



Annual Report for the year 2006

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1. CHAIR'S REPORT

The year 2006 has been a turbulent one for CILIP and for many Health Libraries Group members. It is pleasing then to be able to look back on a number of successes over the past year. That this is the case is thanks to the work of the many dedicated and active HLG members both on and off the committee.

An undoubted highlight of the year was our conference in Eastbourne. *Informed and Interactive – Health Knowledge for All* drew 300 delegates with an excellent programme exploring the innovative nature of health libraries. Presentations and posters are available on our website to enable greater knowledge sharing.

The CPD panel, led by Pauline Blagden, also found time to run further successful events and play a role in the new NLH Staff Development Group. Pressure on training budgets regrettably led to the cancellation of some events and the committee is addressing this by offering a number of low or no cost events in the year ahead.

Conference saw the launch of HLISD (Health Library and Information Services Directory) which was delivered in partnership with RCN and NLH. It is already larger than the previous printed directory with the potential to develop additional functionality. The web format makes it available without charge to all members.

The excellent work of the *Health Information and Libraries Journal* team has seen our journal secure inclusion in the Science Citation Index. This will see *HILJ* receive an impact factor in 2008. Progress continues in the meantime with revised columns and the inclusion of a review article in each issue.

Summer saw the launch of the latest Core Collection of Medical Books. This was achieved through the sterling efforts of Richard Jones and a hardy team of editors.

Full programmes were delivered by Information for the Management of Healthcare (IFMH) and Libraries for Nursing (LfN). HLG Wales launched successfully and are now building up their activities.

Congratulations to Bruce Madge on becoming President elect. Members should read his report on the activities of Council over the last year with attention. The significant changes to CILIP structures described will hopefully go some way to setting the organisation on a stronger footing for the future.

HLG is leading the way on the more active involvement of groups in developing CILIP policy. We made responses both through our participation in the Health Strategy Group and on behalf of CILIP in the case of *Learning for a change in healthcare*. The priority now is to help define a CILIP position around public health which has been selected as one of three main policy themes for the institute.

The good work of the Membership and Publicity panel continued with a survey of members providing valuable feedback that has informed the business plan for the year ahead.

I know you will all join me in extending a vote of thanks to Margaret Forrest who ended a stint of over a decade as co-ordinating editor of the newsletter in December 2006. The quality of the newsletter over this period is a tribute to her considerable efforts and to those who have worked with her.

2007 will see the piloting of the newsletter as an electronic only publication under the new co-ordinating editor Emily Harker. This change will provide greater flexibility and currency while reducing costs considerably. Your feedback on this pilot is appreciated along with suggestions on how to further develop the newsletter.

It has been a pleasure to work as Chair with so many enthusiastic colleagues. I hope that you will take the time to read this report and get a fuller picture of the work of the group and that it will suggest ways in which you may wish to involve yourself in the future.

Alan Fricker, Chair HLG 2006

CREATING A DIVERSE AND ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

2. REPORTS FROM PANELS

2.1 Continuing Professional Development

The highlight of the year was the HLG Conference *Informed and Interactive – health knowledge for all* held at the Devonshire Park Centre, Eastbourne from 10 to 12 July 2006. The conference explored the innovative nature of health libraries and had five broad and inter-related themes: collaboration, evidence-based librarianship, harnessing information technology, information literacy and expanding roles through a variety of presentations, workshops and posters. The sub-groups LfN (Libraries for Nursing) and IFMH (Information for the Management of Health Care) contributed as did CHILL (Consortium of Independent Health Information Libraries in London). Over three hundred delegates registered including several from overseas as well as from all four home nations. HLG sponsored a student place and the recipient wrote an interesting report of the conference for the HLG Newsletter.

2006 has, however, been a particularly challenging year for event organisers as pressure on training budgets has made it difficult to attract delegates. Some planned events have had to be cancelled or postponed due to poor uptake.

HLG did run a very successful study day in Birmingham 17th March entitled *Everyone counts: supporting diverse users* which offered a range of perspectives around the theme of widening participation and generated lively and well informed discussion.

