

Membership Report (27/05/2008)

1. Membership Numbers

As of 20/05/08, there were 208 paying subscribers to LLC. This is a slight decrease of 14 individuals from end of November 2007, although it is expected that this number will pick up closer to the DH and SDH/SEMI conference as more people register. There were also issues with late reminders being sent out by OUP this year (see below). An interesting trend is that whilst membership of the individual societies is declining, members are more likely to sign up to joint ADHO membership, and student membership is also on the increase. Membership has still increased from end of May 2006, when there were 178 paying members.

Some things to note about membership include:

- a) Membership for the Society for Digital Humanities / Société Pour l'étude Des Médias Interactifs is now also through subscription to LLC. Although relatively few members have signed up since January, this should change over time, and is also reflected in the increase in numbers of the joint membership section. I am working closely with the SDH/SEMI membership co-ordinator regarding subscriptions.
- b) Joint Membership to ADHO now comprises of membership of ACH, ALLC, and SDH/SEMI.
- c) At time of writing, 6 members of the ACH exec, and 2 members of the ALLC exec were not members in good standing. They have been asked to renew their membership as soon as possible.

2. Membership Breakdown

Membership Type	Number of Members	+/- since Dec 07
ACH Personal	34	-28
ACH Student	14	+7
ACH Senior Citizen	3	-1
ALLC Personal	50	-23
ALLC Student	11	+2
ALLC Senior Citizen	3	+1
SDH/SEMI Personal	10	n/a
SDH/SEMI Student	3	n/a
Joint ADHO Personal	65	+15
Joint ADHO Student	15	+2

3. Institutional and Consortia Membership

OUP have not yet provided me with updated information regarding institutional subscription – the most recent data is from November 2007.

Subscription Type	Number
Institutional Subscription –Print only	143
Institutional Subscription – Online only	22
Institutional Subscription – Print and Online	90
Institutional- suspended for non payment	5
Consortia	1,778
Gratis Print	62
Gratis Online	885

4. Redesign of LLC material to include SDH/SEMI

In January 2008 SDH/SEMI joined ADHO. In order for this to be possible, the print and online materials for subscription to LLC were changed to reflect this.

If anyone requires new leaflets for promotional purposes, please let me know.

5. Membership issues reported

Incorporating SDH/SEMI into the OUP system took longer than expected. Delays in producing the leaflets and updating the website at OUP's end meant that renewal notices were not sent out to subscribers until close of January or start of February 2008. As the membership is on a yearly basis, from 1st January until 31st December, each year, this meant that all members subscriptions lapsed in January. Many members could not access the online papers as their membership number had expired, although they had not been sent a renewal notice. Hopefully, this should be a one off issue due to changes in OUP's database.

There are still concerns regarding the length of time it takes for new subscriptions to appear on the OUP database. In some cases, it takes a few weeks for subscriptions to be processed, meaning it can be difficult to ascertain who is and isn't a member (which is important, for example, in dealing with conference registration).

There have also been concerns with people signing up for joint membership, or membership of one of the individual societies, but not being allocated the proper membership code by OUP (for example, signing up to membership of ACH but being put noted as being a member of ALLC.) This can affect the right to vote in elections. Any problems regarding this should be reported so the problem can be rectified.

Given that it is now more important to know membership numbers for registering for the conference, voting, etc, it has been suggested to OUP that they make membership numbers clearer to individuals by sending out an email or letter once subscription monies are received, which confirms both the type of membership and membership

number allocated. Discussions are currently underway with OUP regarding how this may be best implemented.

There have been a few problems with the automated credit card payment facility offered by OUP. Although members have ticked the “pay by credit card yearly” box available on the form, in some cases OUP has not taken the money the following year, and members who believe that they are in good standing are not paid up as a result. This is something which is being looked into.

Relationships with OUP continue to be cordial. Do not hesitate to report any problems you or your colleagues are experiencing with subscription, payment, receiving journals, etc. If those are not reported, we cannot sort them out.

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