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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL LIBRARIANS GROUP

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1. Dates for your Diary. Meetings programme 2006

National Service Framework discussion meeting 24 February London UCL

The National Service Framework has been released for outline consultation and UMSLG will be one of the bodies that will be consulted on its content.

The consultation protocol is outlined at
http://www.library.nhs.uk/nlhdocs/Consultation_v21_201005b.doc

The document itself is at <http://www.library.nhs.uk/forlibrarians/nlhprogramme/nsf>

The UMSLG Committee has agreed that we should convene a special NSF consultation meeting **especially for UMSLG members who deliver library services to the NHS**. We plan to have this meeting in London on 24th February at UCL and we will be offering a free sandwich lunch. The meeting is booked for 11-3pm although we may finish before this time. We expect that after this session, we will be able to engage in the consultation process on your behalf, having identified the key issues for HE/NHS library services. You may also be involved in your local LKDN consultation processes which will have concluded, just before our planned meeting. **If you would like to attend, please confirm with Lisa Flint l.flint@ucl.ac.uk by Friday 10th February.**

Open Forum 30 March Woburn House London

Our annual Open Forum will again be packed with content that is of interest to both HE and NHS librarians as this is our key event for joint dialogue. We are preparing the programme and we will be sending out a flyer very shortly.

Location and venue information is at <http://www.woburnhouse.co.uk/> and main coordinator this year, is Gary Horrocks. We anticipate that the cost will be fairly similar to last year and will be in the range of £75- 80 which will include lunch and a full day from 10.00 (Coffee & Registration) to 15.30 (Finish)

Residential Conference 28-28 June Dartington Hall, Nr Totnes, Devon

The UMSLG 2006 Residential meeting has been pencilled in for Wed 28th-Thu 29th June 2006 at Dartington Hall, near Totnes, Devon. You can see the venue at www.dartingtonhall.com. We tried very hard to get a Thursday and Friday combination but with no luck. Dartington can also offer B&B after the meeting to anyone who would like to extend his or her stay in glorious Devon. If you are thinking about training budgets, we expect the costs to be similar to last year. The venue can also offer accommodation/meals to anyone who would prefer to come down on the previous day. More details later, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask. We need to put a programme

together that makes good use of our time. Please *do* email lis-umslg@jiscmail.ac.uk with suggestions.

2. Website Developments

Our old site was hosted by BIOME and over the last year, we have been in negotiation to move the domain address to a new web server at the Institute of Child Health. Regular visitors will have noticed that we moved to a temporary web address at ICH. We are delighted to announce that thanks to the unswerving efforts of our Webmaster John Clarke j.clarke@ich.ucl.ac.uk we have now migrated to our new home at <http://www.umslg.ac.uk/>
If you have suggestions for amendments or additions to content, please let John know.

3. Future of UMSLG after 2006

On the website, you will see a discussion paper on the future of the Group. A merger with UHSL is being mooted amongst other options and we would like to hear your opinions. If we looked at this option, a pragmatic way forward might be to use the same membership and committee structure but extend the terms of reference to cover other HE health care librarians. We would only need to change the name slightly and it is possible that we could achieve this in a straightforward manner.

Views from other health library groups seem to indicate that a proliferation of HE health library groups is confusing and limits our ability to speak with one (representative) voice. Please share your views with the membership on our list at:

lis-umslg@jiscmail.ac.uk or contact the Chair, Chris Fowler at c.a.fowler@soton.ac.uk The paper is on the web at http://www.umslg.ac.uk/discussion_paper.htm

4. PHI Partnerships in Health Information

We have been asked by PHI whether we could consider making a one off donation of £500 to help them to sponsor a project officer post. UMSLG is a member of PHI and we donate £100 each year. We would like to ensure that the membership is in general agreement with this and so we would appreciate your views. We are looking into email voting but we cannot quite get the technology to work. If you disagree with UMSLG giving a special donation to PHI, please email Chris Fowler. You can see what PHI does, by going to their web site at:

<http://130.88.13.169/hosted/phi/index.html>

5. Subscriptions

There are still some subscriptions outstanding from 2005. If you have a query about your subscription, please contact our Treasurer Joanne Dunham jd1@leicester.ac.uk Joanne may have already contacted you, in which case your prompt payment would be appreciated. Membership is open to all UK medical school libraries and any number of people from those libraries may join, as long as they each pay a subscription. If you do not pay your subscription within 6 months, you will be removed from the membership list.