Another topical issue, library user satisfaction, was addressed at the HLG presentation at the Online Information Exhibition in London on 28th November 2006 when Lucy McCaskie reflected on the experiences of libraries which had taken part in the National Library for Health LibQUAL+ pilot and offered insights into the issues around gathering data about our customers' information needs and their views on library services.

Members of the CPD Panel have been involved in many activities contributing to high quality professional development. The CILIP Seal of Recognition, a quality mark for continuing professional development activities for library staff,

was launched towards the end of the year, and the HLG CPD panel was amongst the first to apply.

Efforts have been made to develop links with Information Departments in universities, the intention being that there is a named HLG contact for each Department.

HLG has been represented on the National Library for Health CPD Forum and the LKDN Workforce Development Group and will continue to play a role in the newly formed NLH Staff Development Group which has evolved out of these two bodies. The recently appointed NLH Staff Development manager has joined the CPD Panel and we look forward to working with her over the coming months.

The CPD Panel has benefited from a committed membership bringing enthusiasm and skills to its work.

Panel members at 31 December 2006 were:

Potenza Atiogbe	Sue Lacey Bryant
Pauline Blagden (chair)	Marishona Ortega
Sara Clarke	Sue Peacock
Dorothy Curtis	Barbara Sen
Beth Guthrie	Clare Shemilt
Helen Elwell	Michelle Wake (secretary)
Pat England	Maurice Wakeham
Emily Hurt	Anne Weist
Cathel Kerr	

2.2 Membership and Publicity

The year 2006 was a busy year for the membership and publicity panel. Two major activities occupied our time, namely a survey of HLG members and promotion of the group at the HLG conference in Eastbourne.

Membership Survey

We undertook an online questionnaire of our membership and both the number and quality of responses were high, providing us with enough information to produce a positive action plan to be rolled out in 2007.

Events

The main event of the year was the HLG conference in Eastbourne. HLG had a stand in the main exhibition hall, which acted as a focus for new and existing members. Our free raffle attracted many entries for the first prize of a Satellite Navigation System.

Associate Membership

The number of associated members dropped to 10 by the end of the year, due to people retiring, moving to work in a different sector or joining CILIP direct.

HLG-MEMBERS email discussion list

We ended the year with 422 subscribers to the list, which is a big increase on the previous year. The list has been increasingly used to keep our members informed of HLG activities and developments and we hope to make more use of it for gathering views in relation to our influencing work.

Members of the panel are:

Gary Birkenhead (membership)

Julie Ryder (website)

Andrea Lane (events)

Claire O'Connor, nee Harman (publicity)

2.3 Prizes, Awards and Lecture

2.3.1 HLG Bursary

The Bursary was not awarded in 2006.

2.3.2 Barnard Memorial Prize

No prize was due to be awarded this year.

2.3.3 Bishop LeFanu Memorial Lecture

The lecture was part of the HLG Conference at Eastbourne and was given by Dr Steven B Kayne of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Strathclyde entitled *Christian Samuel Hahnemann - the first independent prescriber?*

2.4 Publications

2.4.1 Health Information Libraries Journal

People

Ann Davis, editorial assistant, resigned in January 2006 to take up another career. Ann was replaced by Tracey Baker who was based at Blackwell's Oxford office. Tracey was editorial assistant from January to August, when she left to take up further training. Abigail Turner was appointed as editorial assistant in September. Abigail also works at Blackwell's Oxford office.

Impact Factor

After several attempts, in January 2006 news came through from Thomson Scientific (formerly Institute of Scientific Information) that HILJ had been accepted for inclusion in the *Science Citation Index (SCI)*. This will allow the journal to be awarded an Impact Factor, something we have been seeking to achieve for some years. The journal will have to be covered in SCI for three years. The first Impact Factor will be awarded in 2008.

Manuscript Central

At the beginning of August, Blackwell's electronic editorial office (Manuscript Central) went live. It is hoped that when this gets established it will increase submissions and the profile of the journal. We are very grateful to both Tracey and Abigail for their help in setting up the system and in helping the editorial team to get used to it.

