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National Legal Collections

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Funding Co-operation among University Libraries

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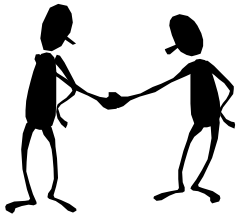
Library Co-operation

- An appropriate subject for the Joint Study Institute
- Our libraries could do more!
- Is further advanced in some other countries? (Tell us!)

Librarians of the three largest academic law libraries together

- to place our different libraries in a context of co-operation
- to affirm our intention to work together
- to air new proposals for co-operation



The only other time the 3 libraries were represented on the same platform?
The Symposium on Law Libraries 1964
(1964-65) VIII *Journal of the Society of Public Teachers of Law* 71-88

The first Librarian of IALS, K. Howard Drake, spoke of co-operation
in terms of inter-library loan and collection-sharing:
the impact of the "very expeditious photocopying process by Rank Xerox machines"
and the concept quoted by David Wills:
"Eventually we will be equipped to … place a volume in front of a television camera in our building so that it can be looked at on a TV screen in the other university" p.79

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The National Role

IALS = Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

http://www.sas.ac.uk/ials

- Founded in 1946 after half a century or more of discussion
- Conceived and funded as a national academic institution
- Attached to University of London - serves all universities
- To support and promote legal research
- Not a law school, no teaching
- Minimal research staff and PhD students of its own

IALS Library

http://www.sas.ac.uk/ials/library
Innopac catalogue http://library.sas.ac.uk

- History of negotiation and co-operative agreement
- Now acts as a national legal research library
- Backs up law school collections across the UK
- Broad admissions policy
- Large qualified staff
- Extensive foreign, comparative and international collections

The National Picture

British Library is unable, for understandable reasons, to offer a legal research library for foreign, comparative and international law.
The British Library Working Party on Provision for Law, 1983, chaired by IALS Director, proposed co-operative provision on a national scale but this was not adopted through lack of funds.
Is there another opportunity now as BL looks for strategic partners?

⇒ W.A.F.P. Steiner. (1994) The establishment of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London. *IALS Bulletin*, **17**, 6-20

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⇒ *Report of the British Library Working Party on Provision for Law.* [1983] London: British Library.

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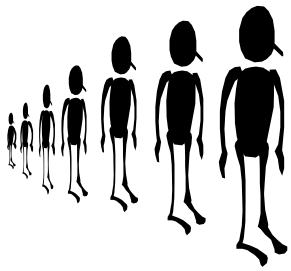
Readership

Membership

Full membership as of right to all academic staff and postgraduate research students of any university world-wide.

- 3,000 full members and 2,500 short-term visitors each year
- Attendance of 300 to 450 people each day
- 200,000 visits each year
- Institute's own staff and PhD students = 2% of readership



Countries

1,685 postgraduate students from 100 countries in 1997/98

e.g. 39 from Canada
15 from Ireland,
64 from Italy,
39 from Nigeria
25 from Sweden
25 from Thailand.
545 from 51 UK universities
65 from USA

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Readership - 2

Main constituencies:

Academic staff and research students world-wide
Funded by government grant

Overseas:	200 members and 800 short-term visitors
Other UK universities:	600 members and 1200 short-term visitors
University of London:	550 members

Taught course postgraduate students
On cost recovery basis from institutions

University of London LLM programme - 'largest in the world'
1,000 students for 1 year taking 4 from 140 specialist options
Registered at one of 5 law schools in the University
Other courses e.g. US law school London programs

Solicitors, barristers, company and government lawyers
On fee-paying basis

Subscription scheme for library and information services
200 corporate subscribers
450 short-term commercial clients
Generates c. £220,000 p.a.

⇒ David Gee and Steve Whittle. Introducing an automated management system for the document supply service at the IALS. (1996) *Law Librarian*, **27**, 111-114
⇒ June Tomlinson and Brenda White. The Library Subscription Scheme at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. (1992) *Law Librarian*, **23**, 29-34
⇒ Brenda White. Maintaining the balance: external activities in academic libraries. [London]: British Library Research and Development Dept., 1992. BL research paper, 100. (Also her earlier 1987 paper: Striking a balance….)

