

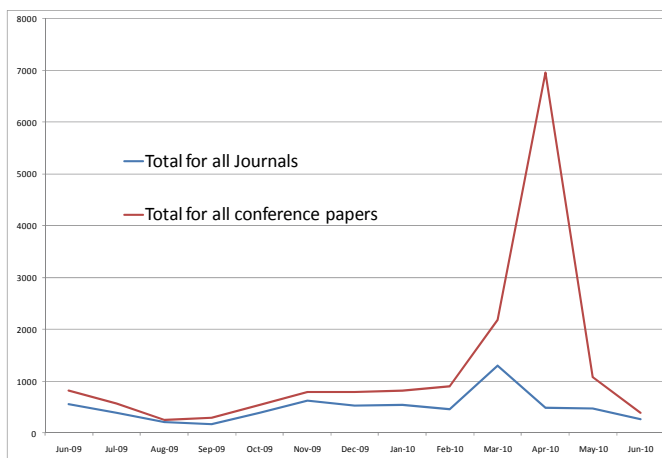
IEEE Xplore renewed for a second year

Marvellous news for those who find this database useful. It's being renewed for a second year. As there's much full-text there we know that many are finding it a vital resource and thanks is due to the Dean of Technology, Professor Djamel Ait-Boudaoud for agreeing to forego clawing back an underspend (see right).



Obviously this will need to be reconsidered next year, but do make the most of it while it's available!

The figure below shows usage from June 2009 to June 2010 (and no, we can't explain the spike in conference papers downloads in April of this year... if you know what was going, please let us know!)



2010-2011 book funds

These are now finalized for the Science Faculty and about to be finalized for the Technology Faculty. Great news for Technology that thanks to underspend on "staff and paperclips" as the Head put it, there is a book fund for this year.

Our thanks to the Faculties for allowing us to keep the underspend rather than clawing back their portions of it. A current picture—updated weekly—can be found at:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/staff/policies/buying/budgets/>

However, the rising costs of journals isn't going away and together with the financial climate the University faces along with government spending cuts, our journal subscriptions are being looked at very closely to see what savings can be made.

Keep an eye out for communications from the Library or the LLOs regarding journal priorities. In the meantime, please keep ordering books through the usual channels.

Construction Information Service

HIS have updated CIS to version 3.6.

There are three new topic areas:

- Sustainability
- Eurocodes
- Legislation Watch

As part of our subscription, we also have access to the Steel Construction Institute's (SCI) 'Blue Book'. This essential tool for steel designers gives section properties and member capacities in tabular form for use in design to BS EN 1993-1:2007 (the pan-European design standards for structural steel).

Please let us know if you like the changes.

EndNote

EndNote Web 3.0 was released on Sunday November 21st. It now has CWYW (Cite While You Write) support for Word 2010 and a few other goodies. Mac support is coming in the form of CWYW for Word 2011.

EndNote X4 will soon have CWYW support for Word 2011 (Word for the Mac).

As usual all our latest help and guidance can be found at:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/staff/research/bibrefsoftware/>

Off-air TV Recordings

The Library will no longer be speculatively recording TV programmes but will continue to do so on request via Faculty Librarians. You may however want to investigate the Box of Broadcasts <http://bobnational.net/> which lets you record TV and radio programmes (both in advance and in some cases from the last 7 days) and archive them indefinitely. In addition you can make use of programmes recorded by other users of BoB. Details of how to login and use the Box of Broadcasts are available at:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/guides/filetodownload.100950.en.pdf>

It's also possible to 'bookmark' a part of a programme should you wish to use it in teaching (either live or via Victory).