
***Universities and Colleges Information Systems
Association***

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Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association

- » Founded in 1993
 - 3 existing organisations merged
- » 205 members
 - includes 157 British and Irish universities & colleges
- » Represents UK (mainly higher) education institutions on matters concerning information systems



Aims

- » To identify and promote best practice through
 - conferences, seminars, workshops
 - collaboration between institutions
 - publications (mainly electronic)
 - promoting development and research

- » To inform and support policy-making processes on information systems, both *nationally* and *within institutions*

Service Contracts

- » Administration
 - *University of Oxford (3 persons)*
 - » Executive Support
 - *University of Reading (1.5 persons)*
 - » Web Support
 - *Institute for Learning & Research Technology, University of Bristol*
 - » Statistical Analysis
 - *Library & Information Statistics Unit, University of Loughborough*
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Activities (1)

- » Two large annual conferences
- » Seminars, workshops, training courses
- » Web site
 - *www.ucisa.ac.uk*
- » Electronic mail lists
- » Reports, regular newsletter

Activities (2)

- » Responses to external consultations
- » Surveys - large and small
- » Liaison
 - governmental bodies
 - other education sectors
 - other HE bodies
 - overseas organisations

Activities (3)

- » HE IT Statistics (HEITS)
- » Top Concerns
- » Best Practice Awards, e.g. Excellence, Web, Helpdesk, Staff Training
- » Travel Bursary
- » Funding for small research projects
- » The UCISA 'Vision'

Associated Organisations

- » JISC
- » UKERNA
- » Funding Councils
- » DfES
- » EduServ
- » UniversitiesUK
- » SCONUL
- » AUA
- » AHUA
- » ALT
- » SChOMS
- » BCS
- » NCC
- » HE Academy
- » Leadership Foundation
- » EUNIS
- » EDUCAUSE
- » CAUDIT
- » CSIESR (France)
- » ZKI (Germany)

Features of UCISA

- » Voluntary
- » Strong community spirit
- » Channels of communication
- » For all IT staff
- » Events
- » Resources - shared expertise
- » Links with external bodies

UCISA Groups

- » Corporate Information Systems
 - » Infrastructure
 - » Networking
 - » Staff Development
 - » Teaching, Learning and Information
- + Liaison Committee for ICT Procurement



Corporate Information Systems Group

- » Corporate, management, administrative systems
- » Large annual conference
- » 2/3 workshops or seminars per year
- » Close contacts: HESA, JISCinfoNet, UCAS

Infrastructure Group

- » New
- » Operating systems
- » Desktop management
- » Data management
- » Authentication and authorisation
- » Business continuity

Networking Group

- » Data communications
- » Voice communications
- » Technical leanings
- » Close links with UKERNA, JNUG, AUA

Staff Development Group

- » Subgroups:
 - Courses
 - Distributed IT Support Staff
- » Training and staff development courses
- » Links with HESDA

Teaching Learning and Information Group

- » Biennial User Services Conference
 - » Working Groups:
 - Advisory Services
 - ~ Biennial symposium
 - Communications
 - Teaching and learning
 - ~ 2 VLE surveys
 - » Links: JISC, SCONUL, ALT, LTSN, SCHoMS, UKERNA, EduServ
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Liaison Committee for ICT Procurement

(formerly Hardware Group)

- » ICT and Purchasing professionals
- » Hardware, software, services

Questions

- » *What more should UCISA do for distributed IT staff ?*
- » *How?*

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