Key service renewals for 2009

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EDINA offers a number of key specialist online services in addition to its core JISC-funded services. The licences for these services often extend beyond just academic institutions, and in most cases allow individuals as well as organisations to subscribe and have access. Institutional trials are available for those wishing to evaluate any of the services simply by contacting us at edina@ed.ac.uk

CAB Abstracts
The leading applied-life-science bibliographic database compiled by CAB International and offered by EDINA since 1999 now contains over five million records from 1973 to date, with 150,000 records added annually from over 10,000 serial titles, books, monographs, technical reports, proceedings and theses.
• http://edina.ac.uk/cab/access/

Land Life Leisure
A weekly index of current practice and developments in temperate agriculture and all rural topics, compiled and edited at Aberystwyth University. A recent interface upgrade added new links within the service and streamlined certain other features.
• http://edina.ac.uk/landlifeleisure/access/

Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1845
One of the best sources of contemporary comment on Britain’s experience of the agricultural and industrial revolutions. In addition to the standard annual subscriptions, individuals have options to subscribe for shorter periods – two, six or 12 months – via an online payment system which enables instant access to the service.
• http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/access/

agcensus
Online access to grid-square Agricultural Census data for England, Scotland and Wales, from 1969 to present. Users can visualise or download data, and the service now offers download in the OGC Standard KML format which will allow registered users to visualise the data using open geo-browsers. A free demonstration is available from the website.
• http://edina.ac.uk/agcensus/access/

SUNCAT user satisfaction survey

SUNCAT conducted an impact and satisfaction survey in April 2009. The majority of the 69 respondents were library or information professionals but there were also responses from a small number of researchers, lecturing staff and postgraduates.

Responses confirmed SUNCAT’s primary purpose as a serials location tool with around two-thirds of the respondents using the service to find where specific serials are held in the UK. Other purposes included:

- checking if specific titles are held in particular libraries, cities or regions
- checking the bibliographic details of serials
- using SUNCAT records to improve or create local library serials’ records

Specific examples of usage also highlighted that SUNCAT regularly saved library staff time and money when trying to locate serials:

“SUNCAT is invaluable in helping me locate libraries that hold journals when the British Library is unable to satisfy inter-library loan requests. SUNCAT is my first choice for serials location checking. It is easy to use and has exceptional coverage. I use it daily to trace journals and correct reference information. It has speeded my work up tremendously since its introduction and I’d be lost without it.”

Desirable improvements or developments for the service which were highlighted included:

- addition of more contributing libraries
- reduction of duplication on the catalogue
- linking from records on SUNCAT to equivalent records on libraries’ local catalogues

Potential Web 2.0 developments received little support from the respondents but there was interest in personalisation features. The most popular of these were:

- saving records across sessions
- saving searches across sessions
- location based results based on users’ preference settings

A number of these improvements are already in development. The team are currently adding some new libraries, and more are planned in the near future. Linking SUNCAT records to Table of Contents services is currently being developed as part of the Discovery to Delivery project (see link below) and location-based searching on SUNCAT is also being investigated as part of the JISC IE Personalisation project (see link below).

Finally, 92% of respondents indicated their overall level of satisfaction with SUNCAT as “Good” or “Excellent”. This is excellent news for SUNCAT, with high levels of satisfaction for the existing service and positive support for developments in progress. The team realise, however, that there is still much work to be done to ameliorate the effects of duplicate records on the catalogue while also adding more new libraries to further improve the coverage and value of the service.

- Discover to Delivery project
  http://edina.ac.uk/projects/d2d/
- JISC IE Personalisation project:
  http://edina.ac.uk/projects/Personalisation_summary.html

SALSER updated

SALSER, the serials catalogue for Scottish academic and research libraries, has been updated.

We have recently made a few changes to this open service. First, to reflect that point, the button to connect has been renamed Go rather than Login and the page heading is now Search, not Login. We have put PDFs of posters and leaflets on the website for download.

As regards content, much progress has been made in making SALSER more current. The Scottish libraries which contribute data to SUNCAT also have it loaded into SALSER, Stirling University being the latest contributor. Other Scottish libraries make regular updates.

Several libraries have begun contributing once again, including Glasgow Caledonian University and Glasgow School of Art. The SALSER team are in communication with other libraries; some will be updated soon, others later this year, and new libraries added.

In the meantime, feel free to search the catalogue which has been assisting journal discovery and inter-library loans over the past 15 years.

- http://edina.ac.uk/salser/
**UKBORDERS single login**

From 1 August 2009 access to UKBORDERS will be via the UK Access Management Federation as a single login route, replacing the current two options; Athens login will no longer be available.

