreed the membership fee should be maintained at £105.	
<b>14</b>	<b>Date and place of next Meeting</b>	Doodle poll to be circulated – agreed the meeting will be held early November.	EM
<b>15</b>	<b>AOB</b>	None.	

## JISCMail Statistics:

<b>List</b>	<b>Members</b> 25 March 2021	<b>Subscribers</b> <b>joining</b> 25 March 2021- 8 Sept 2021	<b>Leavers</b> 25 March 2021- 8 Sept 2021	<b>No of posts</b> 25 March 2021- 8 Sept 2021
LIS-SHERIF- ADVISORS	9	0	0	2
LIS-SHERIF- CTTE	10	0	0	83
LIS-SHERIF- USERS	301	6	24	59

### Treasurer's Report – Jane Cooke

#### Bank

Current account: £160.68  
Instant access account: £37,989.69  
Total: £38,150.37

*\*Figures recorded 13.09.2021*

#### Subscriptions

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### Sherif Proquest Enhancement Group – Adam Edwards

## Sherif Proquest Enhancement Group report for September 2021 meeting

The group continues to meet via Teams very effectively and I would expect us to continue to do so long term as it is very time efficient and avoids the global warming if people come over from the USA. We last met on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and will meet again in December. I am very happy to help other EG chairs with how this works, if that would be useful.

#### Clarivate and Proquest

The biggest issue of the meeting was of course the takeover of Proquest by Clarivate and because of legal issues we have been asked to use this statement in response to the question about RefWorks and EndNote:

- Legal restrictions require that Clarivate and ProQuest operate as separate, independent businesses until the purchase is signed and closed. We expect that sometime in Q3. We do understand that Clarivate's current intention is to continue to offer both products to the market so that our customers will be able to use the tools that they feel comfortable using. In the future, and following closing, Clarivate may consider integrating EndNote and RefWorks, to harness the best parts of each product, but nothing has been decided at this point.
- For the same reasons already noted, ProQuest and Clarivate have not discussed plans for staffing or any changes to customer support. However, Clarivate confirmed, "We will continue to provide the exceptional quality, client service, and support customers expect from us."

### **EBook Central and Partners**

An issue resolved has been a way forward to allow Proquest eBook Central to be shared to Joint and Franchised partners in the same way as for journal databases. This is very helpful to Universities with many partners, like Middlesex.

The minutes of the meeting and slides from Proquest are available on the sherif website:

<http://www.sherif.ac.uk/proquest.html>