UK Update

The focus of e-theses developments in the UK continues to be on the Electronic Theses Online Service (EThOS) provided by the British Library. Although still in beta version, EThOS celebrated its second birthday with news of large increases in the amount of content available and the amount of use of the service. By January 2011 EThOS had 44,000 theses available, 65,000 registered users and 260,000 theses downloaded. Further details (6 month snapshot figures) are available from the ‘Get the latest news on EThOS’ section of the Web site at http://ethos.bl.uk/

EThOS now has a newly-constituted Project Board comprised of representatives from The British Library, RLUK, SCONUL, JISC, JISC Collections, DART-Europe, and UK Higher Education, under the chairmanship of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise at the University of Leicester. Under this leadership, the next phase of development will focus on the harvesting of e-theses (while the British Library continues to offer a digitisation service).