

# Editorial

Following on from the Editorial in the Summer issue of the journal, where we looked forward to a discussion on publisher's pricing practices, the Publishers' Panel duly took place at the Edinburgh Conference. The *AALL Guide to Fair Practices for Legal Publishers* was explained to us by Tory Trotta, incoming President of AALL. Unfortunately, the issue of pricing is not included in the *Guide* as AALL believe it is an area in which AALL should not intervene, as long as publishers are behaving in a fair and legal manner. The draft BIALL Code was also discussed and there were some interesting contributions from the floor on how relations with publishers could be improved, but the thorny subject of pricing was not given an airing.

At the time of writing, the Edinburgh Conference is fresh in our minds but by the time this is published it will be receding into our memories as we look forward to the Bristol Study Weekend which will concentrate on aspects of law library management.

I am sure those of us who attended thoroughly enjoyed the Conference which was extremely well organised and held in the excellent venue of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. It was only a shame that we were kept so busy with lectures and parallel sessions that there was little time to enjoy the delights of Edinburgh itself! Several of the papers were very stimulating – David Hart put together an interesting set of speakers and for those of you who were unable to attend the Conference, a selection of the papers will be published in our Winter issue.

This issue of LIM contains the annual SLS/BIALL Academic Law Library Survey, ably produced by Cathie Jackson.

In accordance with our mission statement, we are trying to produce material from different parts of the UK and this issue contains two articles from Scotland on implementing both e-government initiatives and the freedom of information legislation in that jurisdiction, thanks to the efforts of Janice Edwards & Roddy Waldhelm

in tracking down authors from the corridors of the Scottish Executive.

We have a practical article from Sara Berry of Clifford Chance explaining how she and her library staff planned their move from the City to Canary Wharf. Sara has included a checklist of tasks which should provide a useful aide memoire for any others of you who are planning library moves in the near future.

Our legislative article in this issue contributed once again by lawyers from Middleton Potts, to whom we are grateful, discusses bullying and harassment in the workplace and considers recent developments, and gives advice on how to minimise such activities in the workplace.

Following on from the recent articles on training, the teaching of legal research skills and the application of practical legal research skills training in the law firm, Amanda Fancourt reports on the results of her research into whether the LPC is preparing its students sufficiently well for the rigours of working in a real life office. One of the major findings is that LPC students were taught to conduct legal research adequately but had difficulty in presenting the results of that research in a helpful manner. They also had problems with grammar, spelling and punctuation perhaps "Eats, shoots and leaves" should be made a compulsory text on the LPC! Amanda would welcome feedback on her research results from those of you who have to train new LPC graduates.

There are several Conference reports in this issue and of particular interest are the three reports from Jackie Fishleigh, Zosia Carson and Jean Lloyd on their adventures in South Africa at the IALL Conference. Although not specifically legal, we make no apology for including them in full as they provide fascinating accounts of events in a country which seems to have made a lasting impact on, and provided a wonderful experience for, Jackie, Zosia and Jean.

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