



CILIP Information Literacy Group Annual Report 2019/2020



Message from the Chair

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Report of the CILIP Information Literacy Group (ILG). It has been another very busy year and I have been taking some time to reflect on the work of the group over the last 5 years given I was appointed as Chair in April 2015. We've also been doing some forward planning for the future of ILG, particularly in light of some of the changes taking place at CILIP HQ. I appreciate that our AGM this year is taking place online and we are all very much affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has made our daily lives increasingly challenging. I am therefore particularly indebted to the work the ILG Committee are doing at the current time and for the support they have been giving me. We were all incredibly saddened at having to cancel the LILAC 2020 conference but rest assured that we are working hard to prepare for the 2021 conference.

The group is in a solid position financially and we're continuing to share good practice and advocate for information literacy. The creation of the new definition of IL in 2018 has been incredibly helpful in that respect. We have run a number of successful one day events in 2019. LILAC and JIL continue to be hugely successful activities led by ILG, however, there is still much we can do. We have started to have discussions about collaboration with a number of other professional associations outside the library world. We are also in the process of preparing a 5 year strategic plan. Thank you to all our committee and sub-committee members for their hard work over the past year and thank you to our members for their support. I hope you are all keeping well and safe and surviving these difficult times.

Dr Jane Secker

Chair, CILIP Information Literacy Group

3rd April 2020

Changes to the ILG Committee

During the year we have had a number of changes to the Committee membership.

Group Secretary Laura Woods has assumed the role of Co- Deputy Chair, working alongside Rosie Jones. Lisa Jeskins stepped down as Deputy Chair in December 2019 and we are grateful to her for her ongoing support.

We have welcomed Padma Inala as the new Training Officer. Padma replaces Catherine McManamon who has moved to Secretary. Padma will work with ILG's other Training Officer, Andrew Walsh, to coordinate training and events on behalf of the group. We also welcome Liz White as the new Further Education Representative. Liz joins us to replace Anna-Lise Harding, who has also moved roles, assuming the role of Government Libraries Representative.

Dr Alison Hicks, one of our Library and Information School representatives, is now working alongside Dr Emma Coonan as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Information Literacy, ahead of a handover in June 2020.

Full membership of the current Committee can be found in Appendix One.

A revised definition of Information Literacy

The revised CILIP Definition of Information Literacy was launched in April 2018 at LILAC and this year has seen more events where members of the committee have spoken about the definition both nationally and internationally. These include:

- Stéphane Goldstein and Geoff Walton presented at a seminar in London organised by NetIKX, the Network for Information & Knowledge Exchange, in May 2019
- Rosie Jones chaired a panel discussion on information literacy at the CILIP annual conference in June 2019
- Jane Secker gave a keynote at the Western Balkans Media and Information Literacy Conference in Bihac, Bosnia in June 2019 based on the CILIP IL definition.
- Jane Secker promoted the IL definition at the EIFL General Assembly in Bishket, Kyrgyzstan in August 2019.
- Jane Secker gave a keynote based on the IL definition (via video conference) in Uzbekistan in October 2019
- Stéphane Goldstein and Jane Secker gave an RSA talk in Durham in November 2019 highlighting the new definition.

Our Priorities

In 2019 the committee priorities remain aligned with those of CILIP's 2020 action plan, which focuses heavily on information literacy. 2018/2019 highlights

Advocacy

This section highlights some of the activities in which we have been involved during the past year.

- Meetings between ILG and a range of organisations interested in information literacy / dis and mis-information took place in 2019 including: Full Fact, Sense about Science, Ofcom, Department of Digital, Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS), the BBC (with both BBC Monitoring, which incorporates a Disinformation/Fake News Unit, and the Young Reporter initiative), the RSA, and two parent-focused networks, The School Run and ParentZone.
- ILG took part in a workshop organised in March 2019 by Dr Julian McDougall from Bournemouth University on Fake News and Media Literacy
- A meeting with the Department for Education took place also in March 2019 to discuss the place of information literacy in the curriculum.
- In June 2019 Stéphane Goldstein was invited to sit on the Ofcom 'Making Sense of Media' advisory group, and has since taken part in four meetings, as well as a meeting of a sub-group looking at evaluation of media literacy interventions.
- Stéphane Goldstein took part in two consultative workshops organised by DCMS (June 2019 and March 2020) to help inform the development of the UK online media literacy strategy.
- Stéphane Goldstein and Jane Secker are contributing to the RSA's ongoing project on disinformation. They also ran a breakfast workshop session on IL for RSA in April 2019.
- Sense about Science have written a piece for the ILG blog, and it is hoped that, over the summer, they will also contribute an article to *Information Professional*.