Copy flow

Copy flow was good for the first half of the year, but has slowed down since the introduction of Manuscript Central. There was, however, plenty of material for the four general issues published in 2006. We hope copy flow will pick up as Manuscript Central becomes more established.

Theme issue

We were again fortunate in obtaining funding, from HELICON, to publish an extra supplement in December 2006. This was entitled *Opportunities and Change: Future roles of health library and information professionals*. The supplement was guest edited by Pam Prior and Janet Harrison. We are very grateful to them for compiling this topical and interesting issue.

Meetings

Again this year the Editorial Advisory Board meeting took place over a morning and afternoon. Having achieved an Impact Factor and the other objectives set out for the previous three years it was evident that the journal needed to continue to adapt and change to meet the needs of its readers. The morning session was therefore given over to small group discussion looking at the future direction of the journal. The afternoon session was allocated to the formal Board meeting.

This year the number of team meetings were cut from four to three, March June and September. In addition Martin Tilly attended the HLG's March committee meeting to explain price increases for 2007. There was a meeting in February between the editor, assistant editor and Blackwell's to discuss working procedures and Manuscript Central, and another in December, also attended by the HLG Chair, to look at the future direction of the journal.

Marketing

Angie Rees and Claire Beecroft are not able to continue as marketing representatives following on from their maternity leaves. A new representative is being sought. Angie and Claire are thanked for the work they have done.

New Initiatives

Following on from the Editorial Advisory Board discussions three new initiatives are being implemented.

1. The Columns are being changed. As from March 2007 there will be three columns. *Using Evidence in Practice, Learning and Teaching in Action* and *International Perspectives and Initiatives*. Margaret Forrest (the former Newsletter Editor) from Dundee University will edit the learning column and Jeanette Murphy from the Royal Free & University College Medical School the international column.
2. Two Regional Associate Editors have been appointed. Dr Feili Tu, Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of Carolina and Dr Rowena Cullen, Associate Professor, School of Information and Management Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Both are already members of the Editorial

Advisory Board. Their roles are to increase international submissions and increase the profile of the journal in their countries.

3. Maria Grant, Research Fellow (Information), University of Salford has been appointed as Review Editor. It is apparent that journals with regular review articles are more likely to have a greater Impact Factor. Her role is to oversee the development of published reviews. From 2007 there will be a review article in every issue.

Graham Walton, HILJ Editor

Penny Bonnett, HILJ Assistant Editor

2.4.2 Newsletter

Short articles

The Group's Newsletter continues to attract good quality copy. In addition to news items and reviews, the Newsletter has included short articles of topical interest in the practice of health and community care librarianship. Articles published during this year were concerned with the following:

- Medinforum: medical information in Russian website
- Pharmaceutical company websites: a case study
- Library management system for health promotion
- UNAIDS information service
- Launch of the Health Library and Information Services Directory website
- Healthcare students on placement and access to library services
- Softlink research into libraries in health, charity and legal sectors
- Audio books for nurses

Regular columns

The Newsletter continues to be strengthened by the support of the regular column editors. The Internet Sites of Interest column continues to be edited by Keith Nockels with support from colleagues and the Diary of Events column is edited by Emily Harker. After many years of editing excellent copy for the Meeting Reports column, editor Helen Bingham has stepped down with the December issue for a well earned rest.

HLG Newsletter on the Internet

Many thanks to Julie Ryder for publishing the Newsletter on the Group's website:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgroups/bysubject/health/newsletter>

Last issue and thanks

The December 2006 issue of the Newsletter was my last as Co-ordinating Editor. I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking HLG members for their tremendous support and enthusiasm for the Newsletter over the last eleven years. It's been a joy to work with such a dynamic and engaging group of people who made sure I was never short of copy. I am delighted that Emily Harker has agreed to take over the role of Co-ordinating Editor and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Margaret E.S. Forrest, Editor

2.4.3 Website

The HLG website at www.cilip.org.uk/hlg <<http://www.cilip.org.uk/hlg>> continues to develop and receive a growing number of hits. The website remains the key source of information on the group, its activities and publications and acts as a major source of publicity for the group.

