

IGeLU Conference - Report from EPUG-UKI

Saint-Petersburg, September 10th 2017

Committee Membership

Current Committee:

Amy Warner May – Chair

Paula Fitzpatrick – Secretary

Sara Burnell – Treasurer

Amin Hussain and Greg Ince – Committee Members

John Krug, from Lancaster University, who was the Co-ordinator of the IGeLU Analytics SIWG, took early retirement and so left EPUG-UKI committee & the SWIG.

Greg Ince, from University of the West of England (UWE) who are a Summon customer, joined the committee in January 2017 after specific request for Summon user to join.

EPUG-UKI has about 80 paid-up member institutions, of which a handful are Summon customers. Some smaller libraries will not be re-joining as they review their finances.

Activities in 2016/17

Annual Conference

- Two day conference held 10th and 11th October 2016 at the British Library Conference Centre.
- Presentations by Ex-Libris staff and customers
- Attendance 130 over the 2 days – significantly more than previously (usually 60-80), probably because 2nd day mainly Primo-focussed
- Included lunchtime visit to the British Library but relatively few takers
- Monday followed by drinks/nibbles in ExLibris's new offices
- Chair sent out feedback form directly to users after conference

Committee meeting

- Face-to-face meeting in Oxford in January 2017
- Discussed feedback from October survey (contacting attendees directly provoked positive response).
- Discussion of new WordPress web-site – to be launched at AGM

- Discussed Summon customers and how EPUG conferences could cover their needs. They are unused to paying for user group events.
- Definitely worth meeting together rather than doing everything by phone. Monthly calls are useful as well.

AGM

- Held on 3rd April 2017 at the British Library
- Presentations by Ex-Libris staff and customers
- New web site with blog and twitter feed set up by Amin Hussain presented - <http://www.epuguki.org/>
- Sara Burnell re-elected as treasurer for further 2 years – hopefully in that time all payment notification emails will go to a generic epug.treasurer email address so handover of treasurer duties will be easier in future
- Membership will remain at £150 per annum
- Amy May-Warner about to go on maternity leave but planned to be back for Autumn conference
- Paula Fitzpatrick will have completed 4 years as secretary in Autumn 2017 – request for new secretary

PRIMO BO (Back Office) Day

- Held 21st June 2017 at Senate House, London (on hottest day of year!)
- Prompted by survey feedback
- Mixture of ExLibris and user presentations
- Generally positive feedback
- 40 attendees (max capacity for venue)

Looking Ahead

- Autumn Conference will take place in Manchester. It will be interesting to see whether this attracts more members from Scotland and the North of England and how many do come from the south. It will be more expensive because of the “favourable” rate received from the British library.
- If successful it is hoped to hold one meeting in London and the other elsewhere in future, providing funds allow.

Sara Burnell

Treasurer, EPUG-UKI

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