

Annual Report 2010

President's view: Chris Pinder

Think of 2010 and you think of tough economic times, job losses and budget cuts in public services. Not a good year exactly and perhaps not the best choice of year in which to be CILIPS President!

Ironically, libraries had a good deal of press coverage this year...but for all the wrong reasons.

The good news is that we who value libraries now have real proof that we are not alone as members of the public across the UK came out onto the streets to protest against closures.

More column inches than I can ever remember were written in newspapers and journals championing the role libraries play and the commitment of those who work in them.

Advocacy of libraries has shown a much needed improvement, though there is still much to do, and there has been some limited success in saving services.

Unfortunately in many local authorities libraries and their services have been sacrificed in order to make budgets balance.

Just like pubs and post offices, it is inevitable that we finish the year with fewer libraries than we started it. Our communities will, sadly, suffer!

2010 was the year that CILIP pondered its future. The *Defining our Professional Future* report took on-board the views of over 3,000 librarians in reaching conclusions about the role of, and priorities for, the professional organisation as it seeks to remain relevant to those who work in the library and information profession.

Declining membership, in the order of some 1,000 individuals a year, means much less income but is also a clear signal that CILIP needs to up its game.

The Trustees are just starting out

on the hard work of reorganisation and cost-cutting they will have to do to ensure the organisation has a meaningful future. We wish them well in their endeavours.

All of this has an impact on CILIPS of course. CILIPS has the power, delegated under the Framework Agreement, to manage its own policy, finance and operation as appropriate.

My personal view is that the ties are not yet loose enough and there is a need for increased autonomy of action under devolved governance to ensure the best possible future.

I think we are moving in the right direction but there is still work to be done by CILIPS in demonstrating it has the capacity for greater self-determination and by CILIP in relaxing the controlling hand and accepting fully all that devolution implies.

My year as President demonstrated that there are still many members

in Scotland with enthusiasm and commitment who are prepared to give time and energy to CILIPS.

Declining membership is clearly an issue and we need to offer something to attract younger members while focusing on retaining those who question what is in it for them.

Times are indeed difficult but I believe that CILIPS is capable of rising to the challenge and has already acknowledged through its strategies and plans where it needs to prioritise for success.

The work with cross-sectoral regional groups, the restructuring of its committees and, perhaps most boldly, the move of conference from Peebles to Glasgow demonstrate that CILIPS is prepared to adapt and change

The future is in all our hands!

Chris Pinder, CILIP President 2010 and Director of Information Services, Edinburgh Napier University



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Advocacy & contribution to national developments

CILIPS' activity in lobbying and advocating for information services and libraries intensified, particularly in the later part of the year.

The economic pressures grew steadily throughout the year and as proposals for savings from the 2011/12 budgets were announced, there has been a great deal of concern about services and jobs across the sectors.

CILIPS has been working with SLIC throughout the year, supporting an advocacy programme to raise awareness of the value and contribution of services.

At the launch of SLIC's library policy briefing, Libraries connecting people and communities, Chair of CILIPS Council Marilyn Milligan supported SLIC's call to review public library provision so that it is well-

placed to improve services for future generations.

She said "There is a series of proposals out for consultation across the country and we would ask the public to respond in ways which safeguard the library services which they obviously value. We need to ensure that libraries have a well trained, professional leadership, attract investment for development and are able to provide the services described in the policy briefing."

A letter and a summary of the library policy briefing was prepared for members to enable them to join in the advocacy campaign in 2011 by lobbying locally.

There have been a number of individual members who have contacted CILIPS to make the team

aware of proposals for service change at an early stage and this is very helpful.

CILIPS is working with SLIC, Scottish Government, authorities and organisations to secure the best possible outcomes.

The views of members are reflected in official responses to consultations and these include Lifelong Learning UK briefing paper for the Scottish Parliament, Public Lending Right, the development of Glow, library supply procurement, Spaces in between – a mental/health wellbeing briefing for the Scottish Parliament, Digital Inclusion Review, consultation on extension of the FOISA legislation, NLS consultation, Independent Budget Review and the Digital Economy Bill.