2.4.4 HLISD - Health Library and Information Services Directory

The website—www.hlisd.org—was launched in July 2006 at the HLG Conference and replaces the printed directory which had reached 11 editions. By the end of the year there were very nearly 900 entries, compared with 660 in the last printed edition. The key contacts field is growing and had reached 500. Updating is achieved through a network of 36 group editors and over 100 local editors covering between one and 90 entries each with a coordinating editor keeping an overview.

2.4.5 Core Collection of Medical Books

The Health Information Working Party published the 5th edition of the Core Collection of Medical Books in June 2006. It was compiled by Richard Jones from the British Medical Association, Melanie Brocklehurst from London South Bank University, and Sheila Leadbeater from Leeds General Infirmary. The compilers are grateful to the following HLG members who made recommendations in their specialty areas:

Beverley Berry, Royal College of General Practitioners
Christine Edwards, Arthritis UK
Helen Elwell, British Medical Association
Dominic Gilroy, Cookridge Hospital Leeds
Debbie Heatlie, Moorfields Eye Hospital and Institute of Ophthalmology
London
Eve Hollis, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford
Julie Jackson, South Staffordshire Health Informatics Service
Helena Korjonen-Close, Institute of Clinical Research
Thalia Knight, Royal College of Surgeons of England
Graham Matthews, Rotherham General Hospital
Tiffany Moxham, Royal Free and University College Medical School Library
Margaret-Mary O'Mahony, Rotherham General Hospital
Jane Smith, Diabetes UK
Jane Villa, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol
Anne Welsh, DrugScope

This new edition was produced in association with Tomlinsons Booksellers who have taken over its publication and distribution. They have already sent out one thousand copies; 330 copies to NHS hospitals, 150 to requesters after the LIS announcements, and 200 to other health care libraries/charities/drug companies etc. A further 50 copies were requested from colleagues overseas, particularly from Ireland and Australia.

The Health Information Working Party met in December 2006 to discuss how to take this work forward. We intend to work on new Core Collections on different topics and to look at new ways of making this resource available.

Richard Jones, Joint Compiler

3. REPORTS FROM SUB GROUPS

3.1 Information for the Management of Healthcare (IFMH)

IFMH maintained its membership in 2006 with institutional subscriptions now comprising almost a third of overall membership figures.

Reflecting its healthy finances, IFMH sponsored (and indeed managed) the 2006/2007 Research in the Workplace Award, a biennial grant that seeks to

fund small library and information professional-led workplace research projects - <http://ifmh.org.uk/RIWA.html>

IFMH Inform

IFMH Inform continues to provide an important communication for IFMH business, keeping up-to-date with developments in health and social care information management nationally, and original research and descriptive papers on a range of topics. *Inform* is produced by an editorial team of Richard Bridgen, Rosalind McNally and Maria Grant, with support from the IFMH Committee. Highlights of 2006 included:

- Annette Thain's paper on *Managed Knowledge Networks in Scotland* was reprinted (with permission) on the 123Doc website – a resource which supports continuing professional development and training for healthcare professionals.
- *IFMH Inform* welcomed new contributors from NHS Wales as well as continuing to provide a range of regular contributors which make *Inform* an excellent source for current awareness.
- The Spring Issue included two papers on conducting research, providing insight into some of the organisational and process issues involved for developing skills in these areas.
- The Summer Issue published three papers from the IFMH sponsored session on partnership working and collaboration held at this year's HLG Conference. Our winter issue included a number of papers on research and collaborative working. Both these issues helped these presentations reach a wider audience than might otherwise have been achieved whilst providing the opportunity for those new to authorship to develop their ideas and writing skills.

IFMH Web Site - <http://www.ifmh.org.uk/>

A web counter and search statistics software were both implemented to the IFMH website in 2006, allowing the monitoring of usage. There were 595 visitors to the IFMH website between June and December 2006.