6. Membership Update

Welcome to the following new UMSLG members

- ✚ Bath - Peter Bradley replaces Hannah South
- ✚ Bristol – Sarah Harrop replaces Mike Wall
- ✚ London School of Pharmacy - Michelle Wake replaces Linda Lisgarten
- ✚ Manchester - Helen McEvoy replaces Katy Woolfenden
- ✚ Oxford Radcliffe Science Library - Juliet Ralph replaces Yvonne Hibbott

We have had some changes in UMSLG Committee membership, since the last issue of UMSLG News and we would like to single out some people for a particular mention.

Linda Dorrington

As many may know, Linda stepped down as Chair in 2005. After many years of commitment and very hard work, Linda has moved to a new role within the UMSLG Committee. Linda has finished her co-opted status to become a corresponding member on the committee with special responsibility for the JISCmail lists, the membership lists and the archives. We would like to say a very big and heartfelt thank you to Linda for all that she has done for the Group and we would like to express our gratitude (and relief!) that Linda is able to carry on with these key UMSLG tasks. Please direct any list or archive queries to Linda at: l.dorrington@imperial.ac.uk

Betsy Anagnostelis

Another co-optee who has come to the end of their tenure, Betsy has agreed to maintain a corresponding link with the Committee and to deliver reports in person, whenever she can get to Committee meetings. Betsy was previously UMSLG Secretary before handing the mantle to Lisa Flint in 2005. Betsy's special area of expertise is NHS/HE e-resource procurement and she fulfils a vital role in providing the link between national level negotiations and the needs of practitioners on the ground on the NHS/HE Forum. Again, we would like to say thank you to Betsy for everything that she has done and continues to do for UMSLG. Please direct NHS/HE e-resource procurement issues to Betsy at ucylbet@UCL.AC.UK

Wendy Pirie

Yet another staunch supporter of UMSLG has now moved on to higher things as Acting Librarian at Aberdeen. Wendy steadfastly attended almost every UMSLG meeting, even though she had to catch the 'red eye' flight from Aberdeen to Heathrow in order to get to meetings. We have really appreciated her strategic insight and inspired commonsense – particularly in relation to putting programmes together. We will miss Wendy's input onto the Committee.

Tom Roper

A new member of the committee in 2005, Tom has stepped down, as he is moving away from the sphere of medical school libraries. As Tom is HLG Chair, we have very much appreciated having input into the committee from a HLG perspective.

Wanted: two new co-opted committee members for 2006-2007 – would this appeal to you?

We now have vacancies for co-optees on the Committee. These are full committee members who are not Chair, Secretary or Treasurer and who assist these officers and the other members of the committee to arrange UMSLG events, to represent UMSLG and will also (quite importantly) help us to develop the changing role and focus of UMSLG as a whole.

We are looking for one co-opted member who will have a specific role of helping John Clark with the UMSLG website as well as more general duties. We are also looking for another co-optee who will

have an open portfolio. The commitments are to meet around three times per year plus attend the Open Forum and Residential if possible. The benefits are:

- a) Opportunity to work at national level – good for the CV
- b) Opportunity to meet new and useful contacts
- c) To put something back into our profession
- d) Value-added input to your day job
- e) Experience of arranging development events in a shared and supportive environment.

If you would like to know more about becoming a co-opted member, please contact any of the Committee members who are:

- Chris Fowler c.a.fowler@soton.ac.uk (*Chair*)
- Lisa Flint l.flint@ucl.ac.uk (*Secretary*)
- Joanne Dunham jd1@leicester.ac.uk (*Treasurer*)
- Erika Gwynnett Erika.Gwynnett@newcastle.ac.uk (*Coordinator 2006 Residential*)
- Irene McGowan Irene.McGowan@ed.ac.uk
- Gary Horrocks gary.horrocks@kcl.ac.uk (*Coordinator 2006 Open Forum*)
- John Clarke j.clarke@ich.ucl.ac.uk (*Webmaster*)

7. Residential Meeting Edinburgh 2005

Edinburgh was memorable because of so many things. On the first day, we heard about the dreadful bombings in London and we were within a whisker of calling off the conference because at one time it seemed as if our London contingent (delegates and speakers) might have been caught up in events. Happily, everyone arrived in the end. It is the first time that we have ever opened a meeting and invited people to keep their phones on. In addition, we were bounced out of our first choice of accommodation because Edinburgh University was a major residential base for the police who were looking after the G8 summit. Our keynote speaker was double-booked and so we took the brave step of making a video of his presentation on Googlezon and showing that instead.

