

4. Membership issues

4.i New members

At its October 7 meeting the Steering Group discussed a request for membership from the Institute of Electrical Engineers. Preliminary discussions had been held between the IEE and the Collaboration and Partnership working group, based on the updated Rights and Responsibilities document and cognizant of the ongoing review of membership categories. Following the October 7 discussion about the implications of IEE membership of the Consortium, it was agreed by the Steering Group that a decision would be deferred until completion of the review of membership categories (see below).

4.ii Review of membership categories

In the light of the increasingly diverse range of institutions interested in membership of the Consortium, the Steering Group has agreed to review membership categories at its meetings in March and May 2005, in particular the nature and scope of observer status. Any proposals resulting from the review will be put to Members at the AGM in June.

4.iii Steering Group membership

Members are asked to note that:

- Doug Dodds, Chair of the Creative Arts Working Group, has left the Steering Group following the disbanding of the Working Group (see below)
- Margaret Coutts, Chair of the Disabilities Working Group, has resigned from the Steering Group, as she is leaving the University of Kent to take up a new post in Leeds.
- Di Martin has resigned as Chair of the Resource Discovery Working Group, although she remains a member of the Group.
- Doug, Di and Margaret were thanked by the Steering Group for their hard work and input over recent years.
- William Marsterson has been co-opted onto the Steering Group as the new Chair of the Resource Discovery Working Group.
- Anne Poulson has agreed to become Chair of the Disabilities Working Group and will therefore be co-opted onto the Steering Group.

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