In addition to dedicated pages on IFMH study days – including accompanying abstracts and PowerPoint presentations of speakers – as hosts for the Research in the Workplace Award 2006/2007, the IFMH web site provided an important first port of call for information on the award. The site includes

examples of good practice and links to resources that the novice researcher may find useful—<http://www.ifmh.org.uk/RIWA.html>

Study Days

In July 2006, IFMH hosted a session at the HLG conference in Eastbourne, UK. Joan Hunter (Manager, Library and Knowledge Services (NSC) East of England Strategic Health Authority) spoke on *Increasing access to knowledge information and the evidence base of health and social care in the East of England* and Helen Thompson, (Librarian, PCTs Health Informatics Service Library, Leeds North West Primary Care Trust) described partnership working in Leeds between NHS libraries and the hospices and universities across the city. The presentations were well attended and generated lively interest. Further details can be found in issue 17 (2) of the IFMH Inform - http://www.ifmh.org.uk/inform/infm17_2.htm

Committee Structure

IFMH welcomed Suzanne Wilson (NHS Quality Improvement Scotland) as IFMH Secretary and Caron Hartley (King's Fund Information and Library Service) who both joined the IFMH Committee in 2006, whilst bidding farewell to Julie Glanville, Valerie Wildridge, Julie-Ann Roszkowski and Eve Hollis who all stepped down from the committee due to work commitments. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and dedication in 2006.

For further details of all IFMH activities, please visit the IFMH web site at <http://ifmh.org.uk/> or by contacting Kath Wright, Membership Secretary on tel: +44 (0) 1904 321460 or email kew5@york.ac.uk

Maria J Grant, Chair - IFM Healthcare

3.2 Libraries for Nursing (LfN)

Libraries for Nursing (LfN) had a successful year in 2006.

Committee changes

We were sorry to say goodbye to Rupert Williams who had been our Secretary for number of years. We wish him well in his new job and would like to thank him for all his work for the committee.

We have welcomed back Donna Duff after her maternity leave. Donna, based at the University of Dundee, has taken over as our Study Day Organiser. We also welcomed Hilary Johnson to the committee and she is now our Secretary.

Membership

We had 108 members during 2006.

Bulletin

Themes for 2006 included current awareness services, information literacy and proving our worth.

From 2007 the LfN bulletin is to be indexed by British Nursing Index.

Website and marketing

We updated our LfN leaflet in 2006 ready for the HLG conference. We also bought pencils and post-it note pads to help with publicising LfN.

Finance

During 2006 the overall finances of the group remained healthy. There was a deficit for the year but the overall current account balance remained in credit.

LfN contributed £250 sponsorship to the 2006/2007 'Research in the Workplace Award'. Leaflets and promotional items for the group were purchased. They were used at the Health Libraries Group Conference and will also be used next year. Travel to committee meetings by committee members from across the UK was another source of expenditure.

Income was received from membership and from an event held jointly with IFM Healthcare in November 2005. Income from events was lower than in previous years.

Events

LfN held two events during 2006. Due to shortages on the committee and especially the lack of a study day organiser we were unable to undertake an event in May. We were able to offer a session at the HLG conference and also a study day in November.

HLG conference

Frances Norton, Head of the Wellcome Library was our speaker at LfN slot within the HLG conference on Monday 10th July 2006. She spoke on *Changing Audiences for Health Information - where next?* We also had a stand at the exhibition.

November study day

We held our autumn study day on Friday 24th November 2006 at the Royal College of Nursing in London on the theme of 'Proving our worth: evidence for the value and effectiveness of library and information services. The speakers were Judy Atkinson (Royal College of Nursing) *Getting the evidence? NLH/NHS LibQUAL pilot* and Ann Craig (University of Worcester) *A group with a view: using focus group methodology*, Kathy Ennis (CILIP) *The power of personal marketing* and Lorraine Cooper (The Larian Consultancy Limited) *High quality information services: evidence based information delivery*.

AGM

The LfN AGM was held at the beginning of our November study day on Friday 24th November 2006.

Future plans and activities

LfN is chairing a joint session (with IFMH) at Umbrella 2007 on an information literacy theme.

Jane Shelley, Chair, LfN

3.3 Health Libraries Group Wales (HLGW)

Health Libraries Group Wales had their initial year in 2006.