For those not familiar with the UK federation login process, this single login will present users with a list of organisations which have signed up to the UK Access Management Federation, from which users will select their own organisation and log in with the usual username and password for their organisation.

This change will have no significant effect for most users. However, there are some organisations which have not joined the UK federation (see link below for a list of members) and so will not appear in the organisation list. If users cannot find their organisation in the list they should, in the first instance, contact their Computing Services Support for assistance. If users still feel there may be a problem they can contact help@census.ac.uk.

Since all UKBORDERS users must be registered with the Census Registration Service, some users will need to re-register if their organisation switches from using Athens usernames and passwords to a different login system. In this case, attempting to log in with their new credentials will prompt these users to provide details they have previously registered with the Census Registration Service. This will allow existing user records to be updated with the new credentials.

To ensure a smooth transition process, users should check their personal details by logging in to MyCensus before 1 August 2009. You can do this at: http://www.census.ac.uk/ and follow the links to MyCensus.

- Further information from the ESRC Census Programme: http://census.ac.uk/News/SingleLogin.aspx
- The UK federation’s current membership: http://www.ukfederation.org.uk/content/Documents/MemberList

**DataShare project success**

The DISC-UK DataShare project (2007-2009) has advanced the current provision of repository services for accommodating datasets in the UK.

Led by EDINA and the Edinburgh University Data Library, with partners at the Universities of Southampton and Oxford, a range of exemplars has emerged from the establishment of institutional data repositories and related services based on open-source platforms.

Briefing papers, conference presentations, posters, the blog and website have drawn attention to key themes including data publishing, open data and licencing issues, data management, scientific metadata, policy development, disciplinary differences and country comparisons.

**Key conclusions**

1) Data management is a better motivator for researchers than data sharing but is not sufficient to create culture change.

2) Data librarians, data managers and data scientists can help bridge communication between repository managers and researchers.

3) Institutional repositories can improve the impact of sharing data over the internet.

- Final papers and other information: http://www.disc-uk.org/

**EM-Loader entry short-listed in Repository Challenge**

The Repository Challenge was an informal competition that took place over the first two days of the Open Repositories 09 conference in Atlanta, Georgia (see link below). This year over a dozen submissions were entered in the competition to develop a working software prototype that addresses a real user problem.

The EM-Loader project sought to address the difficulty of repository deposit. Most academics recognise the need for maintaining a professional personal web page listing and linking to their publications. However, the time required to add the bibliographic metadata needed for submission of their papers to an open-access repository can be prohibitive.

The EM-Loader project designed a prototype that reduces the effort required for a researcher to submit all their papers to a repository to just a few clicks, by linking a system designed for maintaining an online personal publications list (http://publicationslist.org) to a repository, in this case the Depot (http://depot.edina.ac.uk, based on ePrints), using automated interfaces including Simple Web-service Offering Repository Deposit (SWORD).

A panel of four international judges carefully selected a shortlist, which included the EM-Loader prototype, from the dozen entries.

- View the video of the short-listed EM-Loader entry: http://www.screencast.com/t/VHUfGh5n
- Competition website: https://or09.library.gatech.edu/challenge.php

**CLOCKSS preserves access to discontinued OUP title**

The journal *Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention*, which had been discontinued by Oxford Journals, will continue to be available through CLOCKSS, via release platforms at EDINA and Stanford University Library.

*Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention* ceased publication at the end of 2008. Archival content from volume 1, issue 1 (2001) to volume 8, issue 4 (2008) will be removed from the Oxford Journals online platform at the end of May 2009. This removal has acted as a “trigger event” to prompt CLOCKSS, one of OUP’s preservation partners, to provide free access to the title and take responsibility for its ongoing long-term preservation.

CLOCKSS, or Controlled LOCKSS, is a unique not-for-profit joint venture founded by top research libraries and publishers. CLOCKSS is committed to ensuring long lives for its web-based scholarly publications. Because CLOCKSS participants govern the archive themselves, they have greater influence over the industry policies and practices that affect them most.

Built on open-source LOCKSS technology, the CLOCKSS archive comprises geographically dispersed “archive nodes” located at 12 major research libraries, into which nearly 60% of the world’s e-content is ingested and preserved.

The University of Edinburgh (Information Services) is an archive node, whilst EDINA acts as a “CLOCKSS Delivery Host”.