In terms of the residential meeting itself, it was a great success. We had a striking venue with fantastic views across to Arthur's Seat. The speakers were excellent and the food was great. Many thanks to Irene McGowan and her team on the ground, who worked so hard with the support arrangement. We received some excellent feedback from our delegates and you can see how we fared from their comments in the UMSLG News Appendix

UMSLG News Appendix
Feedback from Residential Conference Edinburgh 2005

Rate the following aspects of the conference
a= Poor, b = Average, c= Good, d= Excellent

Numbers represent real number of replies, % are in brackets

Organisation

a 0 (0%)	b 0 (0%)	c 9 (41%)	d 13 (59%)
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Location

a 0 (%)	b 0 (0%)	c 3 (14%)	d 19 (86%)
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Accommodation

a 1 (5%)	b 6 (32%)	c 8 (42%)	d 4 (21%)
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Catering

a 0 (0%)	b 1 (5%)	c 10 (45%)	d 11 (50%)
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Value for money (overall)

a 0 (0%)	b 0 (0%)	c 8 (36%)	d 14 (64%)
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What did you like MOST about the event?

- Excellent location that made it easy to concentrate on the meeting
- Opportunity to meet colleagues and share experiences
- Informal but organised event, friendly broad coverage
- Standard of presentations
- Range of presentations
- Opportunity to talk to sponsors
- Everything!

What did you like LEAST about the event?

- Policemen / G8
- Coffee/tea breaks – lack of cold drink on offer
- News /London bombings
- Accommodation (although one comment said that this didn't reflect on the organisation)
- Stairs

Rate your view of the papers/presentations

a= Poor, b= Average, c= Good, d= Excellent

Numbers represent real number of replies, % are in brackets

Googlezon, John MacColl

a 0 (0%)	b 3 (14%)	c 11 (50%)	d 8 (36%)
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Future proofing the Profession, Margaret Haines

a 0 (0%)	b 3 (15%)	c 9 (45%)	d 8 (40%)
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Reading Uni approach to costing of Info Service, Roger Jones

a 0 (0%)	b 7 (32%)	c 13 (59%)	d 2 (9%)
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EEMeC and EEPoP, Rachel Ellaway

a 0 (0%)	b 0 (0%)	c 11 (50%)	d 11 (50%)
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Southampton Institutional Repository Development, Pauline Simpson

a 0 (0%)	b 0 (0%)	c 7 (33%)	d 14 (67%)
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METRO, Marshall Dozier

a 0 (0%)	b 1 (5%)	c 15 (68%)	d 6 (27%)
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HE Academy Subject Centre, Paul Hollands

a 0 (0%)	b 1 (4%)	c 21 (92%)	d 1 (4%)
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New developments in Medical Libraries Swansea, Katrina Dalziel

a 0 (0%)	b 2 (9%)	c 14 (64%)	d 6 (27%)
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New developments in Medical Libraries Newcastle, Erika Gywnett

a 0 (0%)	b 0 (0%)	c 11 (50%)	d (50%)
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Were there any other subjects that you would have liked to have seen covered?

Assessment

Curriculum mapping – embedding information skills

Co-ordinated access to resources (Shibboleth)

How to pressurise publishers e.g. Elsevier and e-books

Digi-licenses/copyright and learning objectives /MLE's

Costing services to the NHS

Position of medical service in overall university structure

Subject specialism vs. generic skills (training team/loan services)

Are we the last bastion of subject specialism?

Did you appreciate the chance to meet with Sponsors?

Yes 19 (95%)

No 1 (5%)

Did you appreciate the chance to obtain the Sponsors literature?

Yes 19 (95%)

No 1 (5%)

Any other comments:

Thoroughly enjoyed the conference, networking and new ideas. Well organised excellent.

I think it would be good to give the Sponsors a 10 min slot each so that they can demonstrate to everyone attending.

Absolutely excellent event. Most enjoyable meeting/conference I've been to.

Great speakers with an interesting variety of topics.

Great social side to the conference in terms of the lovely dinner on the first night. Very nice venue, appreciated everything being on one site. Thanks to UMSLG Committee for organising everything.

Really liked the 15 minute sessions on actual libraries. Would be good to ask other members each conference to do a brief update on issues they are concerned/involved with.

Very good meeting this year, with appropriate presentations.

Thoroughly enjoyed conference. I hope that UMSLG continue to put on this event and that I'll have the opportunity to attend again.

Location excellent. I appreciate that the accommodation would have been better if circumstances had been different.

Enjoyed the residential more than I expected to. Have now changed my mind about the need/efficacy of such a meeting.

Edited by Chris Fowler
UMSLG Committee
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