

## **VERSIONS Project informal update for January 2006**

Please find below the VERSIONS Project informal update for January 2006. If you are reading about the VERSIONS Project for the first time with this email, please visit the [VERSIONS](#) website for more details.

### ***Resources from JISC***

Julie Allinson, the JISC Digital Repositories Programme Support Officer, visited LSE on 25 January to get an update from us and to detail the support that JISC can offer the VERSIONS Project at this stage. In particular this very useful meeting highlighted two valuable information forums; both covering recent developments in JISC-related digital repository research:

1) The JISC Digital Repositories Programme Wiki

This site provides general information about the JISC Digital Repositories Programme and includes links to the more specific project pages. The site is open for all to look through and can be found at <http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/repositories/digirep/>.

2) The JISC Repositories discussion list

This open discussion list on repositories can be found at <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/JISC-REPOSITORIES.html>. Following a quick sign up procedure all members of the list can post and receive messages.

### ***Nereus meetings and VERSIONS Project meetings***

The VERSIONS Project team attended the Nereus Operational Group and Steering Committee meetings at KU-Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, where the key points covered were:

At the Operational Group:

- oral report back on interviews with researchers and other stakeholders to date
- exercise in writing scenarios about versions. This introduced the concept of scenarios and use cases to Nereus partners, which will help everyone with commenting on the Project team's scenarios when these are circulated
- discussion about the scope of the online survey and potential publicity channels
- agreement on the date of a workshop on VERSIONS on 10 May 2006

At the Steering Committee:

- approval of the project plan and financial report

### ***Involvement with other relevant projects and developments***

Frances Shipsey contributed feedback on the question of versions to a [JISC Scoping Study on Linking UK Repositories](#). The study is being carried out by a consortium of Key Perspectives Ltd., University of Hull, University of Nottingham and the University of Southampton.

Work has begun on the JISC Scoping Study on Version Identification with lead partners Rightscom Ltd and partners the [ASK](#) Project. Useful discussions have taken place between ASK project staff and VERSIONS project staff regarding requirements and solutions to linking related versions of papers.

### ***Dissemination activities***

Past:

Frances Shipsey - [VERSIONS Project](#) news item under LSE section for [CURL news](#)

Forthcoming:

8 February 2006 - Frances Shipsey will be delivering a presentation on VERSIONS at [CAB International](#), Wallingford, Oxon

### ***Staffing news***

Louise Allsop, the new VERSIONS Project and Communications Officer, joined the Project on 23rd January. Her contact details are: [l.allsop@lse.ac.uk](mailto:l.allsop@lse.ac.uk)