

NEWS

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General

The University of Strathclyde Business School's Department of Information Science was highly commended by the judges of the 1987 Aslib/ISI award for Innovation in Information Management for the enterprising way the Department has developed in recent years.

The citation praised Professor Blaise Cronin and his colleagues for their educational and research initiatives in the field of information management.

This is the first time an academic department has been cited for its collective activity since the award was established.

The judging panel comprised: Lord Dainton FRS, Dr. Sandra Ward, and Miss Angela Haygarth Jackson OBE. The award ceremony took place during Information Showcase at the Barbican Centre in London in March.

Award

Solon Consultants are to sponsor an annual award, to be known as the Solon Exhibition, at Strathclyde Business School's Department of Information Science.

The Exhibition will take the form of an annual £2,000 student award, beginning in 1988/89 and running for an initial period of five years.

The recipient of the prize will be a student on one of the Department's Masters programmes who submits the best proposal of acceptable standard for an original dissertation which contributes to knowledge and understanding of the value concept in information science, management or policy making.

Solon Consultants are a leading information science consultancy based in London, whose Principal, John Myers, is a Visiting Professor at Strathclyde University.

Curriculum in Africa

The majority of the participants of the "International Colloquium on the Harmonization of Education and Training for Library, Information and Archival

Personnel" from Africa were invited by the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) to attend a Post-conference Seminar on "Curriculum adjustments in Information Studies. Training Programmes in Africa" were held in Bonn from August 24 to 28, 1987. DSE has been actively involved in harmonization efforts, at least with regard to training institutions in Eastern and Southern African Countries, since the late seventies, commissioning studies and convening meetings for that purpose.

The objectives of the seminar were to produce a synopsis of existing and projected training programmes at African institutions, to discuss the implementation of harmonization efforts at their own library schools, considering the existing socio-economic and cultural conditions, and work out proposals for future DSE programmes in the field of advanced training of librarians, archivists, documentalists and information personnel.

In recognition of the resolutions of the London Colloquium on "The Harmonization of Education and Training Programmes for Library, Information and Archival Personnel", the post-conference seminar participants recommend:

in view of the developing information market related to the socio-economic and cultural environment, that Africa's information studies (librarianship, archival studies, information science) institutions should review their programmes in order to develop a harmonized core curriculum that will underpin the core satellites for the three information disciplines. Appropriate adjustments to the curricula may also be implemented through short courses and continuing education programmes;

that mechanisms be established to advise, promote and monitor on harmonization efforts in the education of African information personnel. Such mechanisms should include publications, advisory services, exchange of material resources and personnel in addition to conferences and seminars. In particular it is recommended that a Standing Conference of African Institutions of Information Studies (librarianship, archival studies and information science) be established and that Unesco be requested to provide active support and encouragement to promote and sustain this effort;

that a variety of national initiatives be established and developed, to mobilize support and cooperation amongst the three information disciplines (librarianship, archival studies and information science) for implementing the concept of harmonization. Of particular significance should be the establishment of an inter-disciplinary forum in order to achieve harmonization. One of the primary functions of such a forum should be the study of the current and potential information needs for identifying the commonalities among the three disciplines as a basis for the formulation of a harmonized curriculum;

that programmes be initiated to enhance the effectiveness of the educators for the three disciplines to teach the new harmonized curriculum. It is further recommended that a continuing education programme on training of educa-

tors in information studies (librarianship, archival studies and information science) be established and that DSE should provide active support and encouragement to promote and sustain this effort.

The recommendation, proceedings and discussion papers of the seminar are published by the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) in: Curriculum Adjustments in Information Studies Training Programmes in Africa, edited by Gunter Bock and Lutz Hüttemann. Bonn, 1987, 236 p., (DOK 1462 A/a, SE 25-09-87) Orders and information: DSE Bonn, Postfach 300 380, 5300 Bonn 3, Federal Republic of Germany

Publications

Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Entwicklung (DSE)
German Foundation for International Development Education, Science and Documentation Centre Information and Documentation Training Section

In connection with its Information and Documentation Training Programme DSE has published reports and other documents in the field of Librarianship, Documentation and Archives. The following publications are still available and may be ordered free of charge by clearinghouses, training institutions, national library services and associations (and individuals, if related to their working situation or otherwise justified):

