**Forum for Interlending and Information Delivery**

**Annual Report 2014-2015**

A year on from Edinburgh and time has certainly flown! This report aims to give you a flavour of the work FIL has undertaken in the last 12 months, and where we are as an organisation.

This report was formally presented at the FIL AGM 30th June at the Midland Hotel, Manchester for consideration by the members and member representatives. It was prepared by Sandra DeRoy, the current Chair of FIL, with reference to committee minutes as appropriate.

Gillian Wilson (CONARLS) an observer from an allied organisation is taking voluntary redundancy from Lancashire County Council and that Conarls values their partnership working with FIL and hope to continue to send an Observer to FIL meetings.

Julie Clement, Tracey Jackson and Su Fagg have all served 4 years and are due now to step down from the committee and we wish all of them well and thank them for their work, dedication and support during their years of service. Claudia Howard has left her post in Interlending and stepped down from the committee earlier in the year.

**Membership:**

As of this report membership is @ 128 (7 cancellations this year)

It was agreed that membership fees be increased last year, having remained at the previous level for over a decade, to enable FIL to respond to the ongoing challenges and increasing costs.

As noted in the Treasurer’s report, whilst FIL continues to operate on a sound financial footing, we will endeavour to operate in a cautious manner whilst remaining committed to supporting our members.

The Committee has secured sponsorship of events and wishes to especially acknowledge the following companies and organisations for sponsoring Interlend 2015, OCLC, Taylor and Francis, Capita and the British Library.

**Committee Membership:**

At the 2014 AGM Lesley Butler, Joanne Docherty, Claudia Howard, Marjory Lobban and Karen Paine were nominated and were endorsed by FIL members.

**Committee Officers:**

At the first committee meeting in October 2014, FIL Executive Committee members were formally confirmed in the following positions;

* Chair – Sandra DeRoy, University of Essex
* Vice Chair , Marketing Officer – Tracey Jackson, Hertfordshire Libraries
* Treasurer – Julie Clement, Swansea Public Libraries
* Secretary – Joanne Docherty, University of Glasgow
* Membership – Marjory Lobban, University of Edinburgh
* Web Officer/Editor – Natalie Guest, University of Reading
* Newsletter Editor – Claudia Howard

Observers from the 2 allied organisations continued with their roles on the committee, Kate Ebdon (British Library), Gillian Wilson (CONARLS). Collaboration with these organisations continues to be extremely important.

The Committee would like to note the work undertaken by Su Fagg as ‘Interlend 15’ conference planner and would like to whole heartedly commend her efforts on behalf of the readership.

Committee contact details: <http://www.forumforinterlending.org.uk/who-we-are/list-of-committee-members>

**Committee Meetings:**

The Committee met formally 3 times during this cycle at the Old Joint Stock, Birmingham.

October15th 2014

January 14th 2015

April 15th 2015

In addition, several Telcon sessions were organised between committee meetings to assist with the ongoing planning and organisation of events

A committee working group was established with Su Fagg as lead to take forward the organisation and planning of Interlend 2015.The majority of planning was done electronically and over the phone, although that it is noted that other members made site visits to the Midland Hotel in Manchester to maintain conference planning and co-ordination.

Approved minutes of meetings are available: <http://www.forumforinterlending.org.uk/who-we-are/minutes-of-recent-committee-meetings>

**Events:**

In addition to Interlend 2015 there was the full day event at the British Library Boston Spa in November 2014. The event was fully booked and despite rail problems on the day, all delegates made it to the event.

**Advocacy:**

The website continues to go from strength to strength, and is the location for all FIL information. In addition to this the FIL committee continues to blog. Every time a new post is loaded to the blog, our twitter & Facebook feeds will give it a mention – so we are worth a follow and a like:

Blog: <http://fil101blog.blogspot.co.uk>

Twitter: <http://www.forumforinterlending.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/forumforinterlending>

FIL continues to maintain the FORUMFORINTERLENDING@jiscmail.ac.uk as a distribution list, as a venue for discussing issues relating to interlending in the UK an for communicating FIL’s activities.

**FIL Journal:**

Contrary to popular belief the FIL Journal is still alive and well. We can only apologise for the delays in publication this year. This has been the result of different factors all conspiring against us. We said goodbye to Claudia fairly early on in the year and without an editor or items for publication we were rather hindered in getting something together. We have been most grateful to Chris Beevers who has stepped into the breach and made arrangements to get an issue out for this year. We will be looking to have both an editor and sub-editor for next year to assist with the publication. The aim is for two issues per year but obviously this greatly depends on content, so if anyone does have something that they could offer for the Journal please do get in touch with one of the committee.

**Sponsorship Awards:**

Congratulations to Jennifer Ball and Molly Wilson who both received an Interlend 15 sponsored candidate place, and many thanks to all the other members who applied.

**Acknowledgements:**

This is my first report as Chair and whilst I accepted the position with some trepidation, being such a new committee member, I can say that I am thoroughly enjoying my time on the committee. I would also urge anyone who thinking about getting more involved with FIL to put themselves forward and join us for the forthcoming challenges. I would like to thank the FIL membership for their continued support, and also to thank each Committee member past and present that I have worked with during the last couple of years for their dedication and commitment.

Sandra DeRoy

FIL Chair, June 2015

Presented at the 2015 AGM, The Midland Hotel, Manchester