

CURL Annual Report, 1994 / 95 - extracts

Chronology of principal events and activities

- 1 August 1994: The University of Birmingham, Imperial College, London and the London School of Economics joined CURL.
- 9 September 1994 (Edinburgh): Meeting between the CURL Management Committee and representatives of the British Library, at which it was agreed that three CURL/BL Working-Parties on a National Bibliographic Resource, Document Supply and Preservation should be established.
- 14 September 1994 (Manchester): First meeting of the Cataloguing Working-Party.
- 27 September 1994 (Cambridge): CURL Strategic Plan finalised.
- 6 October 1994 (London): First meeting of the Working-Party on performance indicators.
- 14 October 1994 (London): First meeting of the CURL/British Library Working-Party on a National Bibliographic Resource.
- 26 October 1994 (London): Meeting between the CURL Management Committee and representatives of JISC/ISSC, to discuss how to take forward the JISC-funded development of the CURL Database.
- 16 November 1994 (London): First meeting of CURL libraries' preservation administrators, organised by the British Library.
- 29 November 1994 (Glasgow): Final version of CURL/CURL Members Agreement distributed for signature.
- 12 December 1994 (Birmingham): First meeting of the Working-Party on staffing matters.
- 26 January 1995 (London): First meeting of CURL/British Library Working-Party on Document Supply.
- 7 February 1995 (London): First meeting of the CURL/British Library Working-Party on Preservation.
- 7 March 1995 (London): First meeting of the Special Collections Working-Party.
- 9 March 1995 (London): Agreement reached with SLS Ltd. on matters connected with the re-use of SLS and CURL records.
- 9 March 1995 (London): Meeting with representatives of JISC to discuss proposed Heads of Agreement concerning the Database.
- 10 March 1995 (London): Second Annual General Meeting of CURL.
- 10 March 1995 (London): CURL Membership Criteria finalised; the British Library and the National Libraries of Scotland and Wales to become Associate Members of CURL.
- 20 March 1995: CURL position paper on the future of scholarly communication sent to all UK Vice-Chancellors.
- 29 March (Birmingham): First meeting of the Acquisitions and Collection Development Working-Party.
- 11 April 1995: Final version of the CURL/JISC Heads of Agreement on the Database.

- 24 April 1995 (Leeds): Opening of “Realising the Potential”, a co-operative exhibition of research materials from CURL libraries, mounted to mark the official opening of the Brotherton Library West Building.
- 26 April 1995 (Manchester): Discussion of CURL/RLG relationship between members of the Management Committee and Dr. John W. Haeger, Vice-President of the Research Libraries Group.
- 1 May 1995: School of Advanced Study of the University of London invited to become a Co-operating Member of CURL.
- 9 May 1995: Issue of JISC Circular 5/95 inviting institutions to tender for the running of the CURL Record retrieval Service and the development of OPAC services.
- 10 May 1995: CURL response to the Joint Funding Councils’ Ad-hoc Group on Performance Indicators for Libraries (“The Effective Academic Library”) issued.
- 22 June 1995: JISC awarded the contract for the running and development of the CURL Database to Manchester Computing.
- 23 June 1995 (Oxford): CURL Directors agreed to increase the maximum number of Directors from twelve to fifteen.
- 23 June 1995 (Oxford): CURL Directors agreed in principle to contribute £10,000 per annum to support the work of the National Preservation Office.
- 29 June 1995: CURL response to the Report of the Joint Funding Councils’ Group on a National/Regional Strategy on Library Provision for Researchers issued.

Other business

- During the year, an unsuccessful bid by a number of CURL libraries for FIGIT money to investigate the issues involved in digitising university theses became the starting-point for University Theses Online, a group of CURL and non-CURL members.
- Most CURL libraries’ Special Collections Librarians have submitted descriptions of their holdings to the Secretariat with a view to the production of a guide to CURL members’ collections.
- Discussions with the Research Libraries Group in the latter part of the year resulted in proposals for staff exchanges and an extended attachment to the UK of RLG staff member Nancy Elkington during 1996 in order to further cement relations and examine collaborative possibilities.