Council and governance

At the November CILIP Council meeting Trustees made decisions about CILIP's strategic direction and the savings needed in 2011.

Making decisions about savings was extremely tough but necessary, in order to ensure CILIP's financial health and safeguard the future.

Amongst the measures is a suspension of capitation for one year only, which will save CILIP an estimated £100,000.

For CILIPS this means a reduction of £27,000 in 2011 on top of the deficit budget of 2010: this means an anticipated reduction of £39,000 in CILIPS reserves of £159,000.

Unfortunately there is little room for savings until 2012 because of fixed office costs and shared services.

The Defining our Professional

Future report provided Council with clear and consistent messages about the future of the sector and CILIP.

Its findings have been used by Trustees to create a new vision and mission for CILIP. This is available on the CILIP website.

In recent years CILIPS has been working to ensure that the 1995 agreement and funding for staff and office costs is sustained and maintained at a level which enables CILIPS to continue its activities, advocacy and support networks for the membership in Scotland.

Working with CILIP, CILIP Northern Ireland and CILIP Cymru, an agreement was accepted by CILIP in summer 2010.

A more detailed schedule to underpin this will be developed in the light of the budget pressures.

Member activity

Despite difficult trading conditions, support for CILIPS' Continuing Professional Development events remained strong in 2010.

The programme includes the Annual Conference, Branch and Group Day, one day events and small workshops.

This year CILIPS launched the Autumn Gathering, a highly successful one day event supported by over 100 members and featuring keynote speakers, Branch and Group sessions and presentations provided by the regional library co-operatives.

A supplier exhibition of new services and products from trade partners helped offset costs.

CPD activities in 2010 included a one day seminar on Choices and challenges- youth information and library services, 2 half day workshops on Twitter and a CILIPS/SLIC executive briefing held with Grampian Information.

Feedback for events was consistently rated as good/very good.

The events section of the Slainte website offers up to date information about CPD events and copies of presentations, (www.slainte.org.uk/cilips/cpd/cpdevents.htm).

CILIPS Council Information Online

www.slainte.org.uk/cilips/governance.html





Events

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference was held in Glasgow's Mitchell Library from 7th-9th June 2010.

The theme *Yes! We Can!* contributed to positive and forward-thinking conference papers and discussions.

The presentations stimulated some lively debate among delegates, who also found a lot to discuss from the speed surgeries highlighting effective practice.

Making the most of the opportunity to bring members together, strands specialising in Curriculum for Excellence and partnership strands for

digital libraries and research libraries with the Strategic Content Alliance and the Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL) were included in the conference programme.

Around 350 delegates attended the Conference and Branch and Group Day.

The exhibition sold out representing strong support from key platinum sponsors and trade delegates.

Speakers offered presentations on digital libraries, change management, leadership, information literacy, reader development, health partnerships,

digital preservation, copyright, licensing, and the young people's information services.

The Branch and Group Day continued to attract day visitors with a range of presentations organised by Branches and Groups.

As well as this, a series of themed papers on reader development also took place.

The conference finished with an author event featuring Lynda La Plante.

For more information, go to www.slideshare.net/scottishlibraries.

AGM and Honours

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) was held in the Mitchell Library on 9th June 2010.

This attracted a substantial audience. The Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2009 were submitted and approved.

Alistair Campbell, Libraries and Museum Manager, The Moray Council, was awarded Honorary Vice Presidency of CILIPS to mark his outstanding contribution to library and information services.

Alistair has served on CILIPS Council, SLIC Board and North Branch and was a former editor of the journal. He was President of CILIPS in 2003.

