

CURL Annual Report, 1992 / 93 - extracts

Incorporation and membership CURL was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a private company limited by guarantee on 21 July 1992 (company registration number 2733294), with its registered office at The Brotherton Library, The University of Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS2 9JT

Chronology of principal events and activities:

- 21 July 1992: Date of incorporation of CURL
- 28 September 1992: Signing of the CURL/OCLC Record Reseller Agreement
- 1 November 1992: Date of implementation of the OCLC Record Reseller Agreement
- 24 November 1992: Meeting of Directors with HEFCE Chief Executive and Professor Sir Brian Follett to discuss the Libraries Review
- 1 January 1993: Appointment of Ros Purkis as full time Project Assistant in the CURL Project Office
- January 1993: CURL Directors respond to the initiative of the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL) on the establishment of a database of machine-readable records for pre-1830 materials
- February 1993: Completion of Brenda White Associates' commissioned report: "The CURL Database: a review of options"
- 15-16 March 1993: CURL Chairman attends the OCLC Conference of Research Library Directors in Dublin, Ohio, as the invited representative of CURL
- 22-23 March: Two day meeting of CURL Directors at Glasgow/Langbank, incorporating discussions about cooperation with RLG and a strategy day, facilitated by Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, including a consideration of the Brenda White report and the HEFCs' Libraries Review
- April 1993: Drafting and submission to HEFCs' Libraries Review of CURL's twin proposals on HEFC/JISC support for the CURL Database and a national network of library support for research
- 26 May 1993: Acceptance of RLG's offer of membership for CURL Libraries on favourably discounted terms
- 9 July 1993: Final form of CURL's outline Strategic Plan agreed.

Ongoing business at 31 August 1993:

- Negotiations were pursued with the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales over charitable status for CURL; this has now been achieved
- Discussions on record supply issues have taken place with numerous organisations including OCLC, SLS, BLNBS (on the concept of a National Bibliographic Database), BLCMP, CERL, JISC and RLG
- The future development of CURL has been extensively discussed in the context of: the future of the Database and the Brenda White report, the HEFCs' Libraries Review, and CURL's own Strategic Plan. Key issues, which will have continuing priority in future discussions, include: the development of the Database as a national service for the HE community, the widening of CURL membership, cooperation with RLG, CURL's role within the national framework of library support for research, and the drawing up of an Action Plan for the promotion of appropriate joint activities for CURL.