At Jisc, there have been a number of moves including a significant appointment last summer (which was missed in this People page) when UKSG Insights Co-Editor Lorraine Estelle became Executive Director of Digital Content and Resource Discovery there. As Executive Director, Lorraine oversees all of Jisc’s digital content and discovery related people, organizations, strategy, services and operations. Lorraine has been CEO Jisc Collections since 2006 and continues in this role.

In January, Neil Jacobs became Head of Scholarly Communications Support at Jisc to develop its work in supporting all aspects of open access for scholarly materials for UK Higher and Further Education, Jisc’s work on repositories, as well as working with Jisc Collections on models for the payment and management of article processing charges (APCs). For the previous nine years, Neil was Programme Director at Jisc for innovation programmes, working in Jisc’s Digital Infrastructure team where he oversaw a variety of projects and programmes in the areas of access to and management of digital resources.

Paola Marchionni took up the newly created post of Head of Digital Resources for Teaching, Learning and Research at Jisc at the beginning of February. She joined Jisc in 2007 as Programme Manager Digitization and has worked on a number of large-scale digitization programmes as well as in related areas such as the impact and sustainability of digitized collections, discovery and open educational resources (OERs).

At the beginning of February, Clare Powne took up the role of Assistant Director Academic Services and Head of Library and Culture Services at the University of Exeter. She was previously University Librarian at the University of Lancaster, in which post she had been since 2009. Clare has also held roles at Durham, Sydney, Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow universities.

In December, UKSG eNews reported Darren Bevin’s appointment as librarian of Chawton House Library, the Hampshire study centre for English women’s writing from 1600 to 1830, where Darren is responsible for providing library services and support to academics and university students, as well as helping to develop further a unique collection of works for the study centre in Chawton. He was previously Senior Library Assistant at the Faculty of Divinity Library at the University of Cambridge.

Nathalie Cornee joined the library at the London School of Economics in February as Research Analyst and Open Access Officer, in which role she will be supporting researchers to maximize publication impact. For the past five and a half years, Nathalie has been Library Manager at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge.

At the start of November, Elizabeth Gillespie joined the University of Liverpool’s Content, Collections & Discovery team in a newly created post as Subscriptions Manager, looking after the University’s subscriptions and discovery tools. Prior to this, Elizabeth worked for seven years at Liverpool Hope University; first as Periodicals Librarian and then as Collections Librarian, working on subscriptions, acquisitions and discovery.
Last October, Heather Thrift took up the post of Director of Library Services at Liverpool John Moores University. Heather was previously at the University of Sheffield, most recently as Associate Director of Library Services. She replaces Maxine Melling, who has taken up the post of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Operations) at the University of Gloucestershire.

In November, Jeremey Claridge was appointed to the newly established role of Repository & Research Publications Team Leader at Queen Mary University. This follows a long-standing involvement in subscription management in the NHS, King’s College London and Queen Mary University since 1989. Alongside the new challenges presented by the move into research Support, Jeremey is anticipating a busy year, having been seconded to the role of Process Improvement Project Manager to champion workplace standards at Queen Mary.

In the New Year, Mark Toole returned to his home city after 20 years, taking up a new role as Head of Libraries and Learning Resources at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). For the previous five years, Mark was the Director of Information Services at the University of Stirling, where he took on the new library project, managing the interim library service and delivering the new bigger library.

Peter Scott

In January, UKSG eNews announced the death on 30 December of Peter Scott (1947–2013), who had worked in the Systems Department of the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon, Canada) Libraries from 1976 to 2006. Peter was best known to the information community for being an early blogger (http://xrefer.blogspot.co.uk/), an early proponent of e-commerce, and as the creator of HYTELNET (1991), an interface for Telnet services which he claimed as the first electronic browser for internet resources. He was an early adopter of all sorts of communications technologies. Peter Scott’s Library blog links to his list of ‘web creations’ (http://feedbus.com/), revealing just how creative he was and the wide range of his interests.

His obituary in The Saskatoon StarPhoenix records that he was born in London, was a lifelong Fulham supporter, and a man of many talents: a gifted blues musician (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RW4QGMj5Os), published poet, songwriter and founder of successful bands. He was part of the London 60s music scene, able to recall sitting in a bar with Jimi Hendrix and drinking with Brian Jones. Peter worked in the book trade, first in CUP and then at Dillons in London before moving to Saskatoon in 1976. There he took a job in the University of Saskatchewan library, where he remained until his retirement in 2006. In the 90s, Peter was a pioneer of the internet, publishing widely on the subject and presenting his innovative ideas at international conferences. He was passionately committed to free universal access to the web and is remembered as being deeply involved and active in his community. At the same time, he continued to play the blues, receiving a Juno Award for his song TV Preacher on the album Saturday Night Blues, which won ‘Best Roots and Traditional Music Album’.

