



The Aerospace and Defence Librarians Group (ADLG) is a CILIP Special Interest Group which brings together information staff working in a wide range of Aerospace and Defence institutions including government, industry, academic organisations, learned societies and research associations.



Whilst currently a subgroup of Commercial, Legal & Scientific Information Group (CLSIG) the ADLG is an active group in its own right, organising visits, seminars and producing a lively newsletter.

Benefits ... or what's in it for me?

Membership is free to all members of the CLSIG. In return, the ADLG offers librarians and information professionals in the Aerospace and Defence sectors the opportunity to:-

- Meet other people working in the same field
- Have opportunities to exchange ideas and information
- Benefit from the experience of librarians working in similar libraries with similar problems and challenges
- Broaden their outlook - meet librarians from very different organisations
- Keep up to date with new technologies and developments
- Increase professional knowledge and expertise

What do we do?

We organise visits and seminars and report on this and more in our bi-annual newsletter.

Visits

Recent destinations for trips have included:

- City Business & Guildhall Libraries
- Battle of Britain Operations Room
- National Archives
- British Airways Archive and Museum
- British Library - Boston Spa

In addition, we try to hold our AGM at a different location each year - recent venues have included the MOD's Main Building, Royal Aeronautical Society, the Meteorological Office and the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, as well as more conventional locations such as the British Library - and if that wasn't enough you also get a free lunch.

Seminars

The ADLG organises valuable learning opportunities. In September 2006, 50 people participated in our Knowledge Management seminar at PricewaterhouseCoopers featuring their global head of Knowledge Management.

ADLG also ran a seminar at 2005's Umbrella conference on "Acquiring and Maintaining Specialist Knowledge".

This active seminar and course programme has previously included topics such as

- Managing e-collections in the specialist sector
- Electronic Information : Success / Failure, a seminar for existing and new entrants to the profession working in aerospace and Defence-related libraries,
- Online Searching for Aerospace and Defence Librarians
- Sources of Technical Reports

- New ways of promoting and delivering information within the organisation, (on the Internet and Intranets)

By using member's skills and contacts we are able to keep the costs of these Seminars low with the forthcoming Library Information Service Survival Guide September 2007, with speakers from MOD, DSTL, the British Library, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Newsletter

Reports on all of the above activities, plus much more, feature in our newsletter, which includes articles, product news, book reviews, details of conferences and exhibitions, information about forthcoming visits and courses. We welcome contributions from our readers too, whilst committee members are usually forced to submit to a "grilling" under the guise of the ADLG Questionnaire!

One of the more unusual aspects of the ADLG is its "international" reach. We have several members outside the UK, and this international collaboration has even developed into mutual exchange visits. Reports on such a visit, from a member in Grenoble, and on a return visit by ADLG members, have also featured in recent issues of the ADLG Newsletter.

Website

For more information on the ADLG please visit our website at www.adlg.org.uk

If you want to join and are already a member of CILIP and CLSIG then follow the instructions on the website. If you're a member of CILIP but not CLSIG then you can either swap one of your groups mid-year or add an extra group (for a pro-rata fee). Contact the CILIP membership department for assistance. Otherwise next time you're renewing your membership choose the CLSIG as one of your groups and take it from there.



2007 Annual General Meeting at the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall

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