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Chronology of principal events and activities

- 1 August 1993: CURL registered for VAT (Registration no. 603 7579 34).
- 28 September 1993: CURL acquired Charitable status as Registered Charity No. 1026543.
- 15 October 1993 (London): Meeting between the CURL Management Committee and Dr John W. Haeger, Vice-President of the Research Libraries Group of America, to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- 8 November 1993 (Leeds): Presentation to the CURL Directors by James Michalko, and Patricia McClung, President and Director (Member Services and Support), Research Libraries Group.
- 8 December 1993: Publication of the Report of the Joint Funding Councils' Libraries Review (the Follett Report) recommending the funding of the CURL Database and its development to form an Online Public Access Catalogue with document delivery facilities.
- 1 January 1994: Appointment of Andrew Cooper as part-time Assistant Secretary.
- 18 January 1994 (Edinburgh): First Annual General Meeting.

- 3 February 1994: Presentation about CURL by the CURL Chairman to the Annual Meeting of the Research Libraries Group in Palo Alto, California.
- February 1994: CURL-dirs and CURL-plans electronic mailing lists for CURL Directors and technical processes staff set up at Mailbase.
- 22 February 1994: CURL response to Follett Report sent to HEFCE.
- 14-15 March 1994: CURL represented at the OCLC Conference of Research Library Directors in Dublin, Ohio, by Mr W.G. Simpson.
- March 1994: Start of testing of record retrieval on the new Cray computer at Manchester Computing Centre.
- 18-19 April 1994: CURL/RLG orientation meeting in London for members of staff of CURL libraries.
- April 1994: Commencement of loading of CURL Database to the Cray at Manchester Computing Centre.
- 3 May 1994 (Edinburgh): Meeting between the CURL Management Committee and Dr Clifford Lynch, Director of Library Automation at the University of California, to discuss OPAC developments.
- 6 May 1994 (Dublin): Special meeting of CURL Directors, facilitated by Robin Alston of University College, London, to discuss the development of the CURL Strategic Plan.
- 25 July 1994 (Manchester): Draft revised Strategic Plan considered by the Directors

Other business

- Discussions with SLS continued during the year, and it was expected that licensing agreements concerning charging for, and the use of, records would be signed during 1994-5.
- A CURL/CURL Members agreement was drafted and discussed during the year, and would be issued for signature during 1994-5.
- Following the publication of the Follett Report, informal contacts with members of JISC about the funding, management and development of the Database continued, suggesting that the formal process leading to contractual agreements would commence in late 1994.
- Working-parties to consider matters relating to the database, the staffing of CURL libraries, special collections matters, performance indicators and collection development were in the process of being set up at the end of the period under review.