At the University of Southampton, Jane Savidge became University Librarian in September last year following the retirement of Mark Brown, who had joined the university as Deputy Librarian in 1993 and been University Librarian since 2001. Jane was previously Director of Library and Learning Support Services at the University of Surrey for seven years.
In December, **Caroline Rock** moved to the University of Surrey as Director of Library and Learning Support Services. Caroline joined Surrey from Coventry University where she was University Librarian for five years.

At the beginning of January, **Liz Pritchard** became the new Head Librarian at The Pirbright Institute, which was formerly the Institute for Animal Health. Liz was previously Assistant Librarian Collections Development at the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) where she worked for over ten years.

The Institute, which currently operates on sites in Pirbright and Compton, is undergoing reorganization and development and Liz is responsible for merging the libraries in preparation for the Compton site closing in around 2016. Up until 2005, there were two professional librarians, one at each site, and two separate libraries which have been managed by **Chris Gibbons-Button** since 2006. Chris, who has been at the Compton library for more than 27 years, is due to retire at the end of March and will not be replaced.

Last November, **Bev Acreman** was promoted to Vice President Marketing and OA Business Development, in which role she will be responsible for the marketing of all open access products, including BioMed Central and SpringerOpen, in addition to all author- and society-related marketing for the complete Springer book and journal portfolio. Bev will continue to be responsible for all of her existing business development activities for open access, which are now expanded to include Springer’s open access products.

At the beginning of December, **Dominic Young** took up the role of CEO of the Copyright Hub, responsible for the day-to-day management of the organization. Dominic took over from **Dr Ros Lynch**, Director of the Copyright Licensing Co-ordination Office (CLCO), who has returned to the civil service having managed the successful implementation and development of the Copyright Hub over the previous year. The Copyright Hub, built and led by the UK’s music, publishing, audio-visual and images industries, will be a portal with intelligent connections to a wide range of websites, digital copyright exchanges and databases in the UK and around the world. It seeks to streamline copyright licensing for the digital age and simplify the process of obtaining licences for copyrighted material.

After 12 years at the University of Liverpool, mostly as Electronic Resources Manager and latterly as Head of Collections, Content and Discovery, **Terry Bucknell** joined Digital Science in February as Product Sales Manager in their Research Metrics division, focusing on the institutional offerings from figshare and Altmetric, as well as Simplectic and ÜberResearch. Prior to Liverpool, Terry, a physics graduate, spent five years at the University of Leeds as Engineering Librarian, following his first foray into librarianship as a Library Assistant at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, where he received print journals onto Kardex cards!

At EBSCO, **Steve Giannoni** was appointed Director of Sales, UK & Ireland, in January. He joined EBSCO in February 2006 as a Regional Sales Manager and, for the last 16 months, has been the National Sales Manager, UK & Ireland. Following the merger of EBSCO Publishing and EBSCO Information Services, Steve has taken responsibility for the entire EBSCO Information Services portfolio and manages the sales efforts of all field-based staff covering Academic, Government and Public Library markets in the UK & Ireland.
At the end of November, Ex Libris announced the appointment of Roger Brisson as Strategy Director for Ex Libris Europe. Roger, who has worked as a research librarian and served in senior positions at Harvard and Penn State Universities, joined Ex Libris from Boston University where he was head of Metadata Services. Roger, who is now based in Hamburg, has also worked on several national and international working groups as well as being actively involved in the development of the Dublin Core standard.

At Innovative Interfaces, Cat Strong was appointed as Sales Account Manager, UK & Ireland, in December last year. Cat previously worked for Swets Information Services for 11 years in various positions, most recently as the Sales & Business Development Manager, UK.

And in January, Richard Bramwell (pictured) joined Innovative as Sales Account Manager for UK North and Ireland. Richard previously worked at EBSCO Information Services for four years.

At the Publishers Association, William Bowes has been appointed Chair of The PA’s Academic and Professional Division Board. William, who is General Counsel and Company Secretary at Cambridge University Press, is a qualified and practising solicitor specializing in IP, who has worked for Penguin Books as IP Counsel and subsequently held a similar role at Taylor & Francis before joining Cambridge in February 2011.

Rod Cowley

It was with great sadness that friends and colleagues heard that Rod Cowley had died on 17 November after an 18-month battle with cancer. He was only 67. He is greatly missed by the information community as can be seen in the many tributes to Rod from friends and colleagues published at the end of November in UKSG eNews - Issue 310, and the many from all stages of his working life who attended his funeral.

