

Forum for Interlending and Information Delivery

Annual Report 2013-2014

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

This report was formally presented at the FIL AGM, 24th June, 2014 at the Carlton Hotel for consideration by the members and member representatives. It was prepared by Marie Lancaster, the current chair of FIL, with reference to committee minutes as appropriate.

This is my final AGM Report as Chair as my term has come to an end; I've thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee and would urge anyone who is mulling it over to put themselves forward for the challenge! The year ahead will be a big challenge for the committee, but I'm confident that they and the new members will rise to the challenge!

Mark Kluzek & Jennie Cooke have come to their end of their 2 year service, and due to new roles and ongoing career commitments have both decided to step down. Lucy Lambe has recently left her post in interlending and also steps down from the committee.

Chris Beevers has served his 4 years – it's not a prison sentence honest! We wish all of them well and thank them for the work and support they have given during their service.

Membership

As of this report membership is @ 147.

This year the FIL Committee are proposing a small increase in the membership fees. This increase would be the first increase members have seen in over 10 years. Around us costs are increasing and FIL needs to be able to respond to changing and challenging times should we need to.

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 14; OCLC, CLIO, CILIP Scotland & British Library & Zeutche.

Committee Membership:

At the 2013 AGM, Lucy Lambe & Sandra DeRoy were nominated and were endorsed by FIL members.

Committee officers:

At the first committee meeting in October 2012, FIL Executive Committee members were formally confirmed in the following positions;

- **Chair** - Marie Lancaster, Cardiff Metropolitan University
- **Vice chair, Web Officer & Marketing Officer** – Jennie Cooke, UHB
- **Treasurer** – Julie Clement, Swansea Public Libraries
- **Secretary** - Chris Beevers, University of Huddersfield

- **Membership** - Natalie Guest nee Picken, University of Reading
- **Newsletter Editor** - Tracey Jackson, Hertfordshire Libraries
- **Web Editor** – Mark Kluzek

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 Interlend14 conference planner and would like to whole heartedly commend her efforts on behalf of the Membership.

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;

October 16th, 2013

January 15th, 2014

April 16th, 2014

A committee working group was established with Su Fagg as lead to take forward the organisation and planning of Interlend 2014. The majority of planning was done electronically and over the phone, although it is noted that the 2 members made a site visit back to the Carlton Hotel in March to maintain conference planning and co-ordination.

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

Events:

November 2013 saw FIL return to the British Library St Pancras, for a half day event. The event was fully subscribed almost as soon as booking opened. As ever the feedback from the attendees was extremely positive and we hope to run it again every other year, taking on board all of your comments and suggestions.

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; however the response has been minimal.

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: <http://www.facebook.com.forumforinterlending>

The former FIL@JISCMAIL had to be renamed as FORUMFORINTERLENDING@jiscmail due to issues that Jiscmail list had been experiencing for a long time. In the transition, it seems that some of our members were deleted and did not move across to the new list. However as of early May 2014, the list is correct. The list is still maintained as a distribution list, as a venue for discussing issues relating to interlending in the UK and for communication of FIL's activities.

Research:

Currently, the FIL Committee are compiling & analysing the results from the recent benchmarking survey. The results will be published in the FIL Journal.

FIL Journal:

The newsletter has gone through a major overhaul in the last few months, with special thanks to Tracey Jackson, Chris Beevers & Mark Kluzek. We've renamed it the 'FIL Journal' and hope that our members like the new look publication. As always, we're keen to hear your stories, perhaps an incentive for anyone thinking of writing for the Journal – if your article is published, by way of a thank you, you will be awarded your very own FIL the Frog!

**Sponsorship Awards:**

Congratulations to Jennifer Marvin who is this year's Intelend14 sponsored candidate and thanks to all the other members who applied.

Acknowledgements:

This is my final AGM Report as Chair as my term has now officially ended. I would like to thank the FIL Membership for their support, and to every Committee member past and present that I've worked with during my time on the committee for their invaluable contributions.

I'd like to note that all Committee Members are volunteers and they give their time & services in addition to their paid employment. Without their hard work and dedication to furthering FIL in the UK & internationally, FIL would not be in the position it is today.

Marie Lancaster

FIL Chair, June2014

Presented at the 2014 AGM, the Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh