

# ICLG

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## THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARIES GROUP

### ICLG Chair's Report 2003/4

In 2003 the ICLG have retained their membership at just under 2000, and although most of our members come from the private sector we have a smattering across all sectors of the profession. We have had a program of meetings with speakers and visits, and continued to have a presence at exhibitions and conferences. Four issues of the ICLG Newsletter were published and the website continues to be developed.

The year started with Sheila Corral the then President of CILIP speaking to us at last years AGM on "Linking Libraries and IT". She stayed on afterwards to answer questions on a variety of subjects. This evening was enjoyed not only by us, but by Sheila as well.

We continued our policy of arranging joint meetings with other groups holding a meeting on the New Copyright Directive, which was organised jointly with AEBIG and a meeting on Business Continuity with the City Information Group.

The highlight of the year was our presence at the Umbrella Conference, where we organised 6 sessions on "Copyright ", "CPD ", " Pay and Status ", "E-journals ", "Opportunities of "Web Applications ", and "Developing Librarians as Teachers". We had eminent speakers on these subjects Charles Oppenheim, Paul Pedley, Lyndsay Rees Jones, Caroline Moss-Gibbons, Martin White and Sharon Markless. Thanks very much to Dawn Taylor-Williams, Claire McWilliams and Rory Souter who organised these sessions.

We held two events this year aimed at those starting off on their careers, a joint evening meeting with the Careers Development Group on Chartership and with AUKML a one day event for graduate trainees to give them an insight into the profession.

The ICLG had a presence at The Library and Information show 2003 at the Workplace Libraries Live link which was organised by Elizabeth Dwiar and for the first time at "online " we hosted a seminar in the free seminar programme, where Jane Hill from BMA spoke on negotiating skills. We followed this up later by tea and coffee (sponsored by Swets) where ICLG members relaxed and chatted before going home. This was very successful and we hope to repeat it next year.

A very popular visit was arranged to the City Business Library, and social events were not forgotten with a visit to the Globe theatre to see Marlowes Edward II an evening made all the more enjoyable by Jackie Fishleigh persuading the management to exchange our standing tickets for seats with cushions on them after the first act.

The ICLG Committee have worked with CILIP on a number of initiatives. We responded to the "Code of professional ethics" representing the commercial sectors interests in a document, which, though thoughtfully produced, was very much aimed at academic and public librarians. Due to the comments that we, and others outside these sectors, made the code is currently being redrafted. Our views have also been sought with regards to the "Framework for Qualifications" and individual members are working with Lyndsay Rees-Jones on the new "Salary Guide"

Our sub Group the ADLG Aerospace and Defence Librarians Group continue to be active and we were very pleased that ICLG in the South West arranged a successful evening with Penny Bailey speaking on "Building intranets"

The Scottish branch of ICLG has held several successful events:

- "XML for the terrified" by Alan Poulter
- "Financial planning" by Duncan McKay, in partnership with the Grampian Information group
- "Beyond ECDL: basic and advanced ICT skills for the new library professional" by Alan Poulter, at CILIP Branch and Group Day
- The committee has recently surveyed the ICLG Scotland membership, plus other interested professionals, regarding future events.

The ICLG Scotland group continues to work in co-operation with other local groups, for example the newly formed Scottish Information Network, and continued to promote workplace library issues in Scotland through CILIPS

During 2003 Celia Hukins resigned as Chair and has been replaced by Scott McGowan. We all thank Celia for her hard work and her dedication in coming from Scotland to attend our committee meetings in London.

Several initiatives are already being planned for next year and the most exciting is the Jason Farradane award. This used to be an IIS award and is now being jointly managed by ICLG and UKOLUG. This is the first time we have been involved in such a prodigious award and we are looking forward to it.

We are also currently running a questionnaire to gain the views of our members on events and the newsletter. You can find this on our website and if you have not already done so please fill it in

Several of the committee members are unfortunately resigning this year and I would like to thank them for all their hard work. Dawn Taylor-Williams has been a committee member for a number of years, Jackie Fishleigh and Ciaron Ward for fewer, but all have made a valuable contribution to the Group.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their support and commitment over the past year.

I would like to finish by thanking Fiona Durrant for organising the venue and Baker & McKenzie for hosting this evening.