

## **AIM25 and WAM25 Progress Report for January 2009 M25 Consortium Meeting**

### **AIM25 Update**

Work funded by the M25 Consortium as part of the current AIM25 development project has been completed. As a result of this work, users searching the InforM25 “Search-catalogues” service (for subject and keyword search types only) will also be offered a link to AIM25 search results for archive collection descriptions.

The technical success of this project may give further opportunities for promoting other similar collection description services in the future.

### **WAM25 Update**

The WAM25 Feasibility Study was completed and delivered to HEFCE in June 2008 seeking funding of c£243k for building a pilot project to facilitate walk-in access to e-resources in 8 M25 partner libraries.

After regular enquiries, in early December HEFCE informed us that their project/bid evaluation process was completed and the somewhat unexpected outcome was that *if* HEFCE contributed £150k, would the project still go ahead (the implication being that the remaining funding be sought elsewhere).

A WAM25 Steering Group meeting is planned for late January/ early February to discuss and agree options and the way forward.

Several instances of interest and support for WAM25:

- Chris West, Swansea & SCONUL Exec. Board – following progress of WAM25 as they have difficulty in getting people interested in funding HAERVI-2
- Toby Bainton, SCONUL
- JIBS User Group
- SCONUL & UCISA re HAERVI
- Attendees at the recent SWRLS/JISC Conference

John Gilby, 12 January 2009.