

CILIP has come of age in the three years since Vesting Day in April 2002. We have had three distinguished Past Presidents in Sheila Corrall, Margaret Watson and Maggie Haines. The new President, Debbie Shorley, the Librarian of Sussex University, has just taken up her post at the beginning of April. She is energetic, committed and keen to come and speak to us on the importance of partnerships and access to information. You may have seen the article in the April issue of *Update* about her work in South Africa, Ireland and Brighton, which makes interesting reading.

We have a user-friendly new website, thanks to the influence of Karen Blakeman; a new Information Centre, now open late to 7pm from Mondays-Thursdays; the Daily and Weekly emailed news bulletins; an excellent journal in *Update* under the fine editorship of Elspeth Hyams; a new Framework of Qualifications; a higher profile and more member benefits, thanks to the hard work of Tim Owen and his team; and the Employment Law Helpline, which Diane Dewar, our CILIP Liaison Officer, can tell you more about.

If you have not seen it yet - do take a look at the newly designed ICLG website [www.iclg.org.uk](http://www.iclg.org.uk), which Claire Taylor has been hard at work updating for us. ICLG is one of the first five CILIP special interest groups (along with Health, Information & Research, Youth and Schools) to have one of the new look sites. It uses a Content Management System to make it easier to integrate with internal databases and more accessible to a wide range of users. It is possible to provide member-only access to parts of the ICLG site, perhaps to the full text of ICLG News or reports of meetings and seminars. Claire would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Juliet Owen, the CILIP website developer, informs me that there are plans to improve the main site with new or enhanced services to be launched at all the key events throughout the year, such as this week's Library and Information Show in Birmingham, the Umbrella Conference in Manchester and the Online Exhibition at Olympia. So watch this space [www.cilip.org.uk](http://www.cilip.org.uk) for an archive of the CILIP Weekly and Daily News Bulletins produced by the Information Centre, member only-access to Update online and an improved LiSjob net and much more besides. However, there is always more work to be done. Tim Owen and Karen Blakeman are looking at the thorny problem of the membership database, Adlib, now that the move towards flat-rate subscriptions has been given the go-ahead.

As your CILIP Councillor, I am happy to receive any suggestions or concerns you wish me to raise at Council –my contact details are on both the ICLG and CILIP websites. Hope to see you at other events during the year eg at the Umbrella Conference with an exciting ICLG seminar programme.

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