TeenTech and Great School Libraries

We continue to sponsor the Research and Information Literacy Award which is part of TeenTech, a science and technology initiative in schools. All members of the committee were involved in judging TeenTech projects and we attended the judging day in June 2019 alongside celebrities and other TeenTech sponsors.

We are delighted to now be sharing the sponsorship for this award with JCSONline, who licence high quality resources for schools. Their involvement not only means schools have access to these resources on a trial basis, it also reduces the sponsorship fee by half.

Jane Secker and Stephane Goldstein have joined the Great School Libraries working group which is focusing on information literacy in phase two of the campaign. They attended their first meeting in February 2020.

Research

A number of research projects concluded this year funded by ILG, however due to financial uncertainties we have been unable to offer any new bursaries for research in 2019/20. We will continue to review this on an ongoing basis.

Journal of Information Literacy

We continue to publish the [Journal of Information Literacy](#), the diamond open access peer reviewed journal, twice yearly to promote high quality research in the field.

LILAC

LILAC 2019 was held at the University of Nottingham. The conference was booked to full capacity with 350 delegates, of which 100 were international. We sponsored 5 bursary places and two student places at the conference to encourage attendance from across the sectors. The keynote speakers for 2019 were;

- Sandeep Mahal, [Director for Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature](#),
- Ruth Carlyle, Health Librarian and a health promotion specialist, Health Education England
- Professor Allison Littlejohn, Academic Director for Digital Innovation at The Open University.

Copies of the presentations, along with videos of the keynotes are available from the [LILAC website](#). Conference reports and interviews with bursary winners from student winners Gemma Pearce and Hannah Slater can be found in the [June 2019 issue of the Journal of Information Literacy](#).

LILAC 2020 is taking place at Manchester Metropolitan University. The [keynotes for 2020](#) will be;

- Emily Drabinski, Critical Pedagogy Librarian at the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- Emma Coonan, Research Fellow at the Centre for Innovation in Higher Education at Anglia Ruskin University
- Elizabeth Charles, Assistant Director of Library Services (E-Services, Systems and Collections) at Birkbeck, University of London.

Website and social media

Training events and sponsorship

We continue to support the development of library and information professionals' information literacy and related literacies and teaching skills via events and webinars.

Activity this year has included:

- Organised ICEPOPS, the second year of the international copyright literacy one day event with playful opportunities for practitioners and scholars. Icepops 2019 was held on 26th June at the University of Edinburgh. This was the second time the conference ran, and 80 delegates attended from countries including: the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Hungary, Sweden and Switzerland. Chris Morrison and Jane Secker were the conference co-chairs, and the event was sponsored by: Copyright Licensing Agency, Educational Recording Agency (ERA) Learning on Screen, CREATE and Talis.
- Ran the course 'Teaching for New(er) Professionals' in Bristol in March 2019
- In October 2019 we reprised our offering for UNESCO Global Media and Information Literacy for the second year, once more offering 3 events over the week in London, Manchester and Aberdeen. The Aberdeen event was available to attend virtually as well as physically, with recordings also made available: https://youtu.be/ocB_4pPKxR8
- Sponsored the one day Universities UK and GUILDHE Copyright Working Group in September 2019
- Ran the Exploring Intersections of Scholarly Communications and Information Literacy Event at Liverpool Central Library in December 2019.

Information Literacy Awards

We offer an annual award for achievement in Information Literacy in the UK. The IL Award recognises an outstanding contribution made by a researcher or practitioner working in the IL field in any sector. The winner in 2019 was the Open University Library's Live Engagement Team. The winning team design and deliver live online teaching sessions to OU staff and students. They have a remit for experimenting with online technologies and new ways of engaging the OU community.

The Digital Award for Information Literacy (sponsored by the Open University) rewards an innovative/high impact digital resource developed by a UK-based individual or group. The winner in 2019 was Terry Charlton for Newcastle University Library's Online Learning Resources.

Appendix One: Committee Membership

Officers:

- Chair: Jane Secker
- Deputy Chair: Rosie Jones and Laura Woods
- Treasurer: Jonas Herriot
- Secretary: Catherine McManamon

Members:

Pip Divall, Jacqueline Geekie, Stephane Goldstein, Kate Grigsby, Anne-Lise Harding, Alison Hicks, Padma Inala, Rebecca Jones, Claire Packham, Sarah Pavey, Dan Pullinger, Andrew Walsh, Geoff Walton, Abi Ward, Liz White.

Co-opted member: Emma Coonan (JIL Editor)

Appendix Two: Financial report

See separate document