- More information on the OUP and other CLOCKSS trigger events: http://www.clockss.org/clockss/Triggered_Content
- How to participate in CLOCKSS: http://www.clockss.org/clockss/Contribute_to_CLOCKSS
- A full description of EDINA’s involvement: http://edina.ac.uk/projects/clockss_summary.html
New faces on EDINA Helpdesk

There have been changes afoot at the EDINA Helpdesk. We have one new full-time member of staff, Serena Fredrick; one new part-time member of staff, Siân Gowans; while previous full-time staffer Paula Cuccurullo has moved to the SUNCAT Team.

Serena writes: I have been working in the main library at the University of Edinburgh for the last couple of years. I spent part of my time there working within the inter-library loans team, and I also worked on the e-reserves collection.

Before moving to Edinburgh, I worked at the university libraries in both Birmingham and Leicester and I have recently completed some research working with Aboriginal people in the Australian outback. I’m looking forward to working with everyone here at EDINA.

Siân writes: I previously worked on a two-year post as a Project Officer on the evaluation of the Principal's eLearning Fund based at Higher & Community Education at the University of Edinburgh. Before that I was in the Teaching Office at Engineering and Electronics at Kings Buildings, also at Edinburgh.

Paula writes: After nine years in User Support at the EDINA Helpdesk, I’ve joined the SUNCAT team in the role of Bibliographic Assistant. I will assist the other members of the team in converting and processing contributing library records for addition to the SUNCAT service.

This is a return to my librarian roots – I was a cataloguer at Harvard’s Widener Library and a slide librarian in Edinburgh’s Fine Art Department before joining EDINA. I am pleased to be staying at EDINA with all my long-time friends and colleagues!

Supporting you remotely

EDINA’s User Support team has recently delivered some short online workshops about elements of various EDINA services using a web conferencing service called Instant Presenter. To join in with online training, you just need a web browser and a set of headphones.

We plan to develop a more extensive programme of such online workshops in the next academic year. Although our initial aim is to deliver these workshops to staff to allow them to support users, in time we may open the workshops to students. You can subscribe to our Training and Events feed so you can be the first to know about forthcoming training dates (http://feeds2.feedburner.com/EdinaEventsAndTraining).

We would like to hear from you about your training needs. Are there particular elements of our services on which you need more information? Do you have any particular topics of interest?

Ad-hoc online workshops can also be arranged at a time that suits you, so if you need support, please ask! You can contact us via the EDINA Helpdesk or you can call our Training Officer, Vivienne Carr, on 0131 651 1852.

Film & Sound Online update

EDINA is pleased to announce that another 32 titles have been added in May and June to the Wellcome Film collection, as part of a continuous process that should result in some 450 titles being included in the collection by the end of 2009. The titles are listed at:

- http://www.filmandsound.ac.uk/updates/2009-05.html
- http://www.filmandsound.ac.uk/updates/2009-06.html

Another case study has been added to the service, “The Documentary Form in Historical Context”, created by Dr Charles Anderson and Dr Kate Day at the University of Edinburgh and Dr Jo Fox at the University of Durham.

And finally, the look of the home page has been modified slightly. The Film Trails and Forum buttons are no longer badged as “New” features.

Jorum Learning & Teaching competition

Entries for the 2009 Jorum Learning & Teaching competition are now open.

This is the third year that the Association for Learning Technology (ALT) has run the awards. The competition, previously known as the Learning Object competition, will be asking for the submission of exciting and innovative learning and teaching resources that have been created under a Creative Commons licence to showcase at the conference.

The Award will be presented at ALT’s annual conference, ALT-C, during the Wednesday Gala Dinner on 9 September. This year ALT-C will be held at Manchester, 8–10 September 2009.

The deadline for entries is 3 July 2009.

First, second and third prizes kindly donated by Intrallect will be awarded to the top three resources entered. 1st prize £300; 2nd prize £200; 3rd prize £100.

Full competition details:
- http://www.jorum.ac.uk/community/altcCompetition.html
- ALT: http://www.alt.ac.uk/
- Creative Commons: http://creativecommons.org/
- Intrallect: http://www.intrallect.com/

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- Follow Jorum on Twitter: http://twitter.com/JorumTeam

Forthcoming events:
http://edina.ac.uk/events

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RSC East Midlands e-fair
http://info.rsc-em.ac.uk/events/
23 Jun 2009, Walkers Stadium, Leicester

RSC North West Annual Event
http://tinyurl.com/rsc-annual-event
25 Jun 2009, Theatre and Convention Centre, Southport

Higher Education Academy - Annual Conference 2009.
http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/conference
30 Jun - 2 Jul 2009, University of Manchester

RSC Eastern e-fair
http://tinyurl.com/rsc-eastern-event
3 Jul 2009, Epping Forest College