Committee

The Committee was formed and includes the following individuals and posts:

Sabine Berendse	Gwyneth Haylock
Sara Bruch - Treasurer/Web	Jan Hooper
Katrina Dalziel - Membership	Angela Perrett - Secretary
Lori Havard - Chair	Rachel Phillips
Meg Gorman	Marion Poulton

Membership

We had 72 members during 2006. If someone is a member of HLG and lives in Wales, they are automatically members of HLGW.

Newsletter

The first Newsletter went out electronically to members October 2006. Content explained the aims and objectives of HLGW along with Welsh Health Library information.

Website and marketing

HLGW has a website linked from HLG. On this page our aims, mission and committee information is made available. Advertisement for study days will appear.

Finance

As this is the first year of HLGW, there was an initial amount of money made available from HLG which was gratefully accepted. CILIP Cymru has also offered a sum to aid us with our mailings and study days.

Events

There was a launch of HLGW in Aberystwyth, along with an afternoon of presentations in July. Study days will be planned for the spring and autumn of 2007.

AGM

The first AGM will take place in the autumn study day in 2007.

Future plans and activities

HLGW will be planning a spring and autumn study day. A representative will also be advertising HLGW with a stand at the annual Welsh Conference on Libraries.

HLGW Committee

DEVELOPING A CLEAR POSITION IN HEALTHCARE INFORMATION, A STRONG INFLUENCE AND STRONG RELATIONSHIPS IN THE FIELD AND WIDER ENVIRONMENT

4. International

There were many good international meetings in 2006 and I attended three major ones which I will report on briefly.

The Medical Library Association meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona between the 19th and 24th May. The weather was incredibly hot as would be expected in Phoenix and we did experience a sandstorm on the last morning of the conference. The theme of the conference was *Transformations A-Z* and there were many excellent papers as well as keynote speakers. The first plenary speaker was Atul Gawande who has written an excellent book on surgery called *Complications* and he spoke about patient safety and some of the work going on to increase safety in the US. He also carried out a book signing which was well attended particularly by female delegates! Julie McGovern gave the Janet Doe lecture which is a distinction granted to leading medical librarians in the US. She spoke about professional risk taking using the analogy of swimming with sharks, a passion of hers. The final plenary looked at linking the electronic medical record to information resources using the 'infobutton' idea which was of great interest and will have implications for the future of health librarianship.

The second meeting was the World Congress run by IFLA. The Health and Biosciences Libraries Section had arranged a full programme including a satellite session on information resources on traditional medicine which had some great and interesting speakers. It is hoped at some point to publish the proceedings as there was some very useful information imparted to delegates during the day. The open session was on the concept of the Informationist which was very interesting and ended with a small debate on the subject. The IFLA meeting is always a good opportunity to meet people from around the world as well as attend sessions outside of your normal sphere of interest, I attended a session on reference services which was particularly useful and thought provoking.

The third major meeting was the European Association of Health Information and Libraries which was held in Cluj, Romania. Not only was the location

delightful but the weather was excellent as well. The conference was stimulating and again it was a chance to meet European health librarians and learn about the situation for libraries in their countries. The social events were very well done and I personally felt that Cluj was a very safe city, walking around after dark did not seem to be a problem at all. The traditional Saturday trip to the historical sites of Sigishoara and Biertran was particularly interesting and afforded me the chance to see Dracula's birthplace which is now a restaurant of course!

I also attended two other events which were memorable. One was the Southern and Mid Atlantic chapter meeting of MLA in Atlanta, Georgia which was a smaller affair but no less interesting, featuring a children's author who writes about health and threw toys into the audience. The other event was the 40th anniversary of the National Library for Health Sciences held in Helsinki at which I was welcomed and heard some great speakers and was entertained royally!

All in all it was great year for conferences abroad and I hope my successor Helen Goring has as much fun in the role as I had.

Bruce Madge, International Officer, HLG

COMMITTEE ROLE AND PROCESS

5. GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE

5.1 Membership for 2006

1,886 (as at December 2006)

5.2 Committee membership and representation

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6. GROUP COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

2006 was an interesting and busy year for Council with some favourable outcomes being voted through in the December meeting. The year started with much concern from Council about the state of finances and the dropping number of CILIP members. The April Council welcomed Martin Molloy as President, Ian Snowley as President-elect and voted Tony McSean as Chair of Council.

