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SCONUL Library Design Awards and Showcase

The 2016 Library Design Awards Showcase will take place on Thursday 1 December at the Museum of London. There will be presentations from the seven shortlisted libraries in the two categories (under 2,000 square meters and over 2,000 square meters) followed by announcements of winner in each category. Keynote addresses will be on the future of learning environments and collaborating for the student experience. Registration deadline is 18 November. Read more

Invitation to tender: A Feasibility Study on Monographs

UKRR, SCONUL and RLUK have issued a joint tender for a feasibility study on monographs. The invitation to tender is to undertake a feasibility study that will explore various aspects relating to monographs, identify potential solutions to meet the community's needs, and to address issues associated with the national monograph management agenda. The study is being jointly funded by HEFCE (through UKRR), SCONUL and RLUK. Closing date for submissions. 10 November 2016. Read more

HEFCE publishes TEF guidance

HEFCE has published its guidance on the TEF. New information includes the timetable for implementation with noon on 26 January the deadline for HEIs to complete their applications. A series of briefing events and webinars are being held throughout the UK in November and December, to discuss and clarify the guidance and procedures for participating in TEF Year Two. A webinar will be available on 7 November aimed at TEF metrics contacts. Read more

In the context of Open Access policies in the UK, what is a "repository"?

Jisc has produced a short note which provides a definition of the term "repository" as it is used in Open Access policies relevant to UK researchers and institutions. This definition has been endorsed by SCONUL, RLUK, ARMA and UKCoRR. It is hoped that this functional definition will help in discussions about policy development and improving processes and services to support policy compliance. Read more

Leadership Programme for future heads of service

Applications for the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education's Future Directors Programme are currently open. The programme is unique in higher education as it has been devised for aspiring professional leaders from all areas of the institution. It will focus on strategy and organisational change and will include opportunities to reflect on the core skills that position people as leaders. The Leadership Foundation expects participants to return with fresh perspectives on professional service leadership, and to understand how to lead across organisations to creative engagement and collective commitment. The programme will enhance participants' potential to lead with focus and integrity in the evolving higher education landscape. Read more

UK Scholarly Communications Licence update

UK-SCL have established their inaugural Steering Group to help take their work forward. Members are:

- Dr Paul Ayris, Director of UCL Library Services & UCL Copyright Officer, University College London, Chair
- Chris Banks, Assistant Provost (Space) & Director of Library Services, Imperial College London
- Simon Bains, Head of Research Services and Deputy Librarian, University of Manchester
- Ian Carter, Director of Research and Enterprise, University of Sussex
- Dr Danny Kingsley, Office of Scholarly Communications, University of Cambridge
- Chris Morrison, Copyright & Licensing Compliance Officer, University of Kent

- Professor Hervé Morvan, Director of the Institute for Aerospace Technology and Professor of Applied Fluid Mechanics, University of Nottingham
- Rachel Paterson, University Lawyer, University of Bristol
- Dr Torsten Reimer, Head of Research Services, British Library
- Dominic Tate, Scholarly Communications Manager, University of Edinburgh

RCUK OA block grant allocations announced

Research Councils UK (RCUK) have announced the open access block grant allocations for 2016/17, worth a total of £14 million and distributed across 79 institutions. "The block grant is provided to support the implementation of the RCUK open access policy to ensure that the published outcomes of publicly funded research are made widely accessible as quickly as possible". Institutions with an overall underspend of block grant funds to date have seen a reduction in the allocated block grant for 2016/17 compared to previous years. Where institutions have seen a significant underspend in block grant funds that are not offset by projected spend, no additional funds have been allocated for 2016/17. Read more

UCISA Digital Capabilities Survey - Call for Responses

The UCISA Digital Capabilities Group Digital Capabilities Survey went live on 10 October. The survey establishes how UK universities are working with staff and students to ensure they perform efficiently and effectively in a digital environment and builds on their previous 2014 survey. UCISA are currently looking for institutions (including non-UCISA member institutions and FE colleges) to complete the survey. If you would like to take part, please contact admin@ucisa.ac.uk to request a survey link.

'Spectacle and Wonder: The Circus Friends Association Archive' - The University of Sheffield Library

A unique collection of rare and important circus posters, handbills, programmes and photographs from Britain's leading twentieth century circuses will be featured in a new public exhibition: 'Spectacle and Wonder: The Circus Friends Association Archive'(CFA) , from 7 November 2016 until 2 April 2017 at the University of Sheffield's Western Bank Library. The exhibition which is dedicated to the memory of long serving circus archivist, Malcolm Clay will feature popular circus companies of the time, such as Bertram Mills', Billy Smart's, Robert Brothers, Chipperfield's, Fossett's and Blackpool Tower. 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.

Vacancy: Deputy Librarian, University of Chichester
The University of Chichester is looking to appoint a Deputy Librarian. The post holder will be responsible for the development and implementation of library and learning resources, in support of learning, teaching and research through the co-ordination of the Subject Librarian team and the development of electronic resources. **Closing date 14 November** Read more.

Vacancy: Head of Scholarly Communication, University of Kent

The University of Kent is looking to appoint a Head of Scholarly Communication to lead on the establishment of Kent's Office for Scholarly Communication. This is a senior position which will be based in the Templeman Library. Hosted by Information Services, the Head of Scholarly Communication will work very closely with Research Services and the wider academic community and make an important contribution to the success of Kent's Research Strategy. **Closing date 16 November** Read more.

Vacancy: Assistant Director, Collections Strategy, University of Glasgow

The University of Glasgow Library is seeking applications for the post of Assistant Director, Collections Strategy. The post holder will be responsible for managing Archives and Special Collections, Metadata Services and Collections Services, and for developing and taking forward the Library's collection management strategy. **Closing date 23 November** 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

Jisc and the Research Data Alliance (RDA) joint workshop, Birmingham, 2 November

Jisc: 8th UK Learning Analytics network event, Milton Keynes, 2 November

Employer Engagement Event: Leading future workforce development, London, 2 November

The 5th International Summit of the Book 2016, Limerick, 2-3 November

HEFCE national conference on learning gain, London, 10 November

The scholarly communications ecosystem: understanding and responding to evolving expectations, London, 15 November

Jisc: Exploiting digital collections in learning, teaching and research, London, 15 November

PPRG annual conference: Library marketing & PR: critical to success, Birmingham, 18 November

Jisc: Making your digital collections easier to discover, London, 22 November

UCISA CISG-PCMG16 Annual Conference and Exhibition, Brighton, 23-25 November

Westminster Higher Education Forum: The Teaching Excellence Framework - implications and implementation, London 24 November

SCONUL Library Design Awards and Showcase 2016, London, 1 December

Making the links: new directions for social researchers, London, 6 December

Enhancing the student experience, London, 7 December

Cilip: MmIT 2016 AGM and FREE Talks on Open Libraries, Research and Education, London, 9 January 2017

Promoting Excellent Research - Learning from REF2014 and Implementing the Stern Review, London, 14 February 2017

Researcher to Reader Conference 2017, 20-21 February 2017

RLUK Conference 2017: The future of research, London, 8-10 March 2017

Annual UKSG Conference and Exhibition, Harrogate, 10-12 April 2017

LILAC 2017, Swansea, 10-12 April 2017

Jisc Digifest 2017, Birmingham, 14-15 March 2017

UXLibs III, Glasgow, 6-7 June 2017

Next Library® Festival, Aarhus, Denmark, 11-14 June 2017
6th Information, Interactions and Impact (i3) conference, Aberdeen, 27-30 June 2017