The AGM also discussed and approved the nominations for Honorary Membership of CILIPS:

- **Margaret Forrest**, President 2009 and Academic Liaison Librarian, Edinburgh University Library, for her work to support the development of library and information services;

- **Sheila Cannell**, Director of Library Services, Edinburgh University

Library for her work in developing higher education library services through SLIC Board and SCURL;

- **Ian Rankin**, author, for his contribution to literature, libraries and Edinburgh UNESCO City of literature;

- **Charles Sweeney**, former Manager JISC Regional Support Committee Scotland-SW and Chair of the SLIC FE Working party on Service Development and Self Evaluation for library and information services in Scottish FE colleges for his work in developing FE college library services.

These awards were presented at a CILIPS Autumn Gathering on 27th October 2010.

Laura McVean, University of Strathclyde, and Lisa Smith of the Robert Gordon University, were awarded the CILIPS bronze medal for outstanding work in the course of their studies.

Lisa was unable to accept her medal in person because of work commitments but Laura accepted her medal at the Branch and Group Day.

Member services

CILIPS Council decided to launch a new online journal and five issues of Information Scotland Online were published in the new Membership Online area of Slainte.

An average of five articles is included with the blog, the President's blog, news and Twitter covering other items. The decision to transfer the journal to an online edition has reduced costs, although the production of a bi-monthly newsletter IS News has incurred some expense.

The four-page IS News is produced in-house but printing, postage and packaging are still considerable. Members are invited to submit articles to the journal at www.cilips.org.uk.

The Information Team have been working hard to review the existing Slainte service, develop the Membership Online area, stimulate uptake of services and promote the web 2.0 services.

Google analytics was used to identify popular areas and PR consultants GolleySlater made a series of recommendations for further development.

As the year came to a close a range of solutions were being considered to transfer web services.

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2010

| | Restricted funds 2010 £ | Unrestricted funds 2010 £ | Total funds 2010 £ | Total funds 2009 £ |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds: | | | | |
| Voluntary income (2)* | - | 250,719 | 250,719 | 258,242 |
| Investment income (3)* | 1 | 109 | 110 | 327 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities (4)* | - | 71,009 | 71,009 | 83,228 |
| | 1 | 321,837 | 321,838 | 341,797 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | |
| Charitable activities (5, 6)* | - | 321,665 | 321,665 | 349,836 |
| Governance costs (7)* | - | 4,862 | 4,862 | 5,905 |
| | - | 326,527 | 326,527 | 355,741 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | |
| MOVEMENT OF TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR - NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR | 1 | (4,690) | (4,689) | (13,944) |
| <i>Total funds at 1 January 2010</i> | 945 | 165,976 | 166,921 | 180,865 |
| TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010 | 946 | 161,286 | 162,232 | 166,921 |

* The references in brackets are notes to the full financial statements, which are available online at <http://www.slainte.org.uk/cilips>.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010

| | £ | 2010 £ | £ | 2009 £ |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | |
| Tangible assets (11)* | | 1,177 | | 1,765 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Debtors (12)* | 24,554 | | 32,888 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 158,226 | | 153,511 | |
| | <u>182,780</u> | | <u>186,399</u> | |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year (13)* | <u>(21,725)</u> | | <u>(21,243)</u> | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 161,055 | | 165,156 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>162,232</u> | | <u>166,921</u> |
| CHARITY FUNDS | | | | |
| Restricted funds (14)* | | 946 | | 945 |
| Unrestricted funds (14)* | | 161,286 | | 165,976 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | <u>162,232</u> | | <u>166,921</u> |

These summary financial statements, which are not the full statutory reports and accounts, have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010. The full financial statements, which received an unqualified report from the Independent Examiner, were approved by the trustees on 11 May 2011 and signed on their behalf by Audrey Walker, CILIPS Honorary Treasurer.

Independent Examiner's Statement: I have examined the full financial statements of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals for the year ended 31 December 2011 and, in my opinion, the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the trustees report.

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Conferences

Support for conferences run by other
organisations continues to be given by
CILIPS.

President Chris Pinder represented
CILIPS at the CILIP Cymru Conference
in Wales.

Assistant Director Rhona Arthur and
SLIC Senior Information Officer Gillian
Hanlon attended the World Library and
Information Congress in Gothenburg.