

CURRICULUM VITAE: Tom Roper

Personal information

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Date of birth: 27 February 1955

Career history

Sussex Language Institute: Resources Co-Ordinator, January 2007-; managing a university language learning centre.

National Library for Health: Consultant, July to October 2006; developing a RSS directory for the National Library for Health.

Brighton & Sussex Medical School: Information Resources Development Coordinator, 2002 to 2006; planning, developing and managing information and library services to a new medical school.

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons: Head of RCVS Library and Information Service, 1997 to 2002; strategic management of library and information services to the veterinary and allied professions

North Thames Regional Library & Information Unit: Senior Project Officer, 1996 to 1997; manager of Internet and Regional Documents Database projects in one of the largest NHS Regions

Wellhouse NHS Trust: Information Systems Librarian, 1994 to 1996; head of library and information services at a two-site acute NHS Trust.

North Middlesex Hospital NHS Trust: Librarian, 1992 to 1994; librarian in charge of a multi-disciplinary library in a 600-bed NHS acute hospital

British Council: Physical Sciences Information Officer, 1992; Education Information Officer, 1991

Hawker Siddeley Group Plc: Photo-Librarian/Research & Information Officer, 1991

London Borough Of Haringey: Senior Librarian, 1986-91

London Borough Of Barnet Librarian-in-Charge, 1985-6; Senior Assistant Librarian, 1984-5; Reference Librarian, 1984; Trainee Librarian, 1982-4; Senior Library Assistant, 1981-2; Library Assistant, 1978-81

Education

Polytechnic of North London 1983: Postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship

University of Kent at Canterbury 1974-78: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: History and Economic and Social History (Class Two, Division Two)

The Perse School, Cambridge 1966-73: A levels in English, History and French, S level in History 1973, O levels in eleven subjects 1971

Professional qualifications

Member of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (MCLIP)

Continuing professional development and professional activity

Chair, Health Libraries Group, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals 2005–2006

Committee Member, University Medical School Librarians Group, 2004–2006

Project Board Member, Medical Education Taxonomy Research Organisation (METRO) 2004–2006

Member, Steering Group, JISC Resource Guide, Health and Life Sciences, 2003–2004

Acting Chair, HELICON, 2002

Chair, ASVIN Project Management Board

Chairman, Animal Health Information Specialists (UK & Ireland) 2001–2002; committee member 1997–2002

Chairman European Veterinary Libraries Group, 2001–2002; committee member 1998–2002

Chair, Scientific Programme Committee, Third International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists, London 2000

Member, BIOME Steering Group, 1999–2002

Member, Editorial Board, Health Information and Libraries Journal, 1997–2006

Committee Member of the Health Libraries Group of the Library Association, 1993–5 and 1995–7; Assistant Secretary 1995–96; Group Information Technology Convenor 1993–95

Publications and conference presentations

Publications: *Evidence-based medicine* Veterinary Record 1998 Dec 5; 143(23):644

Book and electronic resource reviews in *Managing Information and Information World Review*

Conference presentations:

Ten years in an open-necked shirt: blogging for fun and profit, 1997-2007 Libraries for Nursing Study Day, Sheffield, 15 June 2007

Blogs: digital diaries? Our Hidden Lives: publishing everyday diaries Centre for Life History Research, University of Sussex 17 November 2004

Blogging in Brighton: current awareness for medical educators through weblogs HLG Conference, Belfast 6–8 September 2004

And there shall the Sussex songs be sung University Medical School Librarians Group Summer Residential Meeting, York, 1–2 July 2004

The centre is everywhere and the circumference is nowhere: studentcentral, a new VLE for a new medical school University Medical School Librarians Group Summer Residential Meeting Northampton 17–18 July 2003

Noah's Library: Does Consumer Health Information Mean Anything in Animal Health? 8th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Cologne, 16 – 21 September 2002

Cooperation in the Independent Health Libraries Sector 8th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Cologne, 16 – 21 September 2002

The interpretation of dreams: from desire to reality in the electronic journal Laboratory Animal Science Association Annual Conference, Dunblane, 29–30 November 2001

Vetting the evidence: evidence based veterinary medicine. EAHIL Workshop 2001 Cyberspace Odyssey Alghero, Sardinia, 7–9 June, 2001

VetGate: a quality evaluated gateway to networked resources in animal health Third International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists, London, 2–5 July 2000

Citation analysis of the veterinary literature: a tool to understanding changing scientific communication Libraries without limits: Sixth European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Utrecht 22–27 June 1998

Evaluating and filtering electronic information; the emerging information networks—how they change practice; the library and information service of the 21st century British Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress Birmingham 2–5 April 1998

Informal presentations at study days and to library and information school students

Recreations

Studying classical Greek and running

References

References are available on request