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SCONUL Autumn conference: 18 November

SCONUL is bringing members together in Birmingham on 18 November for a one-day face-to-face conference. This will provide an opportunity to look at the ways in which we can successfully navigate the changes and challenges ahead and foster resilience and creativity. This event is supported by Ebsco, Jisc and Reassurance Security Services, and will be held at EcoSmart accredited venue The Studio, 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EP on 18 November from 10am to 4.30pm, with registrations opening at 9.30am. Tickets are £145pp. **For registration details please contact** sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

AI coffee mornings – last Friday of every month at 10am

SCONUL will be holding its next AI coffee morning on Friday 27 September from 10am – 11.30am. The AI coffee mornings are a way of bringing together those with an interest in AI developments within libraries on the last Friday of every month for the remainder of this year. A summary of recent meetings as well as a recording of the discussions can be found here. These meetings provide an opportunity for library colleagues to come together, share experiences and ask questions so that we can explore these tools and techniques as a community. These are not expert forums but for sharing information and experiences as practitioners and they are open to all, whatever your role or level of expertise. For registration details please contact sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

SCONUL members meeting: keynote presentation recording available

Vivienne Stern MBE, Chief Executive at Universities UK, delivered the keynote presentation at SCONUL's annual AGM and members meeting in July. Vivienne's presentation gave attendees an insight into the initial plans of the new Labour government in higher education and wider society, ahead of the King's Speech and what a mission-led government might look like. The recording and chat transcript are available at: https://www.sconul.ac.uk/knowledge-hub/library-structures-and-strategies/sconul-agm-and-members-meeting-2024/

Green Libraries conference : registration opens tomorrow

The Green Libraries partnership invites you to book onto the Green Libraries conference at the British Library on 25th November with the theme 'Every Library a Green Library. SCONUL members can benefit from a 25% discount on the ticket price with the code GL24SCONUL. Booking opens on the 4th September here: www.cilip.org.uk/greenlibrariesconf24

A guide to decarbonisation

The Association of University Directors of Estates (AUDE) has produced A Guide to Decarbonisation which aims to provide support to the HE sector in moving towards full decarbonisation. It sets out a range of potential actions which have relevance for those leading libraries. It is available here: https://www.aude.ac.uk/resources/news/view?g=7e48ab9e-f4a3-41f9-a776-f070b3615efe

Updates from our peer organisations:

1. Academic Libraries North https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk/
2. CONUL https://conul.ie/news/
3. LIBER https://libereurope.eu/news/
4. M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries https://www.m25lib.org.uk/about-the-consortium/newsletter-archive/
5. Mercian Collaboration https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/news
6. RLUK https://www.rluk.ac.uk/rluk-bulletin/
7. SCURL https://www.scurl.ac.uk/news
8. ucisa https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/News-and-Views
9. WHELF https://whelf.ac.uk/

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.   These vacancies can also be found on our website at: https://www.sconul.ac.uk/jobs-bank/current-roles/

Vacancy: Discovery Officer, University of Warwick
University of Warwick are seeking to appoint a Discovery Officer. The post holder will manage the Discovery Team in the development and implementation of effective cataloguing, classification and associated metadata creation that optimises the discovery of print and e-resources in the Library's catalogue, and through other discovery channels. **Closing date 2 September** Read more

Vacancy: Research Development Officer, Royal Veterinary College
The Royal Veterinary College are seeking a Research Development Officer to join their team. This is a newly created role, situated within the Research and Innovation Office (RIO) and the post holder will play an important role in a range of activities, including supporting RVC research activity. The position will primarily be focused on supporting RVC academics and researchers through the coordination of internal funding calls, supporting the delivery of training and guidance events and workshops, contributing to the development of associated training materials, and the collation of evidence essential for the development of high-quality Impact Case Studies. **Closing date 6 September** Read more

Vacancy: Open Research Assistant (CIVICA), London School of Economics and Political Science
This part-time post is based in Open Research Services and will work across the CIVICA alliance to build capacity to support Open Research in the social sciences in Europe. The post holder will work closely with the Open Research Librarian to develop an Open Research Community within LSE and link this community to others at CIVICA institutions across the alliance. They will also support colleagues at other institutions to build capacity within their institutions and link those supporting open research in a cross-CIVICA community. **Closing date 8 September** Read more

Vacancy: Open Research Library Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science

