

**Union List Working Group report for the SHINE AGM
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Dr Michael Wells has provided the statistics on the forms and numbers issued for the year ending 31 March 2007. These statistics only cover requests made using forms or numbers, and **not** those made between participant libraries - no central record is kept of these. They show another drop in the number of forms and numbers in circulation, though this is only part of the picture of ILL activity. In summary:

Number of numbers issues in 2006/07: 4,862

Number of forms/numbers issued in 2005/06: 6,356

Number of forms/numbers issued in 2004/05: 10,669

Number of forms/numbers issued in 2003/04: 15,881*

** (the 2003/04 figure is for 15 months, because of the change in publication date for the union list)*

The union list bank account remains healthy - at the end of March there was an excess of income over expenditure of £1,214.00 (£2177 in 2004/05) and a balance of £27,309.50 (£26,096.00 in 2004/05). As usual, Michael has transferred the interest from the union list account to the SHINE general account, and that amounts to £461.00 (it was £451.00 in 2004/05).

I would like to record our thanks to Michael for his continuing work on the scheme: for running it so efficiently, and for dealing with our finance departments when invoices go astray. His work is very much appreciated.

Libraries and changes

The union list scheme currently contains 92 libraries, providing access to 4,492 journal titles and 12,960 holdings.

For the first time in several years, location codes were changed for a number of SHINE libraries - 28 in all, based within the area affected by health board boundary changes. "AC" and "GG" codes have been renamed "GC" if the library is

based within the NHS GGC area, and "H" if they are based within the NHS Highland area.

In summer 2006 the journal holdings of the Health Promotion/Public Health Library at Ross House (AC/HLRC) were incorporated into those of the Public Education Resource Library at GGC Health Board (GC/HB).

Online edition of the union list

The online edition of the Union List allows SHINE libraries to make their own additions and amendments to library holdings and contact details, and to keep their details up to date. The online list can be found at the SHINE website, and at <http://scone.strath.ac.uk/shinestaff/service/ServIndex.cfm>. A contact email address is available for members needing advice or help from working group members - unionlist@shinelib.org.uk.

The database and web interfaces were developed, and are hosted, by the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) and the Centre for Digital Library Research (CDLR) at Strathclyde University. I would like to record our thanks to Gordon Dunsire for all his support and hard work in making this resource available for SHINE members.

Finally, I am stepping down from the committee at this AGM, though I'll still be involved in working on the union list. I'm very pleased to say that Liz Garrity has agreed to take over as the representative for the union list on the committee.

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