

NEWS

New library school

Plans for the establishment of a library training school in Zimbabwe are nearing completion and it is hoped that the first intake will start its course in 1983. The proposed course will be a four-year full-time diploma course for a first professional qualification. After two years post-qualification experience graduates with good passes should be able to undertake a further year's study leading to a degree. Twenty-five students will be enrolled annually and the school will eventually be staffed by a Director and four full-time lecturers.

(*Zimbabwe librarian*, January–June 1983).

Ibadan library school—progress report

In an address to former students Professor B.O. Aboyade reported that the school had made significant progress in recent years. The school, now to be called *The Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies*, currently offers 4 academic programmes:

- (a) Two-year Diploma in Librarianship;
- (b) One-year Master in Library Studies;
- (c) Master of Philosophy in Library Studies;
- (d) Doctor of Philosophy in Library Studies.

In addition plans are well advanced for masters programmes for archival studies and information science and a new undergraduate course in library studies has recently been designed. The number of registered students had grown from 52 in 1972/73 to 146 in 1982/83. In that period the teaching staff had increased from five to fourteen.

(*Library forum*, June 1983).

New permanent courses

School of Librarianship, Leeds Polytechnic

The School of Librarianship, Leeds Polytechnic, has introduced an option on Computerized Information Systems on their post-experience M.A. course.

The option emphasizes systems design, development and evaluation in relation to both in-house and external services and covers: application to information systems

of minis, micros and mainframes; developments and trends in input/output devices and storage techniques; word processing and related systems; public and private videotex systems; networks and telecommunications; electronic journals.

The M.A. course is a modular one and other options include Library Automation (covering all computer applications in libraries and information centres), Media Librarianship and Educational Technology, Library Staff Management and Interpersonal Skills and Organization Theory. There is also an obligatory course on Research Methods.

The course runs from January to December and can be done in one year full-time or two or three years part-time. Part-time candidates would take Computerized Information Systems in their second or third year.

Further information can be obtained from:

Director M.A. Course,
School of Librarianship, Leeds Polytechnic,
Beckett Park,
Leeds LS6 3QS,
England, U.K.

The College of Librarianship Wales

The College of Librarianship Wales (University of Wales, School of Librarianship and Information Studies) now offers three new programmes under the University of Wales: Specialized Study Scheme. These are one-year full-time programmes, commencing in October with assessment in May, the successful candidates then proceeding to the dissertation stage.

The first is an M.Lib. in *Education for Library, Information and Archival Studies*. It is intended for candidates who wish to study professional education in all areas of librarianship either as practicing or potential teachers in this field or because they have an interest in the development of this aspect of librarianship.

Four areas of study are included in the course. They are:

The history and development of professional education: a historical review of professional education; comparative study of the present practice and the role of national and international organizations in relation to professional education.

Curriculum development: the aims and objectives of the curriculum and its relationship to professional practice; contributory studies to the foundation of the curriculum including the impact of new developments in information and educational technology.

Management and operation of 'library schools': manpower planning; management factors; selection and placement of students.

Study of the educational problems of a specialized subject field: the candidate is attached to an appropriate subject department in the college and given an opportunity to examine critically the teaching of this area under the supervision of an experienced member of the staff.

In addition candidates are able to examine the organization and administration of

the College and to visit other library schools to gain means of comparison.

The second new course is an M.Lib. in *The Management of Learning Resources*.

It is concerned with modern trends in education internationally, and the growing need for a wide range of resources to support educational programmes at all levels. It will be possible for individual students to focus their own studies on that particular level of education which is their own specific concern.

Four areas of study are followed:

International trends in education.

Bibliographical control of learning resources.

Exploitation of the learning resources, particularly ways of integrating learning resources into the educational curriculum.

Planning and evaluation of learning resource programmes and services.

The third course is an M.Lib. in *The Use of Computers in Libraries and Information Units*. This course is designed to make students aware of how 'new technology' is currently being employed. It should be of interest to those who did not have the opportunity to study computers during their first professional course and for those who wish to deepen their knowledge of them and their possible usage.

The areas of study are:

Planning and management for automation.

Housekeeping applications.

Computerized library and information networks.

In-house retrieval systems.

Details of all the above courses can be obtained from:

The Registrar,
College of Librarianship Wales,
Llanbadarn Fawr,
Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS,
Wales, U.K.