- DOK 1310 C/a Librarianship and Documentation Studies: A Handbook of Teaching and Learning Materials; Volume 3 (1987); (87 pages)
- DOK 1310 C/a Volume 2 (1986); (96 pages)
- DOK 1310 C/a Volume 1 (1985); (134 pages)
- DOK 1417 A/a Establishment and Management of a National Information Service in Botswana, Workshop Papers Gaborone 23 to 27 February 1987 (193 pages)
- DOK 1416 C/a Boadi, B.Y. et al: Introduction to Librarianship and Documentation, Four Teaching and Learning Modules used during long vacation courses at the University of Botswana 1984 to 1987 (198 pages)
- DOK 1401 A/b Gestion des Services d'Information, Rapport d'un stage réalisé à Kigali/Rwanda, 20 and 31 octobre 1986 (93 pages)
- DOK 1347 A/a Co-ordination and Improvement of National Information Services, Mbabane and Maseru Workshop Papers; Mbabane 24-28 Feb., 1986; Maseru 3 - 7 March, 1986 (232 pages)
- DOK 1346 A/a Use of Computers in Information Handling, Training Workshop; Nairobi 21 April - 2 May, 1986 (138 pages)
- DOK 1311 A/a Trade Information Services, Seminar Pages; Arusha 22 April - 3 May, 1985 (100 pages)

- DOK 1309 A/a Manpower Training Needs, Proceedings and Papers of the Information Experts Meeting; Harare 18 – 21 March, 1985 (159 pages)
- DOK 1308 A/a Establishment, Function and Management of a National Library and Documentation Service, Workshop Report; Harare 6 – 15 March, 1985 (182 pages)
- DOK 1185 A/a Management of Information Services, Workshop Papers; Arusha 9 – 2 May, 1983 (94 pages)
- Working Document Library Training in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa: A Reader; Berlin (West) 1 – 9 Sept., 1982 (467 pages)
- DOK 1057 B/a The Implementation of Modern Information and Documentation Systems and Services with Special Reference to Information Needs in Eastern Africa, Course Report, 1980 (28 pages)

All publications can be ordered from:

DSE Bonn
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 Postfach 300 380
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Serials for the Information Profession

Serials in CLW Library lists the 2,700 serial publications, both current and ceased, held by the College of Librarianship Wales Library. Retaining the presentation used in previous editions the list appears now in the 4th revised edition.

Each title is followed by an indication of the College library's holdings, and title changes where applicable. It is available through booksellers or direct from the Librarian, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, SY23 3AS, Great Britain. Price: £3.50, by surface mail to any part of the world. By airmail to all destinations, £5.50.

ISBN: 0-904020-31-2.

The Use of Optical Media for Publication of Full Text

A group of European publishers and librarians has produced a statement entitled *The use of optical media for publication of full text: cooperation between publishers and librarians*. This deals with the attractions optical media, in particular CD-ROMs, offered to librarians and publishers as a publishing medium parallel to conventional forms of publication, and the problems they pose; then with the kinds of textual

material (as opposed to bibliographic databases) that optical media might be used to store.

The statement goes on to consider the conditions on which publishers might sell or lease optical media to libraries. Activities that should, it is suggested, be prohibited are:

- related production of multiple prints without permission or payment,
- direct transmission on-line to other libraries without a special licence,
- downloading to computers other than in the institution,
- sale of downloaded files.

Libraries will be looking to provide without permission or payment:

- access to optical media for scanning or reading on the screen,
- printing paper copies for individual users,
- downloading for use within the institution.

Publishers may wish to offer optical media both on these terms at a high initial cost, and at a lower cost with a charge for each use; librarians would then be able to choose.

The statement concludes with a brief discussion of the life of optical discs, the possible economic threat to CD-ROMs posed by Digital Audio Tape, and the potential of LaserCards.

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Teaching in Asia and the Pacific

The UNESCO Regional Office for Education in Asia and the Pacific (APEID) has produced *Preparing Multi-Media Teaching Materials*. This volume reports on innovations in methods and materials for addressing teaching problems in Asia and the Pacific, including large classes, one-teacher schools, and teaching minority and/or multicultural classes. This source book may be obtained from: UNESCO, 7, place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, FRANCE.

