

## News

### SCONUL members meeting: presentation on impact of AI on teaching and learning

On 26 June SCONUL held its AGM and members meeting. The keynote presentation was delivered by Professor Jackie Potter, Dean of Academic Innovation, University of Chester. Attendees heard from Professor Potter who spoke on the impact of AI on teaching and learning at UK universities. Watch or read the presentation here: <https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/sconul-members-meeting-2023>.

### Emma Walton and Regina Everitt re-elected to the SCONUL Board

SCONUL is pleased to announce that at its AGM on 26 June Regina Everitt (University of East London), and Emma Walton (Loughborough University) were re-elected to the Executive Board for a second term. SCONUL is also grateful to Marilyn Clarke, Librarian at Institute for Advanced Legal Studies who is co-opted representing the interests of small and specialist institutions, Liz Jolly, Chief Librarian at the British Library who is co-opted representing national libraries, Kate Kelly, Director Library Services at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland who is co-opted representing libraries in Ireland and Robert Ruthven, Director of Library Services at Glasgow Caledonian University who is co-opted representing libraries in Scotland. Congratulations to all concerned. With many thanks to Alison Harding who is standing down.

### SCONUL's support for members

SCONUL has published its Annual report and audited accounts for 2022. This gives a useful overview of its activity over the last year and sets out our plans in delivery on our strategy. The report can be found at: <https://www.sconul.ac.uk/publication/sconul-annual-report-and-audited-accounts-2022>

### Consultant required for benchmarking statistics consultation work

SCONUL currently has an exciting opportunity for a consultant to help drive our benchmarking statistics review forward. We are seeking someone to consult our diverse membership about their current and potential future uses of the statistics and produce a report on the findings for the Board. This will inform our planning work in this area, as we modernise this core service. Full details of this opportunity can be found in the [tender brief](#). Proposals should be submitted to Lisa McLaren, Deputy Director, at [lisa.mclaren@sconul.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.mclaren@sconul.ac.uk) by 5pm on Monday 31 July. For further information or questions, please do contact [lisa.mclaren@sconul.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.mclaren@sconul.ac.uk). [Read more](#)

### IFLA's decision to hold the WLIC 2024 in Dubai

SCONUL has issued a statement expressing its disappointment with IFLA's decision to hold the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2024 in Dubai and our concerns about the implications for the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ colleagues. The full statement can be found here: <https://www.sconul.ac.uk/news/sconul-statement-on-ifla-decision-to-hold-the-2024-world-library-and-information-congress-in>. Statements have also been issued by [CILIP](#) and [The Library Association of Ireland \(LAI\)](#).

### New Open Access Toolkit to Empower Scholarly Publishers and Researchers

OASPA and DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) have launched a new [Open Access Journals Toolkit](#). The Toolkit answers a need for an online resource to support new and established open access journals in navigating the rapidly changing landscape of open access publishing. Intended for anyone involved in journal publishing and with a strong focus on helping under-resourced journals globally, the Toolkit enables empowered and informed decision-making. [Read more.](#)

### Mercian Collaboration Annual Report 2022

The Mercian Collaboration has published its 2022 Annual. The report is designed to provide insight into the Collaboration, their activities and those of their various subgroups throughout 2022. [Read more](#)

### 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.ac.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. WHELP <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](mailto:SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk).

### **Vacancy: Senior Librarian (Discovery and Access), University of Nottingham**

University of Nottingham is seeking to appoint a Senior Librarian (Discovery and Access). The Discovery and Access team manages library systems and software, including institutional repositories for research publications and data. The team comprises specialists in both library systems and metadata and collaborates with wider library and other colleagues to manage integrations with different University systems and to plan for organisation-wide changes. **Closing date 12 July** [Read more](#)

### **Vacancy: Senior Librarian (Collections), University of Nottingham**

University of Nottingham is seeking to appoint a Senior Librarian (Collections). The Collections team manages and develops collections both online and physical across seven libraries and an off-site store. They are a primary contact for academic staff using the institutional reading list system, review all physical stock in libraries, and take a lead on promoting both new and existing resources. **Closing date 16 July** [Read more](#)

### **Vacancy: Open Research Services Manager, London School of Economics and Political Science**

LSE are currently recruiting for an Open Research Services Manager. The post holder will lead the Research Support team in the library which is responsible for developing and delivering innovative research support, open science and secure data services. coordinating library support for research evaluation activities and the library's copyright advice service. The post holder will join at a critical time for the delivery of the School's new research strategy and will be actively involved in reviewing open research systems, policies and services which underpin this strategy. **Closing date 16 July** [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](mailto:sconul@sconul.ac.uk).

**15th International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries (LibPMC), 11-13 July**

**CILIP conference, Birmingham, 12-13 July**

**Jisc: Collective funding models for open access books, 19 July**

**ISKO UK 2023 Conference, Glasgow, 24-25 July**

**IATUL seminar: Libraries as Transformers, Izmir, 4-7 September**

**Open Science (OAI13) Conference, 4-8 September**

**4th Fantastic Futures Conference, Vancouver, 15-17 November**