

Research Support Libraries Group

Statement from the British Library

Professor Sir Brian Follett, Chair of the Research Support Libraries Group presented the RSLG's conclusions and recommendations to the British Library Board on 11 February 2003.

As the first of the co-sponsors to consider the RSLG's report, the British Library Board welcomed the conclusion that there is a need for a UK-wide strategic framework and the development of co-ordinated delivery mechanisms for research information provision involving UK higher education, national and other libraries, in which the British Library would play a significant role

The Board endorsed in principle the RSLG's recommendation that the UK should create a new body, the Research Libraries Network, to lead and co-ordinate the provision of research information in the UK, and anticipated full participation by the British Library in the Network and its work programme

The Board agreed that British Library should work closely with the other sponsors of RSLG on the detailed planning needed to establish the new body and to agree priorities for its work programme in order to ensure that there is early delivery of the expected benefits to researchers and appropriate mechanisms to monitor and review progress on a regular basis.