

Message from Christine May, MSP Chair of SLIC



'I am delighted to be Chair of an organisation which does such important work to promote learning, provide access to information and to support the Scottish economy. Connectivity and lifelong learning are key parts of the Scottish Executive's drive to encourage enterprise, develop a well educated and informed Scotland, and promote social inclusion. I look forward to helping the Scottish Library and Information Council play its part in Scotland's future'.

Electric Connections 2005

Electric Connections is intended to provide an insight into and highlight cutting edge practice in digital developments in the library, museum and archive sectors.

The conference takes place 22 August, 2005 at the AK Bell Library Theatre in Perth, places are filling fast!

1 **Go to Slainte events section for more details.**

Creative Commons

Scotland will launch its Creative Commons license later this year.

This is a new kind of copyright, which differs from the 'traditional copyright law framework' of 'all rights reserved' by offering a framework where 'some rights are reserved'.

It's been around since 2001 and has evolved from open source software ideas and licenses.

For more details:

<http://creativecommons.org/>

Information Scotland

The theme for this year's Information for Scotland is '**Science in Scotland**'.

The seminar will discuss the provision of current and historical scientific information in the Scottish archive, library and museum Sectors.

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2 **Go to Slainte events section for more details.**

JISC IRIS

Following last year's Open Access declaration, a consortium led by University of Edinburgh has been successful in winning JISC funding under the digital repositories programme.

IRIScotland (Institutional Repository Infrastructure for Scotland), seeks to establish an embryonic infrastructure for a national open access repository.

Partners include the National Library of Scotland. SLIC's support of this project includes staff expertise and other resources.

For more details:

http://www.jisc.ac.uk/index.cfm?name=project_irisotland



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Statement on the Cultural Commission Report

The final report of the Cultural Commission was published on 23 June 2005. The report makes a number of recommendations including some on libraries and the organisational structure of the Cultural sector in Scotland.

The Scottish Library and Information Council provided the Commission with wide-ranging information on how libraries across Scotland can contribute to the educational, social and cultural life of the people of Scotland. The current public legislation forms the basis of a 'cultural right' to a free public library service giving access to books and information. One of the strengths of the library domain in Scotland is the way libraries from all sectors can work together to provide a holistic service and SLIC wish to pursue this approach in the light of the Commissions recommendations.

3 Go to Slainte news section to view the whole statement

Commissions report is available at:
<http://www.culturalcommissions.org.uk>

Libraries Supporting Learners

Libraries Supporting Learners is the 19th in the 'How Good is Our Schools' series of guides to self-evaluation and was published in May 2005.

It was produced in partnership between Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education and SLIC. It builds on the advice given in 'Taking a Closer Look at the School Library Resource Centre', published in 1999. This guidance is intended for use in the primary, special and secondary sectors. The publication provides libraries with a framework for examining their services, as well as providing examples of good practice.

4 Go to Slainte Libraries Supporting Learners section for more information

Making a Difference

The Disability Discrimination Act 2005 amends the DDA 1995 Act in some significant ways including widening the definition of 'disability'.

SLIC has published a report 'Making a Difference – Libraries, ICT and Social Inclusion' based on a recent initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Scottish Public Libraries Excellence Fund which aimed to encourage ICT access and use.

The report discusses how various projects used assistive technology solutions to promote access amongst the disabled community.

5 Go to Slainte to view the whole report

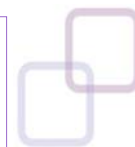
Jill Evans

Jill Evans has been appointed from the National Library of Scotland to the seconded post of Service Development Manager.

The SLIC/NLS funded post replaces that of SCURL Development Director with an expanded remit which includes cross sectoral working and information sharing to serve the evolving needs of the Scottish information environment.

Photo courtesy of Arian Fowler, NLS





Learning Connections

Communities Scotland's Learning Connections has been working in partnership with SLIC to support adult literacy through public libraries.

Learning Connections provided £125,000 funding to procure specialised resources for 100 libraries, who will work in partnership with their local Adult Literacy network.

A joint advisory group has been established to formulate a programme to provide training and support as part of a three year national programme.

Their Past Your Future



Their Past Your Future is a Big Lottery funded programme established to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2.

Working in partnership with the Scottish Museums Council (SMC) and Learning and Teaching Scotland (LTS), we are taking a lead role in two key elements of the Project: the War Detectives e-learning programme and the development of Their Past Your Future Scotland web site.

A range of resources created by school children, calendar of events and information on the touring exhibition and events programme will be available on these sites.

For more details:

<http://www.scotlandswar.info>

<http://www.wardetectives.info>

2000 learners

The Scottish Executive's Digital Inclusion Unit has awarded SLIC funding to provide accredited e-learning courses aimed at improving employability.

A variety of organisations including schools, public libraries, prisons and colleges are involved in the project to offer training in customer care, basic ICT and achieving Information Handling Skills at SQA intermediate 2.

There is still time to sign up for this initiative which offers support funding for accreditation.

6 Go to Slainte 2000 Learners section

Copyright Licensing Agency

An expert panel, which includes SLIC Membership has been looking at the use made by colleges of the Copyright Licensing Agency Trial FE Scanning license.

The panel concluded that there is no evidence to suggest that scanning is a major threat to sales of books or other published products.

For more details:

<http://www.cla.co.uk>

E-resource procurement

In autumn 2004 the Heads of Public Library Services decided to work collaboratively with the support of SLIC to provide access to a range of quality online Information resources.

SLIC developed and managed a tender process for all public libraries for a 2-year subscription period from April 2005. SLIC worked closely with the Authorities Buying Consortium (ABC) who provided support and advice during the tender process.

7 Go to Slainte E-resource procurement section for more information



Partnership Working

In October 2004 a successful application was made to the European Social Fund (ESF) under the Lifelong Learning priority for a project to establish Careers Information Points in 100 public libraries within 27 local authority areas.

Jane Campbell, an experienced careers adviser has been appointed Project Manager to work alongside SLIC and public libraries.

For more details:

<http://www.careerspoint.info>

Innovation and Development

This year 33 proposals were received for SLICs Innovation and Development fund.

Sixteen were from public libraries, six from higher education, eight from further education and three from health and special libraries.

The successful applicants were:

- ◆ Centre for Digital Library Research, University of Strathclyde, 'Ensuring metadata interoperability best practice'
- ◆ Dundee City Council, Communities Department, 'Project Wishart'
- ◆ Falkirk Council, Library Service, 'Homebound users online access'
- ◆ Scottish Borders, Library and Information Service, 'Help yourself to learning'
- West Lothian College, 'Cultural diversity evaluation toolkit'

8 Go to Slainte Innovation and Development section for more details



Jane Campbell (left) with Hazel Lauder, SLIC

Reader Development

Reader Development initiatives continued to be coordinated by SLIC. One project will rollout East Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire's website 4ureaders to another 6 authorities.

A new grant of £50,000 from the Scottish Arts Council for Audience Development allowed the development and redesign of a website originally developed to support the Read the Festival promotion of last August.

The new website was launched alongside War in Words – another national reading promotion. 'Scottish Readers' will host all adult reader development information for Scotland.

SLIC also supported reader development projects through partnerships such as Bookstart, Opening the Book, the Reading Agency and the BBC.

Contributions were made to the BBC's adult literacy learning campaign RaW (Read and Write) and the Reading Agency's Reading Partners, working with 7 key publishers to develop projects with libraries.

For more details:

<http://www.4ureaders.net>

<http://www.scottishreaders.net>

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