



KBART Monitoring Group Report

October 2008

1. Report

Considerable progress has been made on the draft version of the phase I KBART report. We have allocated different sections of the report to specific named members of the group and this has helped to increase activity as everyone now feels some ownership. We will shortly be closing the contributions stage, and beginning the editing process. We expect this to take a couple of months, during which time KBART chairs Peter McCracken and Charlie Rapple will work to synthesise – and where necessary, rewrite – the text, polish the images and ensure that the report is clear, concise in its guidance, and that it delivers on the mission we identified before launching the project.

The report will be circulated for review to members of the monitoring group, as well as members of the NISO and UKSG commissioning committees, during the first quarter of 2009. We anticipate that it will be ready for presentation at the 2009 UKSG Annual Conference in April 2009.

2. Logo

You'll notice a new logo above. We are grateful to the designers of SAGE Publications for their assistance in finalising this design, which we think reflects well the interdependency and cyclical nature of linking within the OpenURL supply chain.

3. PR

KBART's members have continued to be active on the conference circuit in recent months. We've spoken at:

- NISO OpenURL webinar (August)
- ALPSP annual conference (September)

and have had proposals accepted for:

- Charleston (November 08)
- Online Information (December 08)
- ACRL (February 09)

Although these conferences represent a good spread of audiences (geographically as well as publisher/librarian), **we would like to increase our visibility in the publisher sector** and as such **we aim to get a speaking slot at next year's PSP and SSP conferences. If any members of the monitoring group can assist us in this aim we would appreciate it!**

4. Logistics

Two members of the group have moved to new employers during the last few months: Simon Haggis is now with the BMJ Group (shaggis@bmjgroup.com) and Charlie Rapple is now with TBI Communications (charlie.rapple@tbicomcommunications.com). Please update your address books if you plan to contact us!

www.uksg.org/kbart

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