



Scholarly Communications Crisis: Setting the Context

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The Issues (1)



- Finance
- IPR
- SPARC and SPARC Europe
- Public Library of Science
- ELSSS
- Digital Preservation

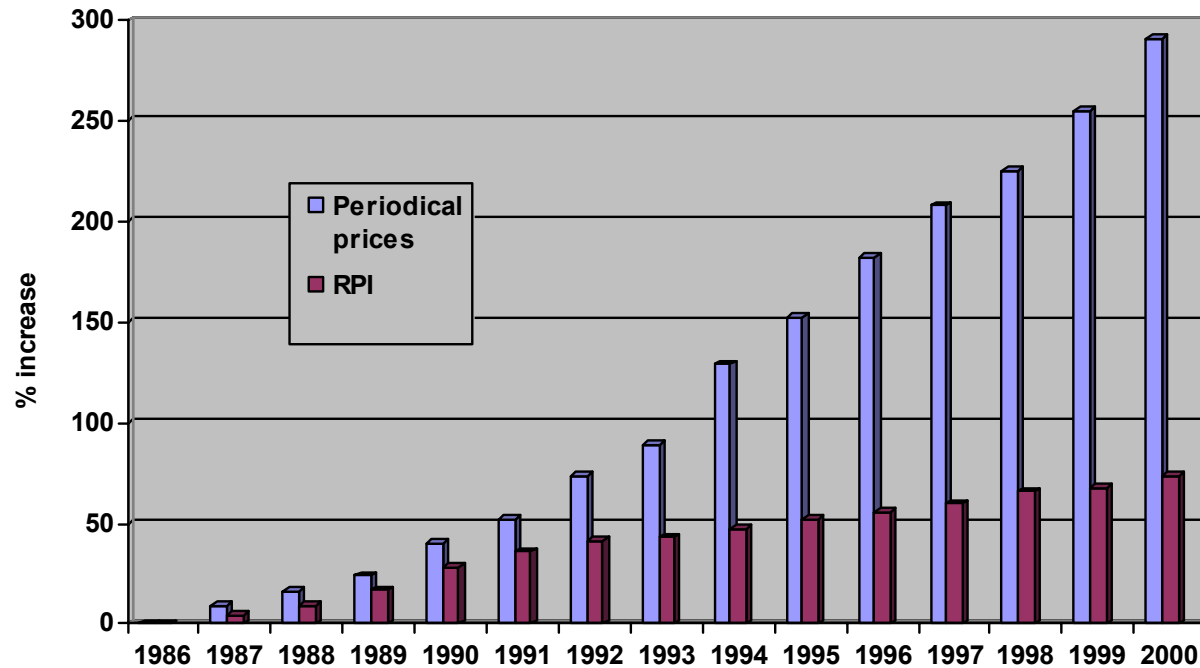
The Issues (2)



- Advocacy campaigns
- Open Archiving Initiative (OAI)
- International Scholarly Communications Alliance (ISCA)
- Manifesto for action!

Finance (1)

Periodical price increases
mapped against the RPI



Finance (2)

