ICTF - Chair's Report

Date: 26th June 2015
Venue: Rewley House, Oxford

This is the last of the ICTF meetings for the academic year and I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and commitment to furthering communication and collaboration within the IT community of Oxford. I would particularly like to thank ITS3 for their efforts supporting the committee. In particular a big thank you to Elsa for her many years of fantastic service and support to the group. We wish Elsa a very happy retirement, the meeting biscuits and coffee will never be the same again, nor will the conference gifts! Also to Rory who is moving to pastures new, we wish him well and will miss his ability to sort out the sponsors at the conference.

That leads on nicely to the **ICTF Conference** which is on the **7th July** - which unusually is a Tuesday, so do make sure you have the right day in your calendar! Booking has now closed and numbers are the biggest we have ever had, with well over 400 delegates. The line up of speakers looks extremely impressive and I am sure we will all go away inspired. The conference only happens because of the dedicated support of many people.

On behalf of the steering committee I would like to formally thank Tony for once again taking the main burden of the organising on his shoulders. In addition, a huge thank you to members of ITSS community who give up time to present interesting workshops and share ideas. Without that willingness to collaborate the conference would not be as successful as it is. Finally I would urge that if you attend the conference you take time to visit some of the sponsors stands. Not only do they often have a nice array of new pens, they do help us to make the conference happen and we try to have vendors who have strong links with the University. I hope everyone has a very enjoyable day.

In addition to the work going on to support the conference preparation, the steering committee members have been busy representing ITSS around the University. Much of the work you will hear about today during the reports; including the SIGS and working groups and also the collaboration with IT Services and the systems that are coming on stream.

The ICTF steering committee will finish on the 7th July and a new committee will be formed after the elections of new members at the conference. Each year three members come to the end of their three year term and will need to be re elected if they wish to remain on the committee. If you are interested in making things happen in IT support around the University then becoming a member of the steering committee may be the thing for you. Personally I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the committee for the last 9 years and I would recommend it as a very good way to help understand how IT support works in the collegiate university and to make positive contributions to the way IT support is delivered.

Finally - I would like to say farewell, as I will be standing down from ICTF on the 7th July. I am leaving the University after nearly 14 years and moving to new career pastures. It has been a pleasure working with you all and a privilege to have been Chair of a committee that promotes such positive collaboration in the world of IT.

Best wishes

Sarah Lawson