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One-Day UKSG Conference

The one-day UKSG conference this year is focusing on “Shared Services,” a concept that is increasingly talked about in the scholarly communications sector. Prominent examples include centralised or consortial procurement (e.g. NESLi2) and collaborative cataloguing (e.g. OCLC).

Shared services are usually developed in order to improve quality, streamline functions, and save money. With severe funding cuts beginning to take effect in higher education, organisations such as SCONUL, HEFCE, and JISC, as well as individual universities and libraries, are planning to broaden the implementation of shared services in order to achieve new cost savings. Publishers and suppliers are also experimenting further with collaborative approaches to business challenges, such as ORCID for author identification.

This one-day UKSG conference, chaired by David Sommer, will look back at lessons learned from past collaboration, both within and outside of the scholarly communications sector; consider the likely impact of current ventures; and explore how all stakeholders in the scholarly information supply chain can work together and make better use of shared services to achieve new efficiencies in the future.

Our programme of speakers includes:

- Ken Chad, on the pressure points in scholarly communications that shared services can relieve

(both locally and globally), the main issues that drive their implementation, and the need for sustainability of projects.

- Anne Bell, university librarian at the University of Warwick, and chair of the SCONUL Shared Services Steering Group, on new HEFCE- and JISC-sponsored shared services for electronic resource management.
- Colin Cram, procurement consultant, on the history of shared services and lessons that can be learned from other sectors.
- Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, Finland’s deputy national librarian, on the progress of various shared services within the EU.
- Mike Taylor, principal investigator at Elsevier Labs, on collaborative science, ORCID, and how publishers might best pursue shared services in future.

In addition, there will be a session on unified resource management (URM). Speaker is to be confirmed.

The event will include a “Question Time”-style discussion with delegates able to submit questions in advance, as well as during the debate. The programme allows plenty of time for networking and will close with a drinks reception.

This event is aimed at anyone wishing to broaden their understanding of an area that will become increasingly relevant as well as anyone who is involved in or affected by the implementation of shared services.

The event is to be held on the 16th November 2011 at The Institute of Physics in London. The members’ rate is £160+VAT and the non-members’ rate is £120+VAT.

More information can be found at
<http://www.uksg.org/event/NOVCONF2011>.

If you would like to attend, please either register your interest on the website or email me at tracy@tgm.ox14.com , and you will be notified when booking opens.

Kind Regards,

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