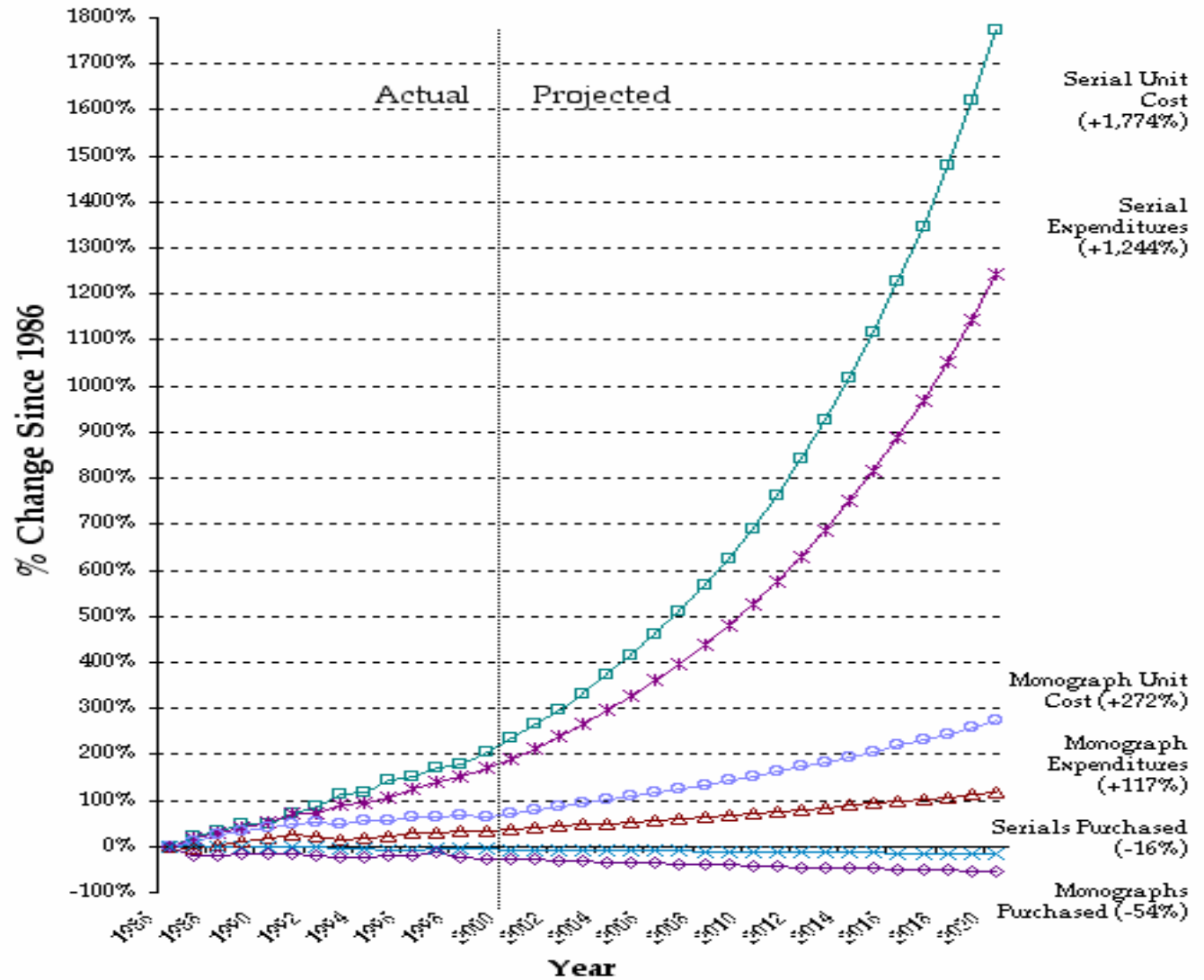


- Commercial publishers are predominantly interested in profit margins
- *‘We can talk about anything but profit’* – Derk Haank
- Librarians have not sold their case well in the past!
- Dialogue starting but difficult



Monograph and Serial Costs in ARL Libraries, 1986-2020

Scenario 1 Projections



Finance (3)



- What model best suits a CURL library?
 - ‘All you can eat deal’
 - Paper bundled with electronic access?
 - Tiered model? Now to be tested by CURL with Blackwells Science
- VAT a big problem for a move to electronic only delivery

IPR (1)



- *The model:*
- Academics/researchers are paid to produce research
- IPR is handed over to commercial publishers
- Universities buy it back in journal subscriptions

IPR (2)



- Universities coming to a resolution about local IPR arrangements – which are not identical
- CURL has composed a questionnaire on IPR for the Russell Group Vice-Chancellors to map local arrangements

IPR (3)



- CURL is trying to lobby the Funding Councils
- Wellcome Trust is discussing the question
- CURL is trying to get statements about free access to IPR written into the Letters of Grant from Funding Agencies

SPARC



- Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
 - <http://www.arl.org/sparc/>
- European branch now started
 - <http://www.sparceurope.org/>
- Produces cost-effective e-journals
- Some Editorial Boards have moved wholesale to SPARC

PLoS



- Public Library of Science
 - <http://www.publiclibraryofscience.org/>
- Campaign by academics and researchers
- Current publishing model is questioned
- Output will be new e-journals

ELSSS (1)



- Electronic Society for Social Scientists
- Started by Dr Manfredi La Manna, University of St Andrews
- See <http://www.elsss.org/>

ELSSS (2)



- First ELSSS journal, *Review of Economic Theory*, to appear in 2003
 - international Editorial Board
 - appearing in e- and paper formats
- CURL has a seat on the ELSSS Trust

Digital Preservation (1)



- Digital Preservation is a principal constraint in the new e-economy
- No-one is doing it systematically
- Reed Elsevier is in discussion with international libraries over trusted repositories
- CURL CEDARS project a good exemplar

Digital Preservation (2)



- Digital Preservation Coalition launched at the Houses of Parliament
- See <http://www.dpconline.org/>
- A principal aim is to foster debate
- 3-year Business Plan forthcoming by March 2003

Advocacy campaigns (1)



- Librarians are on the whole converted!
- Sir Brian Follett says the escalating costs in periodical subscriptions are marginal to a university
- Academics see periodical inflation rates as a problem only for the Library

Advocacy campaigns (2)



- CURL has devoted Jan.-April 2002 to a national advocacy campaign
- Second round now planned for 2003
- We are trying to reach academics and Subject/Liaison Librarians
- You have an enormously important local role to play!
- Partnership between Library and academics is vital

Open Archiving



- Open Archive Initiative
- Pre-print servers to archive papers
- Subject-based or institution-based?
- What is the role of refereeing?

OAI: SHERPA (1)



- CURL-led project for the community
- Bid submitted to JISC
- Outputs
 - Collaboration with AHDS over long-term digital storage
 - Service servers set up at CURL exemplar sites

OAI: SHERPA (2)



- Nottingham (lead); White Rose partnership (Leeds, Sheffield, York); British Library; Glasgow, Edinburgh; Oxford; AHDS
- 7 other sites to be brought in
- Architecture will enable **all** CURL institutions **and others** to join within the 3 years of the project
- See <http://www.SHERPA.AC.UK/>

ISCA (1)



- International Scholarly Communications Alliance
 - A CURL initiative comprising library consortia in US, Canada, UK and Ireland, the rest of Europe, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia and New Zealand
- Global problems require global solutions

ISCA (2)



- Press release launched in early 2002; covered in the UK by the *THES*
- A joint work plan being prepared in spring 2003
- Details at:
<http://www.caul.edu.au/cisc/isca/>

Manifesto for Action (1)



- Train all Subject/Liaison Librarians in the issues
 - How is that best done in your own institution?
- Establish a web presence
 - Cf. Glasgow's excellent website at <http://www.gla.ac.uk/createchange/>

Manifesto for Action (2)



- Is Scholarly Communication the correct title for this??
- Launch local Advocacy campaigns to engage academics, subject by subject
- Make sure that the Research Support Libraries Group takes the issue seriously

Manifesto for Action (3)



- Support local discussions on IPR
- Support Open archiving in your own site
- Consider joining the CURL SHERPA project

Questions and Discussion



- And now over to you...