Library Collaboration: International and National

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International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL)

IATUL

- Established 1955
- 150 members from 43 countries
- Institutions with doctoral programmes in science/engineering
- Member is the Library Director
- Annual Conference (Chania 1999)
- General Assembly and Elected Board
- *www.iatul.org*

IATUL CONFERENCES

- 2006 Porto, Portugal
  - *Embedding libraries into learning and research*
- 2007 Stockholm, Sweden
- *Global Access to Science*
  - scientific communication
  - open access
  - institutional repositories
  - role of libraries in this new environment
- 2008 Auckland, New Zealand
  - *Digital Discovery*
- Travel Grants

IATUL Activities

- Networking/Sharing Experiences
- Mailing list
- Cross-Country Collaboration
  - Staff Exchanges
  - User Education
  - Service Monitoring
  - Evaluation of services and benchmarking
  - Preservation of library materials
- Conference presentation
- Quality Management Group

UK Higher Education

- 55m population
- 125 Universities
  - Varied missions
- 50% participation (18/21)
- National Libraries
  - British Library
  - National Library of Scotland
  - National Library of Wales

SCONUL (Society of College, National and University Libraries)

promotes excellence in library services in higher education and national libraries across the UK and Ireland

- 'Hot Topics'
  - Communications and Marketing
  - E-learning
  - E-research
  - Information Literacy
  - Performance Improvement/Quality Management
  - Scholarly Communications
  - Space Management (Library Design Awards)
- Annual Conference
- Mutual Access and 'Walk-in' Access

SCONUL 'TOP CONCERNS'

- Funding and Financial Management
- Policy and Strategy
- Buildings and Space
- E-environment
- Access to Services
- Institutional Issues
- Human Resources
- IT
- Management Issues
- Quality Issues

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- 15 Strands and 59 Projects (20 survive)
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  - Project orientation, including evaluation and assessment;
  - Risk management
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"With eLib, almost every higher education Library was able to touch excellence."

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Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC)

to provide world-class leadership in the innovative use of ICT to support education and research

- JANET Network
- E-Learning
- E-Research
- E-Resources (National deals)
- E-Administration
- Access Management
- Information Environment
- Knowledge Transfer

UKOLN

Centre of expertise in digital information management, providing advice and services to the library, information, education and cultural heritage communities

- Dublin Core
- Web Focus
- Interoperability
- Public libraries/Museums Digitisation
- Institutional Repositories
- Web 2.0
- Ariadne Web Magazine (www.ariadne.ac.uk)

Research Information Network

To lead and co-ordinate new developments in the collaborative provision of research information for the benefit of researchers in the UK

- Researchers' Use and Perception of Libraries

- Discovery Services

- Collaborative Collection Management

- Economics of Scholarly Communication

- Research Data Publication

- Subject Case Studies based on log analysis

UK Research Reserve

*Collaborative and sustainable approach to securing the long term retention, storage and access to low-use **printed** research journals*

- National Strategy for Retention
- Make more accessible
- 17km of low-use journals identified
- Minimum of 3 copies to be retained
- Space re-use
- British Library lending copy
- SCONUL Coordination
- Extended to books?

Digital Curation Centre

National focus for research and development into curation of all research outputs in digital format

- Context is e-Research
- Working with Disciplines
- Identifying issues
    - Annotations
    - Citations
    - Data Integration and Publication
    - Permanent Preservation/Access
- Awareness Raising

INTUTE

Free online service providing access to the very best Web resources

- 120,000 evaluated resources
  - Arts and Humanities
  - Social Sciences
  - Science, Engineering and Technology
  - Health and Life Sciences
- Assessed by librarians
- Amalgamation of e-Lib subject gateways
- Virtual Training Suite

SCURL
(Scotland)

- All Scottish Universities and National Library
- Sub-groups
  - Access
  - Health Group
  - 'Special Needs'
  - Preservation
  - E-Licensing
- Collaborative Store
- Institutional Repository
- Shared Preservation
- Submissions and Responses
- Scottish Digital Library Consortium

What makes collaboration work?

- Have a need

- Shared vision of the outcome

- Positive attitudes, compromise and trust

- Communication

- Resources

"Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success."

Henry Ford

16th Panhellenic Academic
Libraries Conference

Thank You

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