

Editorial

Welcome to our slightly delayed final issue of 2013. Our first article reports on the results of a Library and Information Research Group sponsored research scan conducted by Helen Buckley Woods and Andrew Booth. This explores the current state of practitioner research as reflected both in published articles and in a range of outputs from CILIP special interest groups.

Zhixian Yi's article draws on previous research conducted at Charles Sturt University, Australia. The data are re-examined to identify correlations between a range of demographic characteristics or technological factors and the information needs of international students.

Our peer-reviewed article, by Mary Dunne, Mairead Nelson, Lucy Dillon and Brian Galvin, provides a useful example of how practitioner research can be used to evaluate a library service. The article describes a study exploring user perceptions of the value and impact of Ireland's National Documentation Centre on Drug Use.

Three book reviews are featured in this issue. Louise Ashton reviews Matthews and Walton on *University libraries and space in the digital world*; Keith Trickey examines Jones's text on *RDA and serials cataloguing*; and I provide a review of Alois, Fusco and Ketcham's *Digital collections worldwide: An annotated directory*.

Library and Information Research welcomes contributions about research into topics in the field of librarianship and information studies from both practitioners and researchers. Please do consider writing for us if you have findings from a project which you would like to share.

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