

# CLAUD Virtual AGM

## Friday, June 18, 2021

### Chair's annual report

The CLAUD committee has continued to meet since we first went into lockdown back in March 2020 and during the last 12 months the focus has been on just keeping things going. In our day jobs I am sure we will all acknowledge that we have faced many challenges to ensure that the services we deliver have remained accessible and inclusive having to find innovative ways to ensure that our students have not been disadvantaged.

We hosted our first CLAUD virtual coffee morning in February which we used as a test event to see how a Zoom get together might work. It was lovely to have the opportunity to check in to see how people were doing and to share our successes and challenges. It also made us aware that there were member institutions with staff new in post that would really benefit from knowledge sharing and networking. The constraints of the pandemic have provided the opportunity to evaluate our services and question whether a fresh approach can support greater access and inclusion, and this is something that we will want to discuss together at future events.

Following the February meeting we launched a survey to enable us to gain a broader understanding of what accessibility services were commonly provided in libraries. The collated results have been shared on the CLAUD website (<https://claud.org.uk>).

Here are direct links to the original report and an accessible version:

<https://claud.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CLAUD-Survey-Report-public.pdf>

<https://claud.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Accessible-report.rtf>

We hope that this information may prove useful for benchmarking and to inform service development at our home institutions.

### Treasurer's report and accounts

CLAUD remains in a strong financial position with the account balance currently standing at £7,575.32

### Election and re-election of officers and committee members.

**The following officers have agreed to remain in post for a further term and were duly elected via polling at the AGM:**

David Bennett (University of Portsmouth), Web Officer

Dan Herbert (University of Surrey), Treasurer

Mary Lockwood (University of Bristol), Secretary

Jane Reynolds (University of Bristol), Chair

Vice Chair

**Teresa Pedroso (Oxford University) has put their name forward for the post of Vice Chair and was duly elected at the AGM.**

Proposed: Jane Reynolds

Seconded: Mary Lockwood

## **Current Committee Members**

Jane Reynolds (Chair of CLAUD)

Teresa Pedroso (Vice Chair)

Dan Herbert (Treasurer)

Mary Lockwood (Secretary)

David Bennett (Web Officer)

Martyn Hoskins (UWE)

David Rooney (Bath Spa University)

Kathryn Tyne (Oxford University)

If there are any CLAUD members interested in joining the committee, please let us know. A description of responsibilities is available on the web page.

The Chair thanked all committee members for their ongoing hard work and support.

## **Subscriptions and membership**

CLAUD currently has 25 member institutions. The global pandemic impacted on our ability to run face to face study days in 2020 and 2021, a firm understanding of what might be possible during the next 12 months is still unclear. **We therefore propose not to charge membership subscriptions for 2022 as it is still uncertain that we can return to offering face to face events with confidence. We envisage that the annual subscription charge will be reinstated from January 2023.**

## **CLAUD Bursary**

We are pleased to announce that we have had a successful application for the CLAUD Bursary. Olivia Rogalska, a student at UWE is currently researching for their dissertation 'Making space for disabilities: the role of academic libraries in digital accessibility provision. We will invite Olivia to present her research at a future CLAUD study day.

## **AOB**

There was no AOB.