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Staff

Number

- Largest number of law librarians in UK
- 25 staff including 15 with library qualifications

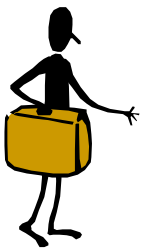
Experience

- With foreign and international law sources
- At a recent visit by the Chancellor: 4 senior staff were introduced with over a century of combined experience.
- Jill Newell, Collection Development Librarian, was awarded the MBE (national public service award) in 1996 for services to legal scholarship over 40 years

Training

- Pre-library school training for 4 new graduates each year
- Approved training scheme newly qualified library school graduates
- In-house training seminars attended by staff from other libraries
- Participation in BIALL's training programme

- Former IALS staff now Law Librarians at e.g. Lincoln's Inn, University College London, London School of Economics, University of Leicester and in many law firm libraries



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Collections

Basic Statistics:

- 240,000 volumes (150,000 serials, 90,000 monographs)
- 40 networked CD-ROM services
- £265,000 p.a. serials budget, £120,000 books, £29,000 electronic

Collections

- All jurisdictions of UK
- Commonwealth, USA, EU, European domestic law, Latin America, Roman-Dutch law, Public and Private International Law, Comparative law, Jurisprudence and coverage of other jurisdictions and subjects for comparative purposes.
- Strong historical collections from 18th and 19th century, many 19th treatises
- Commonwealth Law Library of British Foreign and Commonwealth Office back to 17th century and large IALS collections of Commonwealth law
- Much smaller collections of earlier material
- Archives of legal education, e.g. Council of Legal Education

Co-operative Background

- Relatively recently established - 1946
- Already 3 law schools (now 6) in University of London
- High priority from start on co-operation and co-operative agreement
- Major transfers from other libraries e.g. LSE, Inns of Court, Colonial Office, Foreign and Commonwealth Office as well as individual scholars
- Grants from Ford Foundation, Nuffield Foundation and the British Library

Subject Specialisation Scheme in University of London

To map research responsibilities in law, e.g.:
SOAS: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, non-English speaking Africa and Asia, religious systems of law, customary law;
LSE: Official publications EU, USGPO, UN, criminology, social sciences and law;
UCL: Jurisprudence, Roman law, Russian law

⇒ Paul Norman. (1992) Buried treasure: some lesser-known items in the IALS Library. *Law Librarian*, **23**, 99-103
⇒ Jules Winterton. (1998) The European collections of the IALS Library. In *Law at the centre: the IALS at 50*. Edited by B.A.K.Rider. London: Kluwer. (In press)
⇒ Other articles at http://www.sas.ac.uk/ials/collect.htm

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Follett Report

Joint Funding Councils' Libraries Review Group. Report. December 1993. Chaired by Sir Brian Follett.
Report, working papers and other relevant subsequent publications at http://www.niss.ac.uk/education/hefce/follett/
" to transform the use and storage of knowledge in higher education institutions"

Information strategies
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/info_strat/
Strategic planning for information, higher profile for information services
Written strategy required by funding bodies from each university
More involvement of librarians in institutional management
Adopt policy of information access in different media from different locations

Transition to Electronic
Towards the hybrid library and use of networked resources
Major funding for collaborative sector-wide projects to pilot new developments
HE sector to set the agenda and the pace and nature of change
Realise true value for the sector from the changes
NB convergence, single management of computer and library services, mainly by librarians as head of information services.

Library provision in support of teaching
Student numbers up 70% in 1987-1993
Usage up 50% in last 5 years
Money for new building programme
Encouragement of collaborative provision
Role of librarians as trainers

Library provision in support of research
A co-operative approach
Recognition that research materials are concentrated in certain institutions
Not feasible to expect every institution to provide for all its research related needs
Additional £10 million to support costs of specialised research collections
Continued funding linked to access for legal deposit HE libraries
Anderson Committee to report on strategic approach to research library facilities

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Central Initiatives -1

JISC = Joint Information Systems Committee of the Funding Councils
http://www.jisc.ac.uk
Co-ordinates projects and funding

Project Funding - the aims

Pilot and exemplar projects
Wide involvement and partnership in library community
Deliverables with sector-wide application
Culture change

Project Culture

Project dependency - continual need for short-term funding
'Fundable name culture':

