News

Nicholas P. Pollard

SCONUL is sorry to report of the death on 2nd April 2017 of Nicholas P. Pollard (Nik), former Director of Library and Media Services, Kingston University, 1989-2002. Nik's previous professional posts were at Bournemouth and Poole College of Art, 1970-76, Aberdeen College of Education, 1976-79, and Kingston Polytechnic, 1979-1989. He was Vice Chair of SCONUL from 1994-1996 and then SCONUL Chair from 1996-1998. Nik was also chair of COPOL prior to their merger with SCONUL in 1994.

SCONUL Summer Conference and AGM 2017

The SCONUL Summer Conference will be taking place in Newcastle from Tuesday 6 June until Wednesday 7 June and will focus on questions of leadership, with keynote speakers including Professor Judith Petts, Vice Chancellor, Plymouth University, Alistair Jarvis, Deputy Chief Executive, Universities UK and Bill Thompson, journalist, commentator and technology critic. The conference will consider questions of leadership at a time of significant political and technological disruption. Delegates will hear the views of HE leaders on the potential impact of these changes and the challenges they present for those leading institutions and their libraries. The conference will also look at questions of leadership in light of the longer-term trends which are impacting on libraries and how we might capitalise on the opportunities those changes bring. **Deadline for registration 5 May** Read more

Elections to SCONUL Board

SCONUL will be holding elections for four positions on the SCONUL Board at the AGM on 6 June and would like to invite SCONUL member representatives to consider whether they would be interested in putting themselves forward for election. Board members serve for a standard three year term. A formal call for nominations was sent out on 18 April and elections are held in the run-up to the AGM. Candidates will be asked to put forward a short statement stating why they believe they would be able to make a useful contribution. If you would like to find out more about the role of the Board, please feel free to contact Ann Rossiter at ann.rossiter@sconul.ac.uk or Mark Toole at mark.toole@ntu.ac.uk. Deadline for nominations is 8 May.

SCONUL member survey results

As part of the development of SCONUL's Strategy 2016-19, we conducted a brief survey of members' views and priorities. To ensure that our strategy and services are meeting members needs in the best way possible we repeated this exercise recently and the results of the survey can be found here.

LIS-SCONUL

Members are reminded that our main mailing list (LIS-SCONUL) is our primary means for circulating intelligence and briefing and is open to anyone from a member institution interested in following SCONUL's work. Please contact sitmui.ng@sconul.ac.uk if you would like to be added to this list. We also have a list for SCONUL Directors only (SCONUL-DIRECTORS) which is for closed, confidential discussion on SCONUL and institutional business.

Toolkit of Best Practice for Research Data Management

The LEARN (LEaders Activating Research Networks) Project has published its Toolkit of Best Practice for Research Data Management. The toolkit expands on the issues outlined in the LERU Roadmap for Research Data (2013) and includes best-practice case studies from institutions around the world; covers topics such as Policy and Leadership, Open Data, Advocacy and Costs; and an overview of 20 RDM policies across Europe. Freely available to download, this RDM Toolkit is an invaluable resource for anyone helping their institution to better manage research data. Read more

Shining a Light: the future of public libraries across the UK and Ireland

The Carnegie UK Trust has published its report *Shining a Light* which provides insight into how people in England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales use public libraries and what they think of them. The research provides data about levels of use, frequency of library use, people's attitude to public libraries and what people say would encourage them to make more use of public libraries. Read more

Appointments and job opportunities

If you have moved to a new role or institution or have any senior job opportunities that you would like us to include, please e-mail SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk.

Appointment: University of Portsmouth
Kath Shakespeare has been appointed to the post of Associate University Librarian (Research and Online Services). Kath was previously User Services Team Leader at the University of Portsmouth

Vacancy: Head of Skills, Library & Student Support Services, Sheffield Hallam University
The Directorate of Library & Student Support Services at Sheffield Hallam University is looking to appoint a Head of Skills. **Closing date 8 May** Read more

Vacancy: Deputy Director of Libraries, Research and Learning Resources, University of Nottingham
University of Nottingham are looking to appoint an outstanding and exceptionally talented leader to join the University of Nottingham, Libraries, Research and Learning Resources (LRLR) department as the Deputy Director of LRLR. **Closing date 24 May** Read more

Vacancy: Director of Information Services (CIO), Heriot-Watt University
Heriot Watt University is recruiting a Director of Information Services. Reporting to the Secretary of the University, you will be responsible for the development of the University's IS strategy, its implementation and the management and delivery of modern Information Services. **Closing date 26 May** Read more

Events

A calendar of events for HE library directors in the UK, Ireland, and abroad is published on the SCONUL website. The dates of important internal and external meetings are also captured on the calendar. If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please email sconul@sconul.ac.uk. Read more

LEARN Final Conference, Managing the Data Deluge: roles and responsibilities for your institution, London, 5 May

Webcast: Talking Points: Strategies for Building Collaborative Partnerships at the Intersections, 5 May 15.00hrs

Lead on: develop your Student Services leadership skills, Liverpool, 12 May

Higher Education and International Students - Maintaining a Competitive Advantage, Student Experience and Preparing for Brexit, London 17 May

A new vision for the future of public libraries: progress, strategy, innovation and collaboration, London, 18 May

The North West HE Cross Institutional Action Learning Project, Liverpool, 19 May 2017

UKeiG Training: Open Access, Open Data, Open Science: Anatomy of a disruptive technology, London, 24 May

UCISA DCG Spotlight on digital capabilities: Student futures – equipping students to thrive in the digital era, Southampton, 24-25 May

FOLIO Information Day, Aberdeen, 25 May

9th International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries, Limerick, 23-26 May

CONUL annual conference, Athlone, 30-31 May

SCONUL annual conference and AGM 2017, Newcastle, 5-7 June

UXLibs III, Glasgow, 6-7 June

Widening Participation in Higher Education: Boosting Social Mobility, Fairer Access and Choice, London, 8 June

BUFDG: Developing an Eye for Accuracy, London, 9 June

Next Library® Festival, Aarhus, Denmark, 11-14 June

Institution as e-textbook publisher project workshop, Birmingham, 16 June

Jisc UK ORCID Consortium members event: Cultivating ORCID: Encouraging Growth, Birmingham, 16 June

International Symposium: New approaches to the Orphan Works problem: technology, regulation, practices, Bournemouth, 23 June

ERASMUS Library Staff Mobility, Dublin, 26-30 June

6th Information, Interactions and Impact (i3) conference, Aberdeen, 27-30 June

LFHE: Leadership and the art of being brilliant, London, 29 June

LIBER Annual Conference, Greece, 5-7 July

AMOSSHE national conference 2017, Brighton, 5-7 July

NoWAL Conference 2017, Lancaster, 20 July 2017

12th International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries, Oxford, 31 July-2 August

ALPSP 10th Annual Conference and Awards, The Netherlands, 13-15 September

DCDC17: The Cultural Value of Collections and the Creative Economy, Salford Quays, 27-29 November

EMEA Regional Council Meeting 2018, Edinburgh, 20-21 February 2018

RLUK Conference 2018, London, 14-16 March 2018