

Editorial

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Welcome to issue 63 of *SCONUL Focus* – the first to be published in digital format exclusively. We hope that you will find the new e-format easier to navigate and read.

Perhaps fittingly, the main theme of this issue relates to how we are delivering e-content to our users. The Library Management System (LMS) remains a key player with regard to e-delivery. With this in mind, three articles describe how Westminster, West London and Limerick libraries have moved to a hosted solution in terms of LMS provision, whilst at Kingston University, the authors share their experience of migrating to a fully cloud-based solution. All of these contributions demonstrate the importance of robust project management in this not insignificant task, whilst highlighting a number of benefits to be derived from taking a Software as a Service (SaaS) approach.

Delivering e-content to support research has also emerged as a key theme in the contributions received for this issue. At Westminster, Suzanne Enright outlines the key drivers for greater investment in supporting the research agenda and describes their approach in ensuring that researchers are fully supported by the library through the development of a research management platform. The authors from Birmingham City University describe how a collaborative approach with researchers resulted in the development of an online resource to support the research journey, whilst the article by Crilly and Meece demonstrates the library's role in the development of a research repository and the support of research data management at the University of Arts London. On a similar theme, the article from the University of Salford describes the library's approach to providing online access to their archive collections.

Projects to enhance e-resources to support teaching also feature. Andrew Barker demonstrates how partnership working with the University Press has resulted in the move to publish two key texts at the University of Liverpool, whilst Matthew Lawson describes an initiative to provide all students with free e-books at the University of Middlesex.

The ability for libraries to manage their e-resources, subscriptions and licences is of course of upmost importance and so this issue also includes an update on KB+. This service aims to do just that; it is managed by Jisc's Digital Resources Directorate, and is currently free to all UK Universities.

Not every article in this issue focuses exclusively on the delivery of e-content. This is fine, as the editorial team has not adopted a policy of refusing to publish items, if we think they will be of interest to readers. However, we do intend to continue with a themed approach for future issues and aim to link these themes to those of SCONUL's strategy groups. With this in mind, we have recently put out a call for articles on the topic of 'knowing our customers and responding to their needs'. We have set a copy date of 30 June.

We think that this theme ties nicely into the work of SCONUL's User Experience and Success Strategy Group – see <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/user-experience-and-success> and for the terms of reference see <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/user-experience-and-success-strategy-group>. You might wish to consider some of the topics pertinent to the work of this group in relation to article submission.

We look forward to receiving contributions on this theme for issue 64.

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