

# Editorial

## BIALL 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Study Conference

The Annual Conference was held at Brighton this year and was a resounding success, helped by a one-hotel location, wonderful weather and a very good programme of events, lectures and entertainment. There was a uniformly high standard of presentations and it has proved extremely difficult to find the space to include all the papers. We are therefore publishing some in this issue of *Legal Information Management* and the remainder in the Spring 2007 issue. We have tried to make a selection from each of the topic streams and include something for everyone, but we have also decided to hold over most of the leadership articles and some of those dealing with teaching and learning methods till next Spring.

## Joint Study Institute

This also was a very successful and enjoyable event held between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August at St Anne's College Oxford and attended by over sixty delegates from a variety of countries. The Conference Dinner was held at Exeter College and there were several visits to important libraries in Oxford. The standard of the papers was again uniformly high. We are publishing Roger Smith's keynote address on Human Rights and the UK Constitution in this issue together with Sandy Ghandi's paper entitled The International Bill of Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights. We are also publishing Lord Walker's lecture on the new Supreme Court and other changes in the justice system. We have had to hold over several other papers due to space constraints but will include some of them in the Spring issue.

## Current Issues

We are very pleased to publish the results of Dean Mason's research, carried out for his Master's Degree, into the retrieval effectiveness of Lexis Professional and Westlaw. With the recent changes in the Lexis

platform and the shortly to be released enhancements to Westlaw, there may be scope for future research into this topic!

Janice Edwards has analysed the results of the questionnaires that we sent out following Margie Jones's extremely useful article in the Summer issue on the topic of online versus paper resources. We hope to run further articles on this topic in future issues of LIM.

## From our own Correspondent

John Furlong has submitted a very interesting and comprehensive article on the Name of the State (of Ireland) which explains all about Ireland's current correct nomenclature and also covers the other names which have been used at various times to describe Ireland.

## Checklist

Our Checklist has been written by Louise Adamson of Maclay Murray Spens and gives us some very useful information about the new age discrimination legislation which has just come into force.

## And finally...

I am pleased to report that Michael Oberwarth has volunteered to take over as Book Review Editor from Cathie Jackson, as well as offering to help me with the proof reading of each issue of LIM. The Board is very grateful to Michael and we look forward to working closely with him in the near future.

As we approach the end of another publishing year, we hope that you have enjoyed reading LIM and that its contents have been of use to you. The Editorial Board is always pleased to receive offers of articles and also suggestions for subjects which are of topical interest and which you think we should be covering so please contact us if you have any good ideas.

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