It transpired that there would be three major pieces of work throughout the year:

- The Review of Groups
- The New Business Model
- The Governance structure of CILIP.

The Review of Groups under Joanna Ball looked at the structure and whether there could be amalgamation of existing Groups. It concluded that market forces should be left to sort out the situation and the only concern for HLG was that sub-groups should not be allowed to charge CILIP members again for membership.

Early in the year, the Honorary Treasurer, Nigel McCartney, took Council through some of the figures that showed that expenditure had outstripped income at both the Library Association and CILIP for a number of years. A special meeting of Council was set up in October to discuss what the priorities for CILIP were to be and whether any functions could be dropped that were not core activities. Council worked particularly hard and the minutes can be found on the web at:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/NR/ronlyres/A080F2C0-BEF2-4497-9DA9-10BF2B2F9FFA/0/199DRAFTMinutes9OCT.doc>

This meeting set up the Working Party and a report was produced for December Council which was accepted and the recommendations passed. The work of the New Business Model Working Party implementation team is ongoing as I write this.

The third major piece of work was the Governance Review undertaken by a team chaired by Derek Law. The report was taken to December Council and again passed with minor questions about details of the report. An Implementation Group was set up and the first meeting chaired by Derek Law. I took over this role for the second meeting and the work is again ongoing with a planned January 2008 implementation deadline. All of the paperwork that describes what we are trying to achieve can be found at:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/aboutcilip/governance>

All in all it was a busy but fulfilling year to be on CILIP Council

Bruce Madge, HLG Group Councillor

7. FINANCE

2006 has been a solid year for the HLG. Despite organising a conference and a decline in CILIP capitation the expenditure was only slightly more than income this year. The receipts of the 2006 conference as they come in 2007 will offset this dip this year with an expected surplus next year.

The Conference was a significant expense this year, but I am sure all who attended will recognise it as a vital part of the HLG. The income generated is forecast to cover the HLG's costs and should break even or even return a small profit from a very well attended conference.

CPD income has continued to remain strong. 2006 has seen HLG's CPD become accredited by CILIP and covered a wide variety of topics. The income generated from HLG's training programme has covered the costs of organisation and promotion these courses.

HILJ remains a good revenue stream and an important publication.

Financially HLG remains in a strong position, with a healthy bank balance. This is important as in the long term we will see further declines in CILIP capitation and HLG needs to be in good shape now to meet the future needs and demands of HLG members.

The Audit for accounts is underway at time of writing, the Auditors this year being Clare Shemilt and Caroline Lynch.

Richard Parker Hon Treasurer, HLG

Balance Sheet Summary as at 31 December 2006

	2006		2005	
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Current	28,882.83		30,355.66	
Deposit	<u>8,945.48</u>		<u>8,556.49</u>	
		37,828.31		38,912.15
Debtors				
VAT	-		-	
Other	<u>-</u>		<u>1,360.00</u>	
		-		1,360.00
Total Assets		<u>37,828.31</u>		<u>40,272.15</u>
Less: Creditors				
VAT	(583.74)		(406.99)	
Other	<u>(4,581.99)</u>		<u>(4,581.99)</u>	
		(5,165.73)		(4,988.98)
Net Assets		<u>32,662.58</u>		<u>35,283.17</u>

Represented by:

Reserves

At		
1st January	35,283.17	14,641.89
Results for the year	<u>(2,620.59)</u>	<u>20,641.28</u>
At 31st December	<u>32,662.58</u>	<u>35,283.17</u>

Financial statement for 2006

Opening balance	Bank	30,355.66	
Receipts		14703.20	
		-	
Payments		20,858.90	
May capitation		1,736.00	
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Per cash book		<u>25,935.96</u>	
Per bank		31,079.65	
		-	
O/S cheques total		<u>1,807.83</u>	
		<u>29,271.82</u>	
Difference		2620.59	bf from 2006