Rod had a deep knowledge of the library sector, having begun his career in public libraries in the early 1970s and been Assistant Borough Librarian at Lambeth between 1981 to 1986. During the course of his career, Rod worked for a variety of companies in the library market including ALS Ltd, IME Ltd, Optology, HCN, SilverPlatter and Wolters Kluwer-Ovid, retiring from Ovid at the end of March 2010 after 20 years in the library trade. At Wolters Kluwer, Rod was Senior Regional Sales Manager Medical Research. He continued working after retirement within the broad area of library supply and support, undertaking projects for Jisc, RMIT and others. Rod was a great networker with a large number of friends. He was a true professional, conscientious and especially well known and respected within the health information field. His generosity and self-deprecating humour is fondly remembered. Rod was excellent company, with wide interests including bird watching, theatre and literature. We will certainly miss him at this year’s UKSG and HLG conferences.

At Informa, Stephen Carter has been Group Chief Executive since the beginning of January. Stephen has been an Informa board director since 2010, and was formerly President/Managing Director EMEA and President/Managing Director Global Managed Services at Alcatel-Lucent. Before joining Alcatel-Lucent, he worked in a number of roles in the media and communications sector, including serving a term as the Founding Chief Executive of Ofcom, the UK Communications Industry Regulator.
Jan Donnelly has taken the role of Director of Sales and Business Development with LM Information Delivery UK, and will oversee all UK commercial operations. Jan moved from EBSCO Subscription Services where she held the position of National Sales Manager for over six years. Previously in Sales Management and Business Development across various sectors, Jan is looking forward to her new role and focusing on LM Information’s core business and bespoke customer service across the UK and Ireland.

At the end of November last year, Tony Roche left LM Information Delivery, which he had fronted in the UK as Director and Country Manager for the previous three years. Thus far, Tony has been in the industry 51 years in a career which has witnessed great changes in the subscriptions business. In 1962, Tony joined Wm Dawson & Sons Ltd as a Sales Ledger Clerk where, in due course, he became a director. Founded in 1809, Dawson’s was a major distributor of newspapers and periodicals, delivering across the empire to customers such as Robert Louis Stevenson in the South Seas. In the following century, Tony recalls chasing an unpaid invoice from a customer in Moscow, and receiving payment along with a letter from a more infamous expatriate, a sad and lonely Guy Burgess, stating “how much he appreciated receiving his Times ( & other papers ) that kept him in contact with home.”

After 25 years at Dawson, Tony joined Universal Subscription Services, as Joint MD for seven years until the company was acquired by W H Everett, where Tony was Periodicals Director until this side of their business was sold to Swets in October 2003. Tony then moved to the UK arm of Prenax as a Director, staying for another period of seven years, until joining LM in 2011 as their UK Director and Country Manager. Tony continues his career still as a consultant within the industry.

At ProQuest, last November, John Law moved into a newly created position of Vice President, Enterprise Product Strategy, where he leads initiatives to enable coordination among ProQuest’s business areas, to leverage the company’s breadth of expertise and assets and create product and service innovations. Credited with the invention of the Summon service, John has spent the past five years guiding it from initial development through its most recent advances, as Vice-President of Discovery Services at Serials Solutions.

Last July, Brian O’Connor was appointed Journals Sales Executive at the Royal Society of Chemistry, responsible for journal, e-book, database and open access voucher sales in the UK and Ireland and all Scandinavian, Benelux and Baltic countries. Before joining RSC as a Sales Operations Executive in October 2012, Brian held various positions in the telecoms and e-commerce industries in Ireland and the US.

Alastair Cook joined Springer Science+Business Media last November as UK Licensing Manager. Prior to this, Alastair was Sales Manager (Central & Eastern Europe) for Cengage Learning, and Regional Vice President (Middle East, North Africa & Turkey) for Emerald Group Publishing Ltd, for whom he set up a regional commercial hub in the United Arab Emirates.

In February, Jon Reid also joined Springer Science+Business Media as Licensing Manager, in an expansion of the Licensing team in the UK. Previously, Jon had been with EBSCO since 2006 where, for the past four years, he was Regional Sales Manager, South UK, covering the southern UK academic market for the company’s Subscription Services division.

Teri Hawksworth joined Swets in November as Global Head of Sales & Marketing. Teri brings more than 15 years of experience in the information industry, joining Swets directly from a managing director role at Sweet & Maxwell, Thomson Reuters’ legal publishing business. She has also held a range of sales, marketing and general management positions at companies including Wolters Kluwer UK, LexisNexis UK, Tritec and ICC Group.

In January, Adam Gardner joined Swets as Commercial Director for the UK, Ireland, Middle East and Africa. For the past seven years he was Sales Director at CABI, responsible for global sales of all their products. Prior to that, he held positions at Wolters Kluwer-Ovid and at the John Rylands University Library in Manchester, working on a Jisc project.