**Developing Library and Information Studies Collections: an International Seminar
22 July–3 August 1984, Aberystwyth and London, U.K.**

The British Council in collaboration with the College of Librarianship Wales is organizing a seminar designed for librarians whose responsibilities include the establishment of library science collections. It will bring together librarians from varying backgrounds, whose problems are likely to be similar, to discuss the provision and exploitation of library science collections in developing countries.

Main themes for talks, discussions and seminars will comprise the following topics:

Roles and functions of library science libraries in support of study and learning; teaching, demonstration, practical research; service to the profession; information.

Collection development including selection and acquisition; bibliographic con-

trol; stock control; use and failure studies; circulation control; shelving and storage.

Technical processes including demonstration of automated systems.

New technology and the library science library including demonstrations and discussions of the use of microcomputers; on-line information; viewdata and teletext services; current developments in audio-visual software.

The seminar will assemble in London and visit the Library Association Library at the start of a short study tour, prior to taking up residence at the College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth for the major part of the proceedings, discussions, demonstrations and workshop sessions. A demonstration of computerized ordering will be given by Blackwells Technical Services and there will be displays by publishers and library supply agencies.

Qualifications of members. The seminar is open to senior librarians of universities and colleges, graduate staff of departments of library studies and officers of library associations, who are concerned with developing library and information studies collections. While it will be of particular interest to those engaged in schools of librarianship and information science in developing countries, it is also open to all who have experience in this field.

Numbers. There are vacancies for 25 members.

Fee. £785.

Accommodation. This is a residential course. Members will be accommodated in halls of residence throughout.

Applications. Applicants are advised to apply before 3 April 1984. Application forms can be obtained from the local Representative of the British Council. Applicants for the time being resident in Britain and candidates from the United States of America and Switzerland should apply to:

Director, Courses Department,
The British Council,
65 Davies Street,
London W1Y 2AA
England, U.K.
Tel. 01-4998011.

BLAISE opportunities for library schools

(a) *Online Concessions.* Free connect time on both BLAISE-LINE and BLAISE-LINK is offered to all library schools to assist them with effective teaching of online information retrieval and the automation of library cataloguing and housekeeping services. Up to 24 hours free connect time per annum is allowed on the BLAISE-LINE files with up to 6 hours per annum free connect time allowed on the no-royalty BLAISE-LINK files. (It is not necessary to be registered users of BLAISE-LINK to take advantage of this concession, which also carries with it the supply of one free *BLAISE-LINK Mini Manual* to all non BLAISE-LINK registered library schools.)

In addition to this allocation of free time the training files—UKCTRAN and

MEDTRAIN — are both available for use at any time at the reduced rate of £10 per connect hour.

The recently produced *Workbooks* are a natural accompaniment to these files and have been designed either to be used for 'teach yourself' by individual students or to be integrated into a group teaching programme of lecture-based practice sessions.

Extra copies of the Workbooks are available at £10 per copy.

(b) *Students' Projects*. Students undertaking projects involving any evaluation of BLAISE databases or requiring online usage may be eligible for additional concessions. Although the number of projects supported at any one time is limited to 5 from all schools, all requests for concessions for specific students' work will be considered and evaluated by the British Library R&D Department. Written proposals of the project brief should be submitted in the first instance to the Marketing Office.

(c) *Printed Publications*. The British Library Bibliographic Services Division (BSD) are able to offer library schools back issues of the major serials for use in the curricula, particularly in support of studies involving current or comparative bibliography. Issues available include the *British National Bibliography*, *British Catalogue of Music*, *Serials in the British Library* and *British Education Index*. If you would like to receive any sample copies of BSD publications please write to the Print and Promotions Section, 7–9 Rathbone Street, London W1P 2AL.

(d) *Information and Publicity leaflets*. A full range of factsheets giving details of all BLAISE services and databases is available for distribution to students as part of encouraging awareness of the full range of British Library services in general and BLAISE services in particular.

(e) *Lectures*. BLAISE staff will be happy to visit library schools on a formal or informal basis to talk to staff or students or to demonstrate the online systems. If you would like a 'guest speaker' or would like to bring a party of students to our Training Suite in London, please write to the Marketing Office as early as possible to fix a date.

These concessions are available to library schools throughout the world.

Further details can be obtained from:

BLAISE Marketing,
7 Rathbone Street,
London W1P 2AL,
England, U.K.