



Annual Report 2005 – 2006

Committee

There were fewer changes of personnel this year. I succeeded **Jill Halford** as Chair in May 2005, **Douglas Milne** decided quite rightly that five years editing *ICLG News* was enough for anyone, and **Jill Tulip** made a dramatic career-change by leaving the information & journalism worlds for television production (at which we understand she is doing extremely well). **David Griffiths** became our ADLG representative, and the rest of the Committee stayed in place. **Bert Washington** has added the Membership Secretary brief to his Vice-Chair portfolio. Two of our Committee got married, and both changed their names, which may have confused some of our members: events organiser & ace reporter **Alison Salmon** became **Alison Thorne** and our wonderful Hon. Secretary (who manages to organise everything & everybody) **Kim Pilbeam** became **Kim Mclachlan**. We have added two new members, **Sarbjit Dhillon** from Swets and **Katherine Ross** from Sue Hill Recruitment, to strengthen our team.

Image/logo

We took the predominating colour (teal) from our new website and adopted it as "ICLG green". With the invaluable assistance of **Mary Lovell** and one of her design team we produced a logo which we feel gives a contemporary new image for the Group (we like it anyway!). At Umbrella 2005 somebody saw another group's banner and said "wouldn't it be nice..." and again Mary made it happen: we can now display our new look wherever we are appearing, and hopefully it is helping with our profile-raising initiative.

Website

This has gone from strength to strength under the excellent management of our Webmaster **Claire Taylor** who produces quick-change miracles as soon as we have something new to display, and as items pass their sell-by dates. Last year there was talk of 'Members Only' pages – we have heard nothing further about this, and personally I am happy for us to be fully available to all who seek to access us - they may become members one day!

Finances

The careful stewardship of **Gertrud Erbach** has kept us solvent for another year – indeed our balance sheet looks better this year than last. ICLG of course continues to operate on a shoestring (as no doubt do other Groups) and we would like to see greater income enabling us to put on more events, but any progress here will be necessarily slow.

ICLG News

Last year the 10% of the membership who replied to our survey said they wanted to keep the newsletter in hardcopy, but since printing, production & mailing of newsletters accounts for approximately two-thirds of our expenditure, we are experimenting with a compromise: six issues p.a. instead of four, but these are alternately hardcopy + electronic and electronic-only. At the end of the year we will review this, but it seems unlikely that we will abandon hardcopy newsletters in the foreseeable future. Since Douglas's resignation I have been editing & producing *ICLG News*, but now there is hope on the horizon! We have recently discovered three members who seem to have between them the skills & enthusiasm to form the Editorial Team we have always wanted.

CILIP Liaison

We have sent representatives to several CILIP events in which Groups have an interest: Corporate Planning, Group Review & the Seal of Recognition in particular, and we have responded to Consultation Documents and questionnaires. **Elizabeth Dwiar** continues to uphold & promote our interests on CILIP Council, and **Diane Dewar** attends Committee meetings as CILIP Group Liaison to ICLG.

Events

- The year began with an excellent post-AGM presentation by **Phil Bradley**
- Almost immediately UMBRELLA 2005 was upon us. ICLG had its best-ever year at UMBRELLA, with speakers of the highest quality; **Karen Blakeman** on *Vendor Relationships*, **Derek Sturdy** on *Taxonomies*, **Sally Hernando** & **Scott Gibbens** on *Managing the E-library* (a joint presentation with HLG); **Candy Jannetta** on Customer Services (a joint presentation with ILIG), **Charles Oppenheim** on E-Copyright (a multiple joint presentation) and **Wendy Buckle** & **Celia Waters** whose ADLG Workshop also flew under the ICLG flag. Tremendous thanks for all of this are due to Jill Tulip who masterminded it, giving ICLG some of the best-attended events at UMBRELLA before she departed.
- Our joint event with AUKML, the Open Day for Library & Information Graduates & Trainees was very successful, with approximately sixty attendees, and again some excellent speakers. We had really positive feedback from a number of attendees: this event is clearly very much appreciated by employers as well as trainees.
- The now traditional joint Information party on the night before Online 2005 was amazing: seven information organisations in the glamorous setting of the Kensington Roof Gardens. Attendance was said to be 500 – and every one apparently enjoying it enormously.
- Online was a good event for ICLG: we had a wonderful seminar given by **Jackie Marfleet** on *The Future of Libraries in a Changing World*, and we gave a small reception for as many of our friends who were able to attend. A slight shadow over both these events was the place we were assigned. To find the ICLG events you had to walk confidently through the back door of the Costa Coffee stand, so a good many people never managed to locate us at all. We are assured this will *definitely* not happen again!
- An excellent daytime event in March was held at the European Bank of reconstruction & Development hosted by **Paul Byfield** & **Dr. Frank Ryan** of the EBRD in which we were given a presentation on Solcara, the search system recently designed for the Bank.
- Also in March a Taylor & Francis one-day conference was held on *Corporate Information Management*, supported by ICLG, AUKML & 7Side, chaired by me, with **Mary Lovell** chairing a Round Table debate.
- Finally last month ICLG, AUKML and SLIM (Special Libraries in the Midlands) had a joint stand at the Library & Information Show, at Birmingham's NEC. Four of the Committee were able to attend to man the stand, and we all felt it to have been a great success. A surprising number of visitors found us, and it was a valuable exercise in profile raising for ICLG. We are hoping to capitalise on this with a joint ICLG - AUKML stand at Online 2006.
- **ADLG**: our lively and well organised Sub-Group has held a number of events in the past year. These are well reported on their website & newsletter. An excellent profile of ADLG also appeared in *ICLG News* No.154.

Sponsors

We are grateful - as ever - to our wonderfully supportive sponsors without whom we could not undertake such a range of activities. This year specially we would like to thank **7Side**, **Biogs**, **Bailey Solutions**, and **Swets**, with special thanks for today's AGM to **Veronica Kennard** and her team for hosting us, to **NM Rothschild & Sons** for this splendid venue, to **Graham Coult** for agreeing to be our speaker & presenter - and once again to **Swets** for their sponsorship of today's refreshments.