
Organisations participating in the Brian Perry Workshop and with an interest in LIS research activity

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

The AHRC supports research within a huge subject domain from traditional humanities subjects, such as history, modern languages and English literature, to the creative and performing arts. The AHRC funds research and postgraduate study within the UK's higher education institutions. In addition, on behalf of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, it provides funding for museums, galleries and collections that are based in, or attached to, higher education institutions in England.

The AHRC was established on 1 April 2005, and replaced the Arts and Humanities Research Board. The decision to create an AHRC underlines the importance of high-quality research in the arts and humanities for the cultural, creative and economic life of the nation. As with the other research councils the AHRC is an independent Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB), established by Royal Charter and accountable to Parliament through the DTI's Office of Science and Technology.

British Association for Information and Library Education and Research (BAILER)

Bailer was formed in 1992 and membership encompasses all teaching and research staff in the eighteen information and library schools in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Its aims and objectives are to reflect and help focus the evolution of the field of information and library studies; an essential part of that evolution is the development and encouragement of teaching and research staff and member institutions by:

- Bringing together those involved in teaching and learning to exchange ideas and practice.
- Acting as a forum within the United Kingdom for matters relating to information and library studies education and research.
- Maintaining contact with organisations outside the United Kingdom and Ireland concerned with education for information work.

The Association's main concerns centre on curriculum development, research issues and improving communication between those involved in LIS education, practitioners and the information profession at large.

British Library

The British Library acted as host for this memorial seminar. Although no longer involved in direct commissioning and funding of research as it did in Brian Perry's day, the BL and the other national libraries of the UK are implicitly involved as leaders in library and information innovation. The British Library's vision requires it to play a leading role in the changing world of research information; to exist for everyone who wants to do research – for academic, personal, or commercial purposes; to promote ready access to the British Library's collection and expertise through integrated services which are increasingly time and space independent and to connect with the collections and expertise of others, and work in partnership to fulfil our users' needs.

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)

CILIP is the leading professional body for librarians, information specialists and knowledge managers. There are up to 23,000 CILIP members working in all sectors, including:

- science and technology
- business and industry
- further and higher education
- schools
- local and central government
- the health service

- the voluntary sector
- national and public libraries

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS)

This is the professional body for librarians and information workers and represents personal members from all sectors - public, school and academic libraries, and libraries from both the voluntary and commercial sectors.

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland was formed in 2002 by the amalgamation of the Library Association and the Institute of Information Scientists. CILIPS works with the Scottish Library and Information Council, the independent advisory body to the Scottish Executive and Scottish Ministers on library and information matters.

Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC)

The JISC's activities support education and research by promoting innovation in new technologies and by the central support of ICT services. JISC provides:

- A world-class network - JANET
- Access to electronic resources
- New environments for learning, teaching and research
- Guidance on institutional change
- Advisory and consultancy services
- Regional support for FE colleges - RSCs

The Library and Information Research Group (LIRG)

LIRG was formed in 1977 to bring together those interested in library and information research. It became a special interest group of CILIP (see above) in 2003. LIRG promotes the value of information research and links research with practice. Membership of LIRG includes practitioners, academics, students across all sectors. The journal *Library and Information Research* (of which this is a special

commemorative issue) particularly encourages contributions from those new to research. Each year LIRG awards a postgraduate prize to reward excellence in dissertation and the Elsevier award to a practitioner to enable a small scale research project that otherwise would not be funded. The annual Daphne Clark lecture commemorates a founding member, practitioner and researcher.

The Library and Information Services Council [Northern Ireland] (LISC)

LISC is the umbrella body for libraries and information providers from the public, academic, government, voluntary and commercial sectors. LISC promotes high standards in library and information services throughout Northern Ireland by:

- providing advice and consultation to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure and to other Government Departments.
- advocating on behalf of the whole library and information sector in Northern Ireland.
- promoting innovation, partnerships and the sharing of good practice among library and information providers.

Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK)

LLUK is the Sector Skills Council accountable to the government and responsible for workforce planning and the professional development of all those working in community learning and development; further education; higher education; libraries, archives and information services. LLUK undertakes research often in conjunction with other organisations. The organisation recognises that appropriate research underpins aspects of the development of the sector qualifications framework, the development of appropriate pathways and progression routes and workforce data.

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA)

The MLA is the lead strategic agency for museums, libraries and archives. MLA works with a wider 'MLA Partnership' of nine regional agencies to improve people's lives by building knowledge, supporting learning, inspiring creativity and celebrating identity. The Partnership acts collectively for the benefit of the sector and the public, leading the transformation of museums, libraries and archives for the future. MLA was launched in April 2000 as the strategic body working with and for museums, archives and libraries, tapping into the potential for collaboration between them. The new organisation replaced the Museums and Galleries Commission (MGC) and the Library and Information Commission (LIC), and includes archives within its portfolio.

UK Office for Library and Information Networking (UKOLN)

UKOLN is a centre of expertise in digital information management, providing advice and services to the library, information, education and cultural heritage communities by:

- influencing policy and informing practice
- promoting community-building and consensus-making by actively raising awareness
- advancing knowledge through research and development
- building innovative systems and services based on Web technologies
- acting as an agent for knowledge transfer.