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The IL group is a sub group of CILIP CSG

1. Introduction

We are in an age of colossal growth in digital information. As the government is committed to the electronic delivery of information this is not a trend which is likely to slow and die. The Internet, while making information more accessible has also made finding information more complex and for many it has become a minefield which is un-negotiable. The parameters of information retrieval have been redefined.

The traditional role of a librarian was to concentrate on locating resources; that role has now changed to include critical evaluation and analysis, how to identify quality resources and how to manage information effectively. Skills such as these empower people to make informed decisions about the quality, authenticity and suitability of the information they are looking at. Information Literacy is part of life long learning, it is a core transferable skill which everyone not only requires but is entitled to in today's 'global information society'.

CILIP has defined IL as:

"Information literacy is knowing when and why you need information, where to find it, and how to evaluate, use and communicate it in an ethical manner."

2. CSG Information Literacy Group (CSG IL)

The CSG Information Literacy Group is a sub group of the CILIP Community Services Group(CSG). The sub group was formed in January 2004 and held its first meeting in February 2004. As a result of the meeting, a committee with 27 members was formed which includes representatives from many sectors including Schools, Public libraries and the NHS. The aims and objectives of the groups are:

Aim

To provide a forum across all sectors of the profession, which encourages debate and allows the exchange of knowledge in all aspects of information literacy.

Objectives

- To provide a forum for discussion through:
 - An email list
 - Conferences
 - Meetings
 - Web page
- To disseminate information about local, national and international initiatives and respond if appropriate

- To encourage the publication both nationally and internationally of articles which share new ideas, initiatives and experiences
- To encourage collaboration and support across all sectors of the profession
- To help promote the ideal of information literacy in all sectors

3. Membership

3.1 Group membership

The group has four types of membership:

(1) Members of CSG: If a person is member of CSG they are not automatically a member of CSG IL. To join the group they need to request membership.

(2) Members of CILIP who are not members of CSG: If a person is a member of CILIP but not CSG they are entitled to affiliate membership of CSG IL.
Cost £3

(3) Non-members of CILIP: A person can still join CSG IL if they are not a member of CILIP as an affiliate member. To join the group they need to request membership.
Cost £5

(4) Student/unwaged: Free

3.11 Membership numbers

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| ▪ CILIP CSG full membership | 44 |
| ▪ CILIP membership | 33 |
| ▪ Affiliated membership | 11 |

3.12 Infoliteracy Jisc email list

- Total membership 980

4. Partnerships

CSG IL has commercial partners and partners from national organisations.

4.1 Partners from national organisations

- SCONUL Advisory Committee on Information Literacy (ACIL)
- HE Academy
- EDUSERV
- ASSIGN

4.2 Commercial Partners

- Ovid
- 2CQ2
- CSA
- Edina
- Keynote
- Reuters
- Swets

- Ex-Libris
- RDN
- Sage Publishing
- Aneataprint
- Office Depot

5. Publications

5.1 CSG Journal

The group provides articles and book reviews for the CSG Journal.

5.2 Conference proceedings

The group support the open archive policy and therefore conference proceedings will be freely available on the IL website.

6. Review of Activities

The group has worked closely with CILIP and this, combined with Philip Wark (the chair of CSG) fighting for the IL cause within CILIP council has meant that substantial steps forward have now been made:

- CILIP have recognised the importance of IL
- CILIP have asked the group to move the IL agenda forward on behalf of the CILIP membership and have just offered the group central funding
- We have already started to contact other interested groups to hopefully form partnerships that will yield a collaborative approach towards IL
- created a discussion list (lis-infoliteracy) which has 900 + members
- responded to the OFCOM report on behalf of CILIP

6.1 Information Literacy definition

Angela Abell, Chris Armstrong, Debbi Boden, Sheila Webber & Marcus Woolley joined other members of CILIP with a remit to provide a definition of IL for CILIP. The aim of the group was to provide a definition and competencies that were in simple language and could be adapted to the different sectors within our profession. This task has been completed and the definition was published in the January UPDATE.

6.2 Information Literacy strategy & marketing plan

A working party has been created to write IL strategic and marketing plans to be integrated the main CSG strategic and marketing documents. Debbi Boden, Jason Briddon, Belinda Hylton, Dr Rebecca Jones, Ruth Stubbings and Marcus Woolley met and documents were produced and sent to the Philip Wark (Chair of CSG) for further discussion.

6.3 Information Literacy Action Plan

CILIP have given the group the responsibility for moving the IL agenda forward on their behalf. Debbi Boden, Linda Constable, Guy Daines, Philip

Wark and Marcus Woolley met and produced a costed IL action plan to cover the next two years in response to this need. The plan was endorsed by the Policy Development Committee and central funding of £9,000 has been allocated to the group by CILIP.

