

## Who needs libraries anyway?

Monday 30 April 2007, 13:00 -16:45

at the Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1B 1NT

### A RIN / CURL workshop

In September 2006, the RIN and CURL jointly commissioned a study to provide an up-to-date view on how researchers interact with and perceive academic library services in the UK. The project involved extensive canvassing of views from over 2250 researchers and 300 librarians, notably through a detailed questionnaire and qualitative insights derived from focus group meetings. The task of undertaking the work was entrusted to the Key Perspective consultancy.

The project has now concluded, and the resultant report – whose findings are intended to inform the debate about the future development of academic libraries and the services they provide to researchers – was published in early April. Further information on the project, along with the report itself, is available at [www.rin.ac.uk/researchers-use-libraries](http://www.rin.ac.uk/researchers-use-libraries).

The purpose of this workshop is to present and explain the conclusions of the study; to consider the implications of its findings, particularly from the point of view of libraries and their host institutions; and to discuss ideas about what steps might be taken next.

### PROGRAMME

- 12:00      **Registration and buffet lunch**
- 13:00      **Introduction and rationale for the study**  
**Michael Jubb** – Director, Research Information Network  
**Robin Green** – Executive Director, Consortium of Research Libraries
- 13:15      **Researchers and library services: presentation of the report**  
**Alma Swan** – Director, Key Perspectives
- 13:45      **Questions**
- 14:00      **A librarian's perspective**  
**Sheila Cannell** – Director of Library Services, University of Edinburgh
- 14:20      **A view from the arts and humanities research community**  
**Mary Abbott** – Associate Director of Student Affairs, Anglia Ruskin University
- 14:40      **A view from the science research community**  
**Subrata Bose** – Data Manager and Mathematical Modeller, MRC Clinical Sciences Centre
- 15:00      **Tea break**
- 15:20      **General discussion: taking forward the report's conclusions**  
Chaired by **Michael Jubb**
- 16:30      **Synthesis and conclusions**
- 16:45      **Close**

**This event is free, and everyone is welcome. Registration is available at [www.rin.ac.uk/register](http://www.rin.ac.uk/register)**

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