

Editor's Note

Welcome to Volume 16, issue 1 2019 of UKeIG's journal eLucidate. I'd like to thank the information professionals and experts who consistently contribute a diverse range of absorbing and informative topics to every issue. Please keep the articles and reports coming. They are the lifeblood of this publication.

The UKeIG Members' Day, held at CILIP HQ on Friday 7th June 2019, showcased three such experts: Michael Upshall (UNSILO), David Haynes (City, University of London) and Dr. Tony Russell-Rose (UXLabs, 2dSearch.) The event explored the impact of artificial intelligence on the knowledge, information management and library profession. Upshall kicked off the event by throwing down a gauntlet. Were taxonomies still relevant in an age when AI was transforming search by enabling concept clustering and semantic enrichment? Manual classification schemes, vocabularies, taxonomies and ontologies have always played an essential role in information retrieval but Upshall argues that they are expensive and fundamentally flawed; reactive not proactive. "They will never be complete. They will never be large enough." Haynes went on to explore the potential impact of AI on the information resource management cycle, leaving Russell-Rose to deliver an illuminating crash course on the linguistic phenomena that make natural language processing (NLP) such a complex and multi-faceted field of research. "Language is ambiguous," he said, "and the key tenet of NLP is resolving that ambiguity." There was a consensus amongst the delegates that there are huge challenges and opportunities ahead for the LIS profession; that information science is fundamental to AI.

Martin White, Managing Director of Intranet Focus Ltd, issued another challenge. Is Microsoft's domination of the delivery of desktop information management tools inhibiting effective enterprise-wide information management? Is our "monolithic adoption" of applications like Office 365's Teams (barely out of beta) cramping our creative, strategic style? Are our IT departments wed to convenient Microsoft solutions that are not relevant to organisational requirements? A fascinating read.

It's an honour to feature Stella Dextre Clarke in this issue. She is a past winner of UKeIG's prestigious Tony Kent Strix Award, Vice Chair of the UK branch of the International Society for Knowledge Organization and presented at last year's Tony Kent Strix Memorial Lecture at the Geological Society in London. For those of you who couldn't attend the event, she has written an extensive feature that traces the history of the award winners going back to 1998, articulating how their research and achievements reflect the scope and evolution of information retrieval through the years. Stella's article segues neatly into UKeIG's announcement that you can now book online to attend Professor Pia Borlund's (Department of Archivistis, Library and Information Science at Oslo Metropolitan University) Strix lecture in London on Friday 29th November.

UKeiG's professional development programme continues to be a huge success attracting delegates from all sectors and disciplines of the library and information profession. In this issue we share delegate feedback on Ned Potter's "Better social media for libraries" and the practical ideas and applications that colleagues took back to the workplace.

Booking is now open for Dion Lindsay's (Managing Director of Real Knowledge Management) Advanced Knowledge Management course on Thursday 28th November, where he explores KM strategy and digital implementation in depth. An overview of the day, with learning outcomes and background information, is featured in this issue.

Earlier this year UKeiG was delighted to announce that the winners of two UKeiG bursary places for the CILIP Conference 2019 were Natasha Chowdory (Clinical Evidence Based Information Specialist, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire) and Stephen Furlong (Information and Engagement Officer, Careers Service, University of York). Stephen's reflections on the event are included in this issue, with Natasha's to follow in the next. It's interesting to read about Stephen's observations as a higher education professional on the periphery of the LIS sector. His report embraces digital innovation, the need for "good data behaviour and good knowledge management".

Other features in this issue include Joy Cadwallader (Aberystwyth University) who gives an update on some new online resources and services and Katherine Allen (Business Development Director, Information Today Europe) who provides a sneak preview of the programme for Internet Librarian International 2019, with details of how UKeiG members can benefit from a 25% discount on the full conference fee.



eLucidate is published three times per volume: around spring, autumn and winter, and an archive of previous issues is available [here](#). We endeavour to feature contributions from experts in the field, keeping members up to date with developments and innovations in the digital information industry, considering the impact on information professionals and

consumers of e-information. Core topics for consideration include digital literacy, effective information retrieval and search technologies, intranets, social media, open access, e-publishing and e-industry research and development.

UKeiG encourages the submission of articles and reports about any of the topics covered by the journal, and contributions and suggestions for content can be emailed to me at the email address below.

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Best wishes for now,

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