

AGM Report from Union List Working Group 2010

Many thanks to both Gordon Dunsire, who continues to develop and maintain the database, and to Dr Michael Wells, who continues to administer the union list scheme.

Union List Bank Account

- The balance in the union list account as at 31.3.10 is £18,774.53.
- In 2009, the Shine committee used £10,000 of the revenue in the union list account to subsidise the redesign of the Shine website
- Excluding the £10,000 payment to the Shine current account, the union list account made a surplus of £1091 during the year. This figure is on a par with the previous year's balance, indicating that the steady reduction in income of recent years has levelled off.
- The interest credit to the account was £22, compared with £273 in the previous year!

Problems accessing union list

Some Shine members have been unable to access the members' area username/password box, but instead get a 'not authorised to view this page' message. Gordon Dunsire has investigated this, but advises that the problem does not lie with the database. Anyone experiencing this problem is advised to raise it with their IT department. The working group has not received any notification from anyone reporting the problem that it has been resolved, so it remains a bit of a mystery.

Changes to database interface

Gordon recommends that it is good practice to change passwords on a regular basis, as a security measure. Therefore, the password for the union list database will change towards the end of the month – keep an eye on the Shine website and for messages on Lis-Shine.

Gordon has also changed the interface of the public union list page, and will introduce those changes to the members' page at the end of the month (to coincide with the password change). Anyone experiencing any problems should contact the union list working group. The email address is on the website.

Joining the union list working group

Any Shine member is welcome to join the union list working group – speak to us today if you are interested, or remind your own staff if they are interested in joining a group and enhancing their CPD.