

Proposed Coalition for Research in Librray, Archive and Information Science



**Steering Group
work since
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Outcome of First Workshop on 27 November 2007

- Professor Judith Elkin urged “the British Library to convene a Think Tank, a forum to get the key stakeholders around the table To re-establish a national LIS Research Agenda”
- Original steering group “invited to plan the way ahead armed with the notes from the group discussion sessions and the papers from the speakers”.

Publication of the Workshop's proceedings

- **Library and Information Research Group published a special issue of Library and Information Research**
- **Summary account of the workshop published on the BL website by the continuation Steering Group**

Next steps

- A short statement also published on the website
- Emphasised that the coalition approach was the most strongly favoured of the options discussed of the workshop
- Aims, roles and functions of the coalition summarised – also drawn from the workshop
- Key outputs identified
- Stakeholders listed

Conference session at CILIP Umbrella event at Hatfield June 2007

- **Speakers included Nigel Macartney,
Stephanie Kenna and Javier Staniziola**

Models of a coalition

- Work on possible models commissioned from Barbara Buckley Owen.
- Recommended model was a membership-based organisation similar to the Digital Preservation Coalition
- Characterised as “big players plus”

Consultation exercise

- It was decided to carry this out by visiting the stakeholders in person, often (but not always) with two members of the steering group

Stakeholders visited

- Arts and Humanities Research Council
- Bailer
- British Library
- CURL
- Cymal
- ESRC
- JISC
- Library and Information Services Council Northern Ireland
- Museums Libraries Archives Council
- NCA
- National Health Service
- National Library of Scotland
- National Library of Wales
- SCONUL
- Scottish Library and Information Council
- Research Information Network
- Society of Chief Librarians
- The National Archives
- UKOLN

Outcome

- Unanimous support for the Workshop's recommendation that an initiative is undertaken to improve the infrastructure for library, archive and information research

Reservations

