



## Mercian Copyright Group

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 January 2018 at the University of Warwick.

**Attendees:** Yvonne Budden (Meeting Chair), Alex Fenlon, Kathryn Graves, Caroline Long, Rob Meloche, Anna Pelekanou, Tania Rowlett, Rohit Tailor

**Guests:** Gareth Johnson (Mercian Collaboration)

### Agenda

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### 2. Mercian Copyright Group

Following the discussions of the group the proposed Terms of Reference were accepted with a number of minor changes:

- The Group agreed on a minimum of three officers be appointed to the management of the group to serve two year terms in their roles:
  - Chair
  - Vice-Chair
  - Secretary
- Communication for the group is to be primarily via a Jiscmail list. Membership of the list is open to all Mercian Collaboration members with an interest in copyright but the physical meetings may need to limit numbers.

**ACTION: YB to amend the Terms of Reference and send to GJ in time for the Mercian Directors meeting in March.**

**ACTION: YB to set up list and invite members to join list.**

- For the initial term Yvonne Budden was nominated as Chair and Alex Fenlon as Vice-Chair. These appointments will be ratified via the mailing list.
- There is a need for a way to share documents between group members, the Mercian website could be used for this but does not have a private space. This is to be discussed further.
- It was agreed that, due to the sensitivity of some of the discussions held in the group the public minutes would reflect the general tenor of the discussion with more detailed minutes available to the list members.

The group discussed the fact that our membership does not yet reach all the Mercian Collaboration member Libraries. This is seen as a priority to target other Mercian Libraries to ensure all relevant staff had had the opportunity to join the list. Membership of the Group is also to be promoted at the forthcoming *GDPR and Copyright* training session (see agenda item 3).

**ACTION: GJ to circulate details of the Jiscmail list to the Directors list**



GJ reported that a Senior Sponsor had been appointed for the Group with Dave Parkes of De Montfort University agreeing to serve in this capacity.

### **3. Data Protection, GDPR, Copyright**

RM and TR spoke to promote the forthcoming event at the University of Leicester on the **2 February 2018**. The event is now being promoted on the Mercian Collaboration Website and signups are being taken for the day. The agenda is to include one hour on Copyright, a CLA update and two hours on GDPR.

### **4. Accessible formats**

This was raised by RT and the group had a broad discussion on the relative practices and approaches institutions had been taking with the procurement, management and retention of copies of material made available to students as accessible copies.

Issues discussed also included the issue of OCR and scanned electronic theses, the use of Sensus Access<sup>1</sup> (file conversion software), the varied levels of accessibility across e-book providers and the potential effect of GDPR on the retention schedules of documents.

### **5. Teaching Copyright / Supporting Researchers**

AF discussed his experience of the 'Publishing Trap' game<sup>2</sup> from the UK Copyright Literacy team. His team had run the game just before Christmas as a team activity and had found the game to be useful and had taken them around 2 hours to run.

**ACTION: Group agreed to set aside time at a future meeting to run them game as a group.**

Other areas discussed included resources and guides that were used in various institutions to promote copyright, where copyright fit with other training sessions, unusual places where copyright concerns have come up in the past and issues where copyright law and ethics have touch points that create uncertainty for researchers.

### **6. UK Scholarly Communications License (UKSCL)**

This was discussed generally within the group looking at the position of each institution on this issue, any queries that had already been raised and what might happen next.

**ACTION: YB to ensure this issue is included on the next agenda**

### **7. Licensing, Overseas students/campuses**

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<sup>1</sup> Sensus Access <http://www.sensusaccess.com/>

<sup>2</sup> The Publishing Trap <https://copyrightliteracy.org/resources/the-publishing-trap/>



A brief discussion here focussed on the issues of managing the various licenses from providers with the requirements of the institution to expand, often overseas but UK expansion to other sites had its own concerns. Various practical solutions to the issues raised were discussed and the members of the group actively looking at these areas agreed to report back to a future meeting.

Due to the restricted time in the meeting it was proposed that this item is also carried forward to the agenda for the next meeting.

**ACTION: YB to ensure this issue is included on the next agenda**