HYLIFE - Hybrid Libraries of the Future
MALIBU - Managing the Hybrid Library for the Benefit of Users

eLib = Electronic Library projects

http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/elib/
Its main remit is to provide a body of tangible, electronic resources and services for UK Higher Education, and to affect a cultural shift towards acceptance and use of those resources and services in place of more traditional information storage and access methods. Started in 1995, initially £15 million over 3 years, around 60 projects

Examples of projects:

- **Electronic document delivery** – LAMDA at University College London and University of Manchester, http://www.ucl.ac.uk/Library/lamda/
- **Electronic journals** - Journal of Information Law and Technology at http://elj.warwick.ac.uk/jilt/ at University of Warwick
- **Digital Preservation** – CEDARS at Leeds, Oxford and Cambridge, CURL Exemplars in Digital ArchiveS including 'guidelines for developing collection management policies to ensure long-term viability of digital resources included in the collection', http://www.curl.ac.uk/cedarsinfo.shtml;
- **On-demand publishing** – EUROTEXT at University of Hull, a national electronic resource bank of learning materials relating to EU law, http://eurotext.ulst.ac.uk/
- **Training and Awareness** – Netskills at Newcastle University, to provide a national network skills training programme to shift the HEI culture towards awareness and widespread use of networked information resources.
- **Access to networked resources** – SOSSIG at University of Bristol, an information gateway for the social sciences, http://sosig.ac.uk/

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Central Initiatives -2

National Electronic Site Licensing Initiative (NESLI)

http://www.nesli.ac.uk/

The National Electronic Site Licensing Initiative is a bulk-purchase initiative by the Higher Education Funding Bodies to cut the cost of journals to the HE community. An attempt to break the spiral of increasing prices and declining subscriptions by sector-wide purchase, option of electronic delivery, and a site licence.
In the three year pilot 4 publishers signed up: •Academic Press •Blackwell Science •Blackwell Publishers •IOPP (Institute of Physics)

Recently a consortium of Swets & Zeitlinger and Manchester Computing at the University of Manchester were appointed as the Managing Agent for NESLI.

Non-Formula Funding of Specialised Research Collections in the Humanities

http://www.kcl.ac.uk/projects/srch/

The Follett Report recommended support of collections of importance to research and of interest to researchers external to the institutions concerned; and to facilitate access to such collections (para.347).

- Humanities (not law!)
- conservation and preservation
- cataloguing of collections (in a network / on-line form)
- recurring funding to enhance access to collections
    - publicity for collections
    - collection development
    - support for user-related services.

One small project was the cataloguing of the Commonwealth Law Library of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office at IALS, comprising legislation from the seventeenth century to recent years from all territories under British administration.

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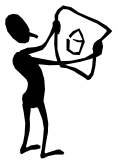
The Anderson Report



Report of the Group on a National/Regional Strategy for Library Provision for Researchers. 1995. Chaired by Professor Michael Anderson

http://www.shefc.ac.uk/shefc/publicat/others/anderson/contents.htm

'to examine the issues involved in the formation of a national library strategy for research and recommend means by which a more detailed strategy might be created'

Funding of Access

"The core of a national strategy for research should be access, free at the point of use, for all researchers to collections held in higher education, national and other research libraries. Where enabling this access places significant additional costs on particular libraries, financial recompense should be available for these libraries".

Contractual Approach

All institutions which aspire to have a role in the national research library strategy should publish information plans in sufficient detail to enable other participants to form stable working relationships with them and, where appropriate, to share with them collection and retention responsibilities.

Identifying Resource Needs

In order to ensure that institutions have satisfactory arrangements for library support for their research, the Funding Councils should require a summary of how library support is to be provided for submission in the Research Assessment Exercise.

National Collection Development and Retention Policies

The formal establishment of a national library retentions policy.
Funding Councils should open negotiations with the National Libraries on the possible devolution of some collection responsibilities to higher education institutions.

The Next Step…

The Implementation Committee has recently indicated a new round of funding:

- Supporting access by researchers to major holdings libraries by compensation for marginal extra costs of external usage, quantified by survey of active researchers
- Collaborative collection management projects
- Support grants for humanities and social science research collections
- Targeted retrospective conversions of catalogues

Barbara Tearle will take up the story looking at our future collaboration and the opportunities the proposed Anderson funding might afford us ….