This post is based in Open Research Services and will work across the team to support Open Research. The post holder will work closely with the Open Research Librarian to develop and provide administrative support for open research via events, improved guidance materials, training for staff and students and the School's Open Research Working Group. Additionally, the post holder will support raising the School's research visibility via LSE repositories. **Closing date 8 September** Read more

Vacancy: Digital Library Developer, Technological University Dublin

Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) Library Services is seeking applicants for a Digital Library Developer. Under the strategic direction of the Assistant Head of Library Services: Digital Services, the Digital Library Developer will contribute to development work to support all aspects of the Digital Library, including the library management system, adapting and developing software and integrating diverse digital systems to ensure a technically robust and accessible Digital Library. **Closing date 9 September** Read more

Vacancy: Library Assistant, Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge

Lucy Cavendish College are looking to recruit a Library Assistant to support the delivery of library services to members of the College. With previous experience in a similar role, the post holder will play a major part in supporting the circulation of library books and other materials by checking loans back into the library on a daily basis and returning them to the library shelves. They will provide administrative support including checking reading lists and producing regular displays of library materials. **Closing date 9 September** Read more

Vacancy: Senior Library Assistant, Wolfson College, University of Oxford

Wolfson College, University of Oxford, wishes to appoint a Senior Library Assistant who will play an important role in the day-to-day operations of the College library and provide a welcoming and responsive service to library users. This is a new role within Wolfson College library. Working closely with the Librarian you will have the opportunity to develop a broad range of skills and you will be encouraged to ensure the efficient management of the library and the enhancement of services. This role will appeal to someone who likes a multi-tasking, hands-on environment, a variety tasks and who enjoys engaging with a lively reader community. **Closing date 9 September** Read more

Vacancy: Head of Collections Discovery & Systems, University of Glasgow

The University of Glasgow is seeking to appoint a new member of the Library Collections Senior Management Team to bring expertise and leadership in the digital discovery, preservation, and management of the University's internationally significant collection of books, manuscripts and archives. **Closing date 15 September** Read more

Vacancy: Digital Services Librarian, University of Derby

The University of Derby are recruiting for the post of Digital Services Librarian to join their Content and Digital Services team in the Library. This is an exciting new full-time post that will take responsibility for the operational management and delivery of activity in support of the Library's content and digital services. The post holder will utilise specialist knowledge to configure library platforms, maintain access to library content and work collaboratively to resolve technical issues with the Library's digital environments. **Closing date 15 September** Read more

Vacancy: Senior Research Librarian, House of Commons Library

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Research and Information Service at the House of Commons Library. They are currently recruiting for a Senior Research Librarian to work in their large friendly team of highly skilled information professionals to help connect the wider Research and Information community with the resources (physical, digital and human) they need to complete their work. This is a varied role with the opportunity to help shape their research support service for the future. **Closing date 16 September** Read more

Vacancy: Information Assistant, Edinburgh Napier University

Edinburgh Napier University is looking for an Information Assistant to join its Information & Operations team. As an Information Assistant, you will play a critical role in the successful delivery of a responsive, high-quality customer-centric experience for staff and students. **Closing date 22 September** Read more

Events

If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please e-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

OAI13 – The Geneva Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication, 4-8 September

Shaping the future: a research agenda for UK libraries, Sheffield, 11 September

OASPA 2024 Conference, Lisbon, 16-18 September

Luxatia International: 9th Innovative Learning Spaces Summit, Berlin, 18-20 September

Copim: Crisis in higher education and the future of Diamond open access, London, 19 September

Copim's Open Book Futures project: an update and showcase of our work, 25 September

Fantastic Futures Canberra 2024 Conference, Australia, 15-18 October

The British Library, Open and Engaged 2024: Empowering Communities to Thrive in Open Scholarship, London and online, 21 October

SCONUL Autumn conference: Navigating change, innovation and creativity, Birmingham, 18 November

SUMAC (analySis, Understanding and proMotion of heritAge Contents) workshop, Melbourne, 28 October – 1 November

UKSG November Conference 2024, 20 and 21 November

CSGUK Annual conference: Stop, Start, Continue, Belfast, 22 November

44th Annual IATUL conference, New Zealand, 24-28 November. Programme now released: https://www.iatul2024.org/programme/

19th International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC25), The Hague, 17-19 February 2025