

Minutes of Meeting of the
Program Library Sub-Committee
held on Friday, 23rd April,
1971 at 4.00 pm in the
Mathematics Institute,
Chambers street.

PRESENT

Dr J. Fulton (Convenor)
Mrs M.M. Barritt
Dr A.P.M. Coxon
Mr R.L. Hodgart
Mr P.D.A. Schofield
Dr D.B. Taylor
Mr D.T. Muxworthy (Secretary)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Professor A. Balfour
Dr D. R. Gifford

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 12th March, 1971 were approved.

2. Change of Membership

It was reported that Professor Balfour had resigned from the Sub-Committee and that Mr D.H. Marwick would now represent Heriot-Watt University.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Dr Taylor introduced the Keyset Software Library Guide 1 (April 1st, 1971) which was to be the last issue before the lowercase version due in October, 1971. The October edition would cover the whole library, not only the Keyset. The Guide was designed to be separable and had coloured pages at the dividing points. A distribution list had not yet been drawn up.

The committee asked that the distribution list include the six software manual sites (see below) and members of the old users' committee, but that it should exclude anyone outside Edinburgh. This list is to be considered by the Sub-Committee before the document is distributed.

Mrs Barritt introduced the University Applications Sub-Libraries Software Bulletin 1 (preliminary version, April 1971), and reported that there had been a change of emphasis with regard to this and the Keyset Software Library Guide. The latter now contained less about general policy as it was likely to be used outside Edinburgh. The Software Bulletin was to be issued each term and the Library Guide each year. Both Documents would include a glossary of terms and abbreviations. The general path of approach to software, at least at the "management" level, would be 1. Software Bulletin, 2. Library Guide, 3. Other (more detailed) documents. A description of the library structure and design (Multi-machine systems: report 1) would be available to anyone on request.

The Committee decided that complete sets of manuals (ref. Appendix of minutes of 12th March, 1971) should be held at each of six sites:

1. Department of Chemistry) (for King's Buildings)
2. Maths/Physics joint library)
3. Alison House) (for the University
4. Adam Ferguson Building) Central Area)
5. A medical site
6. Dr D. B. Taylor's office

Mrs Barritt was to arrange details for the medical site. Further, the list of manuals was to be sent to the University Library with an indication that they may wish to hold copies.

The matter of an entry in the University Bulletin was held over to a future meeting.

The possibility was raised of asking Dr R. Cormack to talk on Cluster Analysis, Dr P. Stone on the General Inquirer and a member of Michigan University staff on ICES. No action was decided upon.

On the matter of defining library subsets for teaching, it was thought that this committee should stimulate departments to do this, rather than attempt to do it

directly.

4. Other business

Dr Coxon said that the Program Management section in the 360/50 User's Guide had been found unclear, and that examples were not always pertinent. The secretary was to report this to the editor of the Guide.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 28th May, 1971 at 4.00 p.m. in the Mathematics Institute, Chambers Street.