Dissertations

School Library Media Centers in Saudi Arabia

This study was designed to analyze the present status of libraries in secondary and comprehensive schools in Saudi Arabia as well as to analyze the attitudes of school principals toward school library media center programmes and to propose guidelines for a programme to develop media centers in Saudi Arabian school libraries. "A Systematic Design of a Proposed Model for School Library Media Center Programs in Saudi Arabia", by Mohammed A. Marghalani. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Pittsburgh, 1986, 234p. (UMI Order No. DA8702071), may be obtained from University Microfilms International (UMI), 300 North Zeeb Road, P.O.B. 1764, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 USA.

Library Education in Taiwan

This study estimates personnel requirements in public and academic libraries and clarifies the difference between the training received by library school students and the perceptions by the public and library directors of the educational requirements of entry-level librarians. "Library Education and Personnel Planning in the Republic of China on Taiwan" by Mei-hwa Yang. Ph.D. Dissertation, Indiana University, 1986, 166p. (UMI No. DA8628037). Order from University Microfilms International (UMI), 300 North Zeeb Road, P.O.B. 1764, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 USA.

Prediction Models: Morocco

Two prediction models were studied to determine their applicability to academic achievement in library and information science in Morocco: (1) a model based on entrance tests, and (2) a biographical model using cognitive and noncognitive predictors. It was found that while crude predictions may be obtained using the biographical model, other selection criteria should be used as well. "Prognosis of Academic Achievement in Library and Information Science in Morocco: Comparison of Examinatorial and Nonexaminatorial Prediction Models" by Abdelhamid Miski. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Pittsburgh, 1986, 144p. (UMI No. DA8702069). Order from University Microfilms International (UMI), 300 North Zeeb Road, P.O.B. 1764, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 USA.

Courses, Conferences and Seminars

FID/ET Pre-Congress Seminar, Helsinki, August 1988

The theme of the FID Education and Training Pre-Congress Seminar to be held from 24–27 August 1988, will be: Information Manpower Forecasting. It will be

held at the Helsinki University of Technology in Otaniemi, Espoo, Finland. Registration fee 600 Finn M.

Programme sessions include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Background and evolution of educational planning and forecasting – Information-based societies and development – The information labour market in economically developing countries – Studies in supply and demand in information manpower – Quantitative methodologies: issues and applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Approaches to manpower needs assessment – Analysis of job announcements and other methods – Identification and validation of competencies – Qualitative methodologies: issues and applications – Implications for education and training – Open forum |
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FID / II Pre-Congress Seminar, Helsinki, August 1988

FID's Information for Industry will organize a Seminar on "Information as a strategic tool to improve industrial competitiveness" to be held at Helsinki University of Technology in Otaniemi, Espoo, Finland, August 24–25, 1988.

Programme sessions include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Information as a resource – Information technology trends and implications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Industry needs and practices – Organizing for Information Resource Management |
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Workshop Program in the South Pacific

As reported in the *FID/CAO/ET Newsletter*, the Library of the University of the South Pacific (USP) is planning a series of workshops for 1987–1993 which will explore national as well as regional issues in libraries and information centers. For a list of the topics to be covered and approximate dates, write to Ms. Donita Simmons, Senior Assistant Librarian, Library, The University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, FIJI.

British Council Course

ACADEMIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT is the title of a Course to be run by Dr. M.B. Line for the British Council in Birmingham on 15–21 January 1989.

Applicants should apply at least three and a half months before the beginning of the course.

Copies of the prospectus and application forms are obtainable from your local British Representation or from the Director,
Courses Department,
The British Council,
65 Davies Street,
London W1Y2 AA

Library/Information Studies: South Pacific

The *FID/CAO/ET Newsletter* reports that beginning in 1989 the University of the South Pacific will also offer an on-campus diploma programme in library/information studies. By 1991 the programme is expected to be available as distance education through the university's Extension Services. For more information write to Ms. Donita Simmons, Senior Assistant Librarian, Library, The University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, FIJI.