

CURL Annual Report, 1995 / 96 - extracts

Chronology of principal events and activities

- 26 September 1995 (Birmingham): Reports of the three CURL/British Library Working-Parties approved by the CURL Directors.
- 1 October 1995: Commencement of the JISC/Manchester Computing contract for the development of the CURL Online Public-Access Catalogue (COPAC).
- 25 October 1995 (Manchester): Meeting between the CURL Management Committee and representatives of UCoSDA to discuss co-operative staff development activities
- 1 November 1995: University of Sheffield joins CURL.
- 3 November 1995 (London): Meeting between representatives of CURL and ISSC to discuss the development of the Database and associated matters.
- November 1995: Six staff members from CURL libraries attend RLG symposium on the selection of materials for digitisation, followed by short placements in RLG member libraries.
- 4 December 1995 (Cambridge): Anne Mealia commences work as CURL Database Officer.
- 13 December 1995 (London): Meeting between CURL Management Committee and representatives of the British Library Working-Party to discuss further action arising from the reports of the three joint Working-Parties.
- 14 December 1995 (London): CURL Directors agree to fund Guide to the Research Collections of CURL libraries.
- 1 January 1996 (London): Nancy Elkington of RLG begins four-month placement in Britain in order to foster CURL/RLG relationship
- January 1996: CURL submits comments on the draft report of the CPA/RLG Task Force on the preservation of digital materials.
- February 1996: CURL submits evidence to the British Library review of the legal deposit of printed materials.
- 16 February 1996 (Manchester): First meeting of COPAC Policy Group.
- 4 March 1996 (Glasgow): First meeting of Inter-Library Loans Working-Party.
- 8 March 1996 (London): Public launch of CURL/British Library Working-Party reports.
- 13 March 1996 (London): Third Annual General Meeting of CURL.
- 22-3 April 1996 (Cambridge): RLG holds RLIN Forum in association with CURL.
- 25 April 1996 (London): First meeting of the CURL/British Library Task Force on the establishment of a National Bibliographic Resource.
- 30 April 1996 (Manchester): Launch of the COPAC.
- 14 May 1996 (Leeds): Commencement of discussions with OCLC about a possible change in the CURL/OCLC relationship.
- 11 June 1996 (Glasgow): Meeting between CURL and RUGIT (Research Universities Group - I.T.).
- 18 June 1996 (Leeds): CURL Directors agree to reduce the number of Directors to seven at the next Annual General Meeting, and to establish the post of Executive Secretary.

- 18 June 1996 (Leeds): Applications for Full Membership of CURL from the Universities of Durham, Newcastle, Nottingham, Southampton and Warwick approved by CURL Directors.
- 20 June 1996 (London): CURL/UCoSDA Staff Development Workshop for staff of member libraries.
- 29 June 1996: Wolfson Foundation agrees grants of £50K to a number of CURL libraries for the purpose of improving IT facilities.
- 1 July 1996: Agreement reached between CURL and RLG for a one-year all-inclusive subscription to RLIN.
- 22 July 1996 (Manchester): First meeting of CURL Database Management Committee.

Other business

- During the year, information was collected from members with a view to the production of a guide to CURL members' admission policies for researchers.
- Following the June Directors' Meeting, discussions commenced within CURL about a possible bid to the National Heritage Lottery Fund.