



Chartered Institute of Library  
and Information Professionals  
in Ireland

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

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## **Annual Report CILIP Ireland 2010**

### ***Committee 2010***

***Chair*** Adrienne Adair  
(Northern Ireland Library Authority) From June 2010

***Executive Officer*** Elga Logue BLS MCLIP  
(CILIP Ireland Executive Officer)

***Honorary Treasurer*** Laura Brown Dip Lib, MCLIP  
(Northern Ireland Library Authority)

### ***Committee Members***

Heather Anderson  
(University of Ulster)  
Gerardine Berryman  
(Northern Ireland Assembly)  
Ann Cowdrey B.Sc (Econ), PGCE, ATCL  
(Bangor Grammar School)  
Christine Gallagher  
(Northern Ireland Library Authority)  
Lynda Given (ACLIP)  
(Northern Ireland Library Authority)  
Claire Smith MSc  
(Northern Ireland Assembly)

### ***Groups and other Representatives***

Alex McIlroy, BSc (Hons), MLIS, MCLIP  
(Queen's University, Belfast)  
Career Development Group  
and CILIP Ireland Website Editor

### ***CILIP HQ Liaison Officer***

Guy Daines  
Director, Policy and Advocacy, CILIP

***Report for the Committee for the year ended 31st December 2010***

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting,

To the members of CILIP Ireland. The Branch Committee submits herewith its report and financial summary for 2010.

***Membership***

The membership of the Branch in 2010 (31 December) was 230. Of these 7 are affiliated members.

***Annual General Meeting***

Members' Day was held on Wednesday 31st March 2010 in Ulidia Resource Centre, Belfast.

***Committee Meetings***

The Committee met four times during the year.

Guy Daines acted as CILIP Liaison Officer.

## *Programme*

### *Annual Joint Conference 2010*

On Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 April 2010, the Annual Joint Conference between the Library Association of Ireland and CILIP Ireland took place in the Maldrón Hotel, Tallaght, South Dublin. The theme was **Smart Libraries**. A total of 109 delegates from all over the island of Ireland, from the UK and from a wide range of library services, attended along with eleven trade exhibitors. Ash from the Icelandic volcano prevented two speakers and another ten delegates who had booked from attending. The *raison d'être* for the conference was outlined by Siobhán Fitzpatrick, President of the Library Association of Ireland, in her introduction to the conference brochure where she noted that in these pressing times we need to operate to the optimum, to be efficient and effective and to communicate smartly with our users, our parent bodies and our funding agencies. We need to think smart, work smart and communicate smartly. These ideas were echoed by Elga Logue of CILIP Ireland who stated in her introduction that the current recession was forcing all of us to look at smarter ways in which to deliver cost-effective and efficient library services that still advocate quality.

Mr. John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government who officially opened the conference, spoke of his support for libraries. In his address, he noted that Einstein once commented that 'in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity' and that we could therefore say that library authorities are now confronted with unprecedented opportunities in the midst of the current economic difficulties. He added that today, when the requirement for the skills and knowledge to participate fully in an information society is more necessary than ever, libraries have a central role in ensuring that the public has access to resources they need throughout their lives.

The wide conference programme addressed the challenges and opportunities outlined by the Minister, by providing a forum for thought-provoking papers on communications, the ways in which we engage with the various media and how we might use these more advantageously. In addition, the conference sought to update the delegates on smart collaborative, cost-effective access models which benefit the public at little cost to the exchequer.

### *CILIP Ireland News*

CILIP Ireland's newsletter, CILIP Ireland News, continued its publication with a special summer edition devoted to the Annual Joint Conference, Members' Day, Deep Web Searching course and the Northern Ireland Book Award.

## ***CILIP Ireland Members' Day***

CILIP Ireland began practically addressing the discussion surrounding “Defining Our Professional Future” at its Members’ Day, which took place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Ulidia Resource Centre, Belfast and at which both the CILIP President, Bidy Fisher, and the Career Development Group President, Jon Scown, stressed, so passionately, the importance of “**Not Only Talking but Acting**” and “**The Benefits of Professional Activism.**”

This topic was further developed through the distribution and completion of the online questionnaire which has, by its very nature, prompted essential open communication and is addressing three key themes which are, in many ways, driving this discussion: What will the Knowledge and Information domain look like in 2020? Where will a professional association fit into this domain? and How will you engage with this professional association? The crucial aspect will be to examine the findings and recommendations which “Defining Our Professional Future” will produce and then practically implement recommendations to ensure that CILIP, as a professional body, does precisely what the CILIP President’s presentation clearly advocated – “Not Only Talking but Acting.”

## ***Deep Web Searching***

A full-day course entitled Deep Web Searching took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Regional Training Unit, Belfast. The course concentrated on introducing the ‘Deep Web’ and basic ‘Web 2.0’ concepts and participants were introduced to Wiki and Blogging software. There was plenty of time for delegates to gain practical experience of the sites and methods of searching. The course also offered suggestions for keeping up with Deep Web and Web 2.0 resources, and the beginning of Web 3.0 (the Semantic Web).

