

Sherif User Group AGM 28th February 2023

AGENDA

In Attendance: Adam Robinson (Chair), Elaine Mulholland, Susan Abbott (Web Editor), Nicola Tricker, Michelle Walker

Apologies: Jane Cooke (Treasurer), Karen Ball

1. Welcome from the chair
2. Chair's report
3. Enhancement User Groups and Liaison Activity
4. Treasurer's report
5. Sherif prize

Minutes

1. Welcome from the chair

Adam Robinson welcomed everyone to the 2023 AGM and thanked them for attending. A review of the programme of the event was given. (Appendix 1)

2. The Chair's Report:

Review of 2022

The information and research services industry is an ever evolving area and sherif continues to work to feedback the experience of the sector and liaise with providers to improve services. Sherif also holds events to share knowledge, best practice and discuss issues as a community. Sherif is completely independent, and the Committee and Enhancement Groups are made up of volunteers within the membership from across the sector. Sherif is a non-profit organisation and without the support of the membership and the hard work of the Committee and Enhancement Groups this work would not be possible. Thank you to everyone in the membership.

Sherif hosted two events in 2022:

The first event was held in February: Licensed 2 Death: a new hope for eBook licensing which focused on efforts within the sector to address the limitations of eBook licensing.

The second event was held in June; Open Educational Resources: a viable solution? which explored the implications of the burgeoning OER area.

Both sessions were well-attended and received positive feedback. More information about these events is available on the sherif website.

Seven Committee meetings were held since the AGM last year, in March, May, August, September, October, December and January

The minutes of these meetings have been uploaded to the sherif website: <http://www.sherif.ac.uk/>

There have been multiple changes to the Sherif Committee in 2022. Elaine Mulholland has come to the end of her term as Chair but will remain on the Committee. Adam thanked Elaine for her time and effort steering the Committee throughout her tenure. Adam Robinson has stepped into the role of Chair and resigned his position as Secretary. Adam Edwards resigned as Vice Chair and this position is currently vacant. Suzanne Davies resigned her post as Web Editor and Susan Abbott has taken up the position.

There are currently two committee vacancies:

- Vice Chair
- Secretary

Expressions of interest to join the committee in these roles to be sent to info@sherif.ac.uk

The appointment of Adam Robinson to the role of Chair for sherif was supported and ratified by the committee, as was Suzanne Abbott to the role of Web Editor. Jane Cooke was successfully re-elected as Treasurer.

3. User Groups and Liaison activity

Adam Robinson highlighted the work sherif does to maintain an independent role and presence on influential Enhancement Groups including ProQuest, JISC Content Collections Content Strategy Group and Scopus.

Sherif is inviting members to get involved in these groups and suggest new areas for activity. There are several vacant chairs that members are needed to fill.

Suggestions for new groups are also welcome, for example there is an open seat on the UKRI Open Access Policy Stakeholder Forum, which would be of particular relevance to this events theme.

If anyone is interested in taking part in one of these groups, please contact a committee member or reach out to info@sherif.ac.uk.

Full details of the groups and minutes from all of the groups and meetings are on our web site: <http://www.sherif.ac.uk/>

4. Treasurer's Report

In Jane Cooke's absence Adam Robinson presented the Treasurer's report. There are currently 80 members of sherif at the time of the AGM 2023. All of them are Higher Education Institutions.

Sherif has a healthy account balance due to the savings gained through virtual meetings and events (Appendix 2). The money saved will be invested into developing a new website with enhanced features and functionality for the membership.

5. sherif prize

Sherif offers an annual prize to a library school dissertation in the area of library information systems, bibliographic databases or other electronic technologies and how such resources or technologies are being developed or exploited.

This year (2022) the prize is awarded to Catherine Drewry (UCL) for her dissertation: *An analysis of the Coronavirus Infectious Disease Ontology as a gold standard for ontology development in biomedicine.*

(Appendix 3) The panel felt Catherine delivered a well-researched and informative dissertation. It was a complex topic, but had a clear methodology that was well executed with a good evidence base. Furthermore, it was felt that her dissertation gave further insight into developing a gold standard for ontologies in the biomedical area.

The sherif prize is £300, which is provided by the membership fees. Thank you again to the membership for allowing sherif to help and support the students embarking on a career in information services.

Projects must meet a list of criteria and library schools are invited to nominate projects which fulfil the criteria. Previous winners are on our website:

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

Appendix 1 Event/AGM Programme

Programme

Read and Publish – when will we be transformed?

13:00 – 13:10	Welcome and Outline of the Afternoon
13:10 – 13:25	AGM
13:25 - 13:40	sherif student prize winner, Catherine <u>Drewry</u> (UCL)
13:40 - 14:00	Emma Butler, University of Derby
14:00 - 14:20	Kath Halfpenny and Catherine McManamon, University of Liverpool
14:20 – 14:40	Break
14:40 – 15:00	Helen Dobson, JISC
15:00 – 15:30	Julie Baldwin and Paul Cavanagh, University of Nottingham
15:30 - 15:50	Plenary Session

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Appendix 2

Treasurer's Summary Report 2021-22

Treasurer's Report

- Current membership - 80 HE institutions
- Bank balance £49,642.47

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2020-2021	2020-2021	Change	%
	£	£	£	£	%	#DIV/0!
Balance at start of year		40,584.79				
Income						
Membership fees (by BACS) - no charges	6,512.00		8,250.00		17.7%	
Membership fees (by PayPal) - fees charged	3,202.00		2,837.00		12.9%	
Workshop fees (non-members; extra places) - no charges	0.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Workshop fees (non-members; extra places) via PayPal - fees charged	320.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Account Interest	135.84		0.00		#DIV/0!	
PayPal charges refunds	0.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Transfers(Reserve)	1,480.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Other						
Total income		11,659.84		12,380.44	-5.8%	
Subtotal		52,644.63		38,927.48	35.2%	
Expenditure						
Committee expenses	0.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Website expenses	0.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Stationery costs (incl leaflet updating)	0.00		0.00		#DIV/0!	
Workshop expenses (incl venue hire, speaker expenses)	0.00		2,196.82		-100.0%	
Administrator expenses (Finance, Workshop + Auditor fee)	850.00		300.00		5.6%	
Student Prize (incl. travel for winner to AGM)	300.00		300.00		0.0%	
Bank charges	72.00		72.00		0.0%	
PayPal fees (net)	110.16		89.58		23.0%	
Transfers(Current)	1,490.00				#DIV/0!	
Other expenditure (Workshop Refund)	80.00					
Total expenditure		3,002.16		3,558.40	-10.6%	
Accumulated Income less Expenditure		49,642.47		40,984.79		21.1%
Reserve account starting balance 31.10.2021		39,224.69				
Paypal receipts not yet transferred 31.10.21		1,617.42				
Current account starting balance 31.10.2021		142.68				
Reserve account final balance on 31.10.22		48,925.19				
Paypal receipts not yet transferred 31.10.22		408.80				
Current account final balance on 31.10.22		310.88				
		49,642.47		0.00		

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Appendix 3

Sherif prize winner (2022) and dissertation title:

sherif Prize

Catherine Drewry (UCL)

**An analysis of the Coronavirus Infectious Disease Ontology as
a gold standard for ontology development in biomedicine**

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