

# ICLG

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## THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARIES GROUP

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### ICLG Chairs Report 2002/3

Membership for 2002/3 was 1919 and although the majority of members come from the industrial and commercial sector we also have members in universities, government and work not LIS sectors as well as students and unemployed women. Over the last year we have organised meetings and seminars, become involved in wider initiatives within the profession, published the ICLG Newsletter and provided information via our website.

We have organised a number of meetings and seminars throughout the year among them were Kathy Roddy speaking on “Volunteers in Libraries”, a panel seminar on “Recruitment”, the “Role of Subscription Agents” presented by Swets Blackwell and a visit to the British Museum. We are continuing to strengthen our links with other groups and we held a very successful meeting with AEBIG at the Patent Office on the new European Copyright Directive, which 70 people attended. Speakers were Anthony Murphy, Director of Copyright, Patent Office, Judith Sullivan, Assistant Director of Copyright, Patent Office, Peter Shepherd, Chief Executive, Copyright Licensing Agency, Prof Charles Oppenheim, Loughborough University. We had a joint New Year party with SLIL.

A new departure was when we joined forces with AUKML and organised a Graduate Trainee Open Day at the British Library, with speakers from the media and workplace sectors which was very well attended.

These events have been mainly London based and we are encouraging our members outside London to run regional events with ICLG Committee support. This has been very successful in Scotland where Celia Hukins has organised a meeting on XML for the terrified and a joint meeting with Grampian Information Business Group on “Surviving the downturn”

We continue to be represented at exhibitions and Liz Dwiar again organised the Workplace Libraries stand at the Library and Information Show, with contributions by a number of other workplace library groups as well as our selves.

We have been involved in wider initiatives within the profession, responding to the Review of CILIP Group Activities and the Resource WILIP (Wider Information and Libraries Project). We also have a representative Jackie Fishleigh on LACA Libraries and Archive Copyright Alliance, and have supported the IRN Survey of Information Professionals.

Pay and Status are continuing to be big issues within the profession and emails on this subject have enlivened the email lists. Three of the committee plus other ICLG members have given up their time to develop CILIP Salary Guides, with Lyndsay Rees Jones for the Industrial and the Commercial Library sectors. These should be available later on this year.

The ICLG Newsletter, along with our website, continues to be our main means of contact with the majority of the membership and has continued to be informative and interesting under our editors over the year Douglas Milne, Mark Howard and Jackie Fishleigh. Four issues were published in the last year.

Fiona Durrant has led a revamp of our website with the support of Juliet Owen at CILIP. This has resulted in a much more current and professional look..

I would like to thank the committee for all the time and effort they have contributed over the past year. Especially to Simon Jones who was Chair of the ICLG until Christmas 2002. He is now travelling in New Zealand and we look forward to his promised article for the Newsletter. We are very sorry to lose, Claire McWilliam, Robyn Sharwood and Paul Byfield from the committee, and thank them for their valuable contribution. Dawn Taylor-Williams is standing down from the post of Secretary, but is willing to stand for an ordinary committee member as is Mark Howard as Newsletter editor. I would like to thank them for their offer to continue on the committee.

Finally I would like to thank Olswang for hosting us this evening, to Management First (Emerald) and to Swets Blackwell for contributing to the refreshments.

Jill Halford Acting Chair ICLG            20 March 2003