Hi Ed,

It's lovely to hear from you. All is well here - and there's good news - and good progress - relating to both ETThOS and DART-Europe so I hope this brief update reaches you in time for your meeting 😊

Best wishes,
Susan

PS I'll copy it to a couple of other people who are likely to be at the meeting as well - just to make sure it arrives ok!

ETThOS

ETThOS is still in beta version - being tested, adopting service enhancements, and receiving user feedback as it is placed under ever increasing demands. You can find a good summary of the situation in Autumn 2010 at: http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/atyoursdesk/docsupply/productsservices/theses/blthesesoct2008/ethosupdates/index.html

Highlights from this Web page include the following details:

206,000 theses have been ordered (over 2009/10 around 12 times more theses were accessed than in 2008/9 under the old British Thesis Service).

38,000 theses have been digitised (this is nearly 5 times more theses digitised per month than the 434 filmed per month under the old British Thesis Service in 2008/9).

53,000 people are now registered to use ETThOS (Two thirds of these come from the UK - followed by the US and Australia).

113 UK universities are now participating in the service (the most recent joining in August).

The Center for Research Libraries (CLR) - an international consortium of university, college, and independent research libraries based in Chicago - has sponsored the digitisation of 400 UK theses.
An online survey, commissioned by JISC and conducted by UCL, during June 2010 received responses from 144 of the 155 target HEIs on the topic of open access electronic thesis deposit within the UK HE sector. A summary of the findings (which are published in a report) are available on the EThOS page at the above URL.

DART-Europe

DART-Europe continues to thrive and it now provides access to 187,476 full-text research theses from 303 universities sourced from 19 European countries. A list of the universities involved is available at http://www.dart-europe.eu/browse-list.php?index=institution. Some institutions contribute data to the DART-Europe E-theses Portal via consortia - a list of the organisations involved is available at: http://www.dart-europe.eu/contributors/list.php

There has been a significant amount of publicity about DART-Europe throughout the past year - and much of this is documented at http://www.dart-europe.eu/About/documents/docs.php The publicity flyer from some months ago that identifies, "Details of over 106,000 open access research theses" amongst the "coverage and features by 2010', provides a striking sign of how quickly content has increased recently.

-----Original Message-----
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Sent: 14 December 2010 01:29
To: Susan Copeland (uls)
Cc: Max Read; Fox, Edward
Subject: United Kingdom and DART Europe?

Susan,

How are you?

I wonder if there is anything you would like to report on
United Kingdom and DART Europe?

We have our NDLTD Board meeting on Wed.

Many thanks, warm regards, Ed

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