The course was delivered by Paula Younger, Library Manager at North Somerset Healthcare Library and was very successful due to its extremely practical “hands on” element. Representatives from a wide cross section of library sectors attended.

## ***PTEG Mentoring Workshop 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010, Belfast Central Library.***

A Mentoring course took place on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in the Training Room, Central Library, Belfast. The CILIP Framework of Qualifications has four levels of qualification – ACLIP, MCLIP, Revalidation and FCLIP. The regulations for Chartership candidates (MCLIP), state that working with a mentor is compulsory. Six Chartered librarians attended, including one from Dublin and one from Cork. The course facilitator was Carol Brooks, co-ordinator for the PTEG Mentor Support Network. Mentoring in general was discussed and how it applies within the CILIP framework in particular. The day was a combination of presentations designed to inform attendees and small-group work to build confidence. Attendees had opportunities to act as mentor, mentee and observer and there were exercises to help identify learning styles. This was a useful reminder that, in addition to the key skills of active listening, questioning and giving feedback, it is important for a mentor to take the candidate’s learning style into account. The morning session ended with the advice that mentors are there to enable, encourage and enthuse.

The afternoon session concentrated on the CILIP scheme and covered the benefits of the mentoring scheme; setting up a mentoring agreement; advising candidates about how to approach development plans and portfolios and finally, an indication of some of the issues that can arise during the process. Further information is available at:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/jobs-careers/qualifications/cilip-qualifications/mentor-scheme/pages/default.aspx>

## **Reports from Representatives**

### *Career Development Group*

2010 proved to be a packed year in terms of visits held and developments on the Committee. On the whole, the Northern Ireland Division of the Career Development Group continued to raise awareness of matters of interest to the local Library and Information Science community through visits and LINK, the divisional newsletter.

The Committee ran a number of very interesting visits and provided a varied calendar throughout the year. The first half of the year included visits to The McClay Library, Queen's University Belfast, the Bar Library and a much anticipated repeat visit to the BBC Information and Archives Department, Belfast. The latter provided an opportunity to see round a facility that is completely different to a lot of workplaces; in terms of set-up, material covered and the organisation of such material. Following on from the well attended visits of the first half of the year, the Autumn/Winter calendar provided an opportunity to view the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Library in September – again a facility that many of the attendees knew little about before visiting and which was enhanced by being able to talk to the conservators working on the project. The Autumn/Winter calendar continued with a visit to the library and archives in the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum complex including the UFTM Library, BBC Community Archive and Sound Archive.

In liaison with CILIP in London, the Career Development Group continued to support those candidates registered for Chartership. The Candidate Support Officer (CSO) provided advice and support to registration candidates, helping and encouraging them to make the final push towards submission of their report/portfolio. During 2010, the CSO continued to hold informal gatherings, allowing candidates to meet in a relaxed setting and discuss items of concern to them. However as with previous years, the CSO continued to deal with general enquiries about CILIP's Framework of Qualifications; including accreditation and revalidation.

LINK, the divisional newsletter, produced three issues during 2010. As well as the commentary on our visits, there have been other interesting reports on a wide variety of topics including the Digital Film Archive by Emma Thorpe (Archive Development Officer), an historical account of the complexities of setting up a library for Sixmilecross by June Jordan, and a report by Eva Hornung on embarking on a part-time PhD in library and information science. The Autumn 2010 issue was thematic based on New Professionals. Our New Professional Support Officers, Elaine Mulholland and Seána McAuley pulled the idea together and the issue was co-ordinated by LINK Editor Lorna Reid. This tied together nicely with another committee member Bronagh McCrudden winning Best Paper at the New Professionals Conference during 2010.

The divisional webpages continued to be co-ordinated by Website Officer, Heather Anderson. Heather did a great job of looking after and maintaining the information on the website despite ongoing problems with the software behind the scenes.

The Committee also gained three new members during 2010 – Bronagh McCrudden, Leona Burgess and Tatyana Malinova. They bring enthusiasm, new ideas and a different perspective to the activities of the Career Development Group. In conjunction with Heather, they have set up a presence on Facebook for the Division, providing another way to reach our audience.

As a final note, the Career Development Group would like to thank all those people who make our visits, events and LINK possible – without people willing to give up their time to either show people round, spend time talking to groups or writing about experiences for LINK, the role of the Career Development Group would be much harder to fulfil. Likewise, we would like to thank all those who showed an interest in or were able to attend visits organised by the group. We would ask that you continue to show your support by attending those events arranged, and if you have an idea for a course/visit, please let one of the Committee members know.

### **CILIP Ireland Financial Summary 2010**

<b>INCOME</b>	
CILIP capitation	£1223.00
Courses	£819.00
VAT	£24.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,066.06</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Bursaries UU	£3,926.25
Members' Day	£413.00
Administration	£627.47
Newsletter	£120.00
Courses	£426.35
VAT	£98.36
Bank Charges	£108.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,720.39</b>

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
Income	£2,066.06
Expenditure	£5,720.39
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>£13,187.32</b>