

Consortium of West European Studies Library Groups

Questionnaire

Towards the end of July 2002 the Consortium's questionnaire was mailed to British universities, the National Libraries, and research libraries having current collections of West European printed books. The aim was to identify language specialists and to determine the scope of their duties, responsibilities and coverage of languages and cultures. The deadline was set at 30 September, but all questionnaires received after that date were accepted and the replies analysed.

A further aim was to encourage membership of the four language studies library groups in the Consortium.

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Preliminary results

121 questionnaires were returned, of which 2 were discounted as the libraries concerned acquired little or no WE material.

Summary

Type of institution	No. of institutions replying	No. of replies
Pre-1992 universities	27	46
Post-1992 universities	9	13
Research/specialist	26	58
Colleges of Educ.; F.E.	2	2

NB: Research/specialist includes: Bodleian, Taylorian, the National Libraries, UL Cambridge; UL London is included as a pre-1992 university.

Number of languages per respondent

Type of institution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Other
Pre-1992 universities	10	9	12	9	5	0	1	10
Post-1992 universities	0	0	3	9	1	0	0	4
Research/specialist	20	21	8	5	4	0	0	17
Colleges of Educ.; F.E.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

NB: Other = no. of respondents having responsibility for languages in addition to those specified.

Number of functions per respondent

Type of institution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pre-1992 universities	0	1	4	2	2	6	16	9	5	1	0
Post-1992 universities	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	3	0
Research/specialist	12	4	5	6	8	8	8	3	3	1	0
Colleges of Educ.; F.E.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

NB: Those respondents at research/specialist libraries responsible for 1 function are cataloguers.

Type of institution	Respondents having other Subject or functional responsibilities
Pre-1992 universities	42
Post-1992 universities	12
Research/specialist	37
Type of institution	Respondents having other Subject or functional responsibilities
Colleges of Educ.; F.E.	1

NB: Additional responsibilities were largely for specific subjects (e.g. art) or were managerial.

Appendix

Libraries responding to questionnaire, by type of institution

Pre-1992 universities

Aston
Bath
Birkbeck College, London
Bradford
Bristol
Essex
Exeter
Cambridge, Mod. Lang. Fac. Lib.
Goldsmiths
King's College, London
Leeds
London, Senate House
Manchester
New Hall, Cambridge
Nottingham
Oxford, Mod. Lang. Fac. Lib.
Reading
Royal Holloway
Sheffield
Strathclyde
Sussex
Trinity College, Dublin
UMIST
University College, London
University of Wales, Aberystwyth
University of Wales, Swansea
Warwick

Post-1992 universities

Anglia
Coventry
Manchester Metropolitan
Northumbria
Plymouth
Portsmouth
Thames Valley
West of England
Westminster

Research institutions/specialist libraries

Bodleian
British Library
Canning House
Centre of Latin American Studies, Cambridge
Institute of Germanic Studies
Institute of Historical Research

Institute of Latin American Studies, London
International Development Centre, Oxford
Latin American Centre, Oxford
London Library
National Art Library
National Library, Scotland
National Library, Wales
Taylorian
University Library, Cambridge
Wellcome

Colleges of Education/Further Education

Chester
Trinity & All Saints