

**Scottish Visual Arts Group (SVAG) Meeting Minutes**  
**Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, Dundee**  
**Wednesday 10th January 2007**

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were accepted.

**2. Matters Arising**

**Auction house catalogue holdings**

Members were recently asked for information about Scottish holdings/usage of auction house catalogues. The National Art Library is compiling a list of similar information on English holdings.

**British Library contents strategy consultation**

This recent consultation has aroused some interest, but not much of specific interest to SVAG. The CASS – Collaborative Academic Store for Scotland – was discussed in this contents strategy context.

**Learning Spaces Reports**

Almost all institutions currently seem to have estates plans involving libraries, and this may merit set up a working group on the “ideal” visual arts library for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**3. UCABLIS update**

The classic UCABLIS link has now been fixed on the National Library of Scotland website and includes a link to the new CAIRNS service. 'Classic' UCABLIS is still the only place to find certain material until more library catalogues become compliant. Convenor discussed recent COSMIC (Confederation of Scottish Mini-Cooperatives) meetings he attended. They are now working on cross-sectoral projects, e.g. Common Information Environment.

**4. ARLIS**

Minutes will be circulated from the recent NCC meeting. ARLIS have expressed their appreciation of SVAG activities. Members considered a proposed future talk on arlis.net (includes the union catalogue of art & design journals) by Doug Dodds (National Art Library/NCC).

**New Resource Discovery**

Virtual Catalogue for Art History (VKK Karlsruhe) will be launched as ArtLibraries.net.

**5. Visual Arts Research Institute, Edinburgh (VARIE)**

Administrator could not attend but sent a report on recent proposals, grant applications and seminars.

**6. Visual Resources**

**Copyright - Gowers Review of Intellectual Property (Dec 2006)**

On the whole the review seems to be positive in terms of making resources available on VLEs, and provision for transfer of media from out of date formats has potential for dealing with slide libraries. It recommends digitisation for teaching purposes, and is generally helpful. The SCONUL submission to Gowers was considered a worthwhile addendum. Discussion on the review led to general points about the current copyright situation, including teaching staff and their attitudes to copyright as well as issues with technological advances such as wikis and YouTube. Members also discussed their interactions with DACS regarding slidemaking.

**ArtStor**

This service is now listed on the JISC website, although it is not actually a JISC Collection as yet.

**Automatic Linguistic Indexing of Pictures - Real-time (ALIPR)**

Information was circulated on this new software which is designed to index pictures by automatic image recognition.

**7. Publicity Officer**

Nothing to report at present.

**8. Library reports**

Given.

**9. Any Other Business**

**Call for Convenor**

This will be made before the next meeting – some interest has already been expressed.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th June in Edinburgh at the new EDINA offices.

**Post-meeting talk**

Matthew Davis (Duncan of Jordanstone): Demarco Archive Project