6.4 LILAC

The group plans to hold a 3 day IL conference at Imperial College London in April 2005. The conference has 5 themes:

- Collaboration with in HE with academic staff
- Plagiarism and copyright issues: new technology, new problems?
- School librarians and key skills
- Information literacy and e-learning
- Widening participation: the role of the librarian.

Keynote speakers include:

- Diana Laurillard, Department for Education and Skills
- Sheila Corral, University of Sheffield
- Jude Carroll, Oxford Brookes University
- Gwyneth Price, Institute of Education
- Sheila MacNeil, CETIS, LT Scotland
- Lawrence Hamburg, The Higher Education Academy
- Liz Thomas, The Higher Education Academy
- Kathryn Sheard - Kirklees Education Library service

After dinner speaker:

Deborah Shorley, University of Sussex Librarian & CILIP President Elect

6.5 CILIP UPDATE

The group worked with Elspeth Hyams, the editor of UPDATE to provide content for a bumper themed IL edition of UPDATE in January. The group provided 15+ articles on IL from various sectors.

7. Financial report

Much of the financial activity of the group has been focussed on the hugely successful Lilac 2005 Conference. The Information Literacy Group Bank account was opened, with Barclays Bank, 30 September 2005 with a balance of £0.00 and by the end of the financial year, 31 March 2006, it was a healthy £21,930.61. Before we all get too excited it is important to realise that a substantial part of the conference income has been banked but much of the expenditure has not been made. To make it possible to organise the conference the group were loaned £5,000 by CSG and £1000 by assign and this money is to be repaid when all the conference income has been received. At this stage it is not possible to provide the final profit figure for the conference as outstanding income and expenditure is still to be made. It is estimated that there will be a profit slightly in excess

of £5,000. The conference pricing structure was developed using a break even model so that as many delegates as possible would attend so the forecast income is better than anticipated.

The Information Literacy Group is a sub group of the Communities Services Group (CSG) and therefore receives no membership funding from either CILIP or CSG. The committee has set direct membership fees of £5 for non-CILIP members and £3 for non-CSG members. By the 31 March 2005 the thirty four memberships have provided £118 of income. The current CILIP funding structure is unlikely to change the Information Literacy Group will receive little in the way of membership funds in the future. Therefore the committee made the decision not to pay attendance expenses of committee members except for exceptional case by case circumstances.

Marcus Woolley
Treasurer

Appendix 1

Committee members

- Chair: [Debbi Boden](#) – Faculty Team Leader (Life sciences)
- Vice-Chair: [Ruth Stubbings](#) - Academic Services Manager (SSH Faculty)
- Secretary: [Maria Bell](#) - Assistant Librarian (Law and EDC)
- Web pages: [Angela Newton](#) - Information Literacy Research Training Officer
- Membership Secretary: [Sue Egleton](#) - Sales Support Consultant
- Treasurer: [Marcus Woolley](#) - Head of Library Development and Academic Liaison
- Conference Officer: [Jane Secker](#) - Learning Technology Librarian
- Events Officer: [Hannah Hough](#) - Research Support Co-ordinator
- NHS representative: [Belinda Hylton](#) – Knowledge Officer
- Government rep: [Adrienne Harris](#) - Information Services Manager (Desktop Delivery)
- MLA rep and CSG link: [Linda Constable](#) - ICT Development Officer
- Public Library representative: [Andrew Lewis](#) - e-Services Officer
- CyMAL representative: [Helen Williams](#)
- Schools Representative: [Rebecca Jones](#) - College Librarian
- SCONUL ACIL Representative: [Sheila Webber](#) - Senior Lecturer
- [Angela Abell](#) - Director, TFPL
- [Chris Armstrong](#) - Managing Director/Senior Consultant
- [Jason Briddon](#) – Faculty Librarian: Health and Social Care
- [Penny Dale](#) - Lecturer Subject Librarian
- [Mark Hepworth](#) - Lecturer
- [Matt Holland](#) - Subject Librarian
- [Cathie Jackson](#) - Senior Consultant: Information Literacy / Information Specialist: Law
- [Angela Jones-Evans](#)
- [Jillian Latto](#) - Librarian
- [Diane Lindsay](#) - Senior Librarian
- [Rebecca Mogg](#) - Information Specialist
- [Lyn Parker](#) - Academic Services Development Librarian
- [Jonathan Smart](#) - Academic Support Co-ordinator (Skills)
- [Jacqui Weetman](#) - Academic Librarian and Team Leader