

## News

### SCONUL Summer Conference and AGM 2017

Registration for the SCONUL Summer Conference is now open. It is 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 and Alistair Jarvis, Deputy Chief Executive, Universities UK. 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. The link to register is here: <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/event/sconul-summer-conference-and-agm-2017>

### Developing practical support for library leaders

The SCONUL Leadership Task and Finish group is working on a series of practical support measures for emerging, new and established library leaders. To help inform that work SCONUL has issued a survey, primarily aimed at those heading up library services, to help develop this support. Responses will be treated as confidential and the survey will close on Monday 10 April. The survey can be found [here](#).

### SCONUL consultancy brief

SCONUL is seeking a consultant for a small project producing materials to support a SCONUL mentoring scheme for new and emerging leaders. Tenders should be submitted to Ann Rossiter [ann.rossiter@sconul.ac.uk](mailto:ann.rossiter@sconul.ac.uk) by 9am on Monday 10 April and should include a schedule of specific outputs, milestones, timescales, and associated costs. [Read more](#)

### Concern over access to library material for visually impaired people raised with Minister

SCONUL along with a number of organisations representing visually impaired persons and the library and information sectors have signed a joint letter to the Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, Jo Johnson MP, with concerns that proposed changes to the implementation of the [Marrakesh Treaty](#) in Europe will hamper the ability of libraries to serve print disabled people and provide access to works. [Read more](#)

### National Library of Wales and Cardiff University deepen collaboration

The National Library of Wales and Cardiff University have announced the signing of a new collaboration which will enable access to the National Library of Wales' digital collections from the Arts and Social Studies Library at Cardiff University. [Read more](#)

### Times Higher Education - Student Experience Survey

Congratulations to the seven SCONUL universities who came joint top in the 'Good library and library opening times' category of the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017. The survey awards universities on twenty-one separate attributes under the seven themes of academic experience, university and facilities, society experience, student welfare, accommodation, industry connections, and security. [Read more](#)

### New Mercian Steering Group Elected

The Mercian Collaboration has announced its new Steering Group Officers following their first elections. The new Mercian Steering Group will be led by its new Chair, Dave Parkes, Director of Library and Learning Services at De Montfort University, Vice-Chair, Diane Jobs (University of Birmingham), and incoming Treasurer Paul Reynolds (Keele University). The Officers will be further supported by three Steering Group Members, also elected from among the 22 member representative library directors. These are Phil Brabban (Coventry), Fiona Parsons (Wolverhampton) and Emma Walton (Loughborough). [Read more](#)

## New Chair and Vice-Chair for WHELP

WHELP has announced the appointment of Emma Adamson (Director of Learning Services, University of South Wales) and Steve Williams (University Librarian and Head of Libraries, Archives, Culture and Arts, Swansea University) as its new Chair and Vice-Chair. [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](mailto:SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk).

### **Vacancy: Associate Director (Academic Liaison and Support), University of Reading**

As a result of the retirement of Helen Hathaway University of Reading are seeking an Associate Director (Academic Liaison and Support) to join the Senior Management Team in the University Library here at Reading. **Closing date 24 April** [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](mailto:sconul@sconul.ac.uk). [Read more](#)

**Research Excellence & Publishing – Open Access, Data, Copyright Impact, London, 3 April**

**8th OpenAIRE workshop: Legal issues in Open Research Data, Barcelona 4 April**

**Webcast: Creating Learning Experiences at the Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy, 4 April 15.00hrs**

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

**LILAC 2017, Swansea, 10-12 April**

**AMOSSHE: Understanding cultural differences, London, 27 April**

**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**

**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**

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

**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**