



Speaker Biographies

Leonard Neil Charlesworth is Chairman of the Charlesworth Group, a Company based in Europe with a subsidiary in China. The main activity is the provision of services to publishers of academic journals. To complement these services extensive peripheral activities are undertaken, in particular through its Chinese operation where online licensing sales for major publishers and societies in Europe and the USA is offered.

In addition to his responsibilities at the Charlesworth Group Neil is Chairman of Maney Publishing, with offices in London and Leeds. Primarily the publisher of some 40 plus academic journals and a further 20 titles produced for Societies.

Rick Liu is Sales and Marketing Manager of Charlesworth China, he has a wealth of experience in the Chinese publishing market having spent numerous years with CNPIEC, the main importers of publications in China, after graduating in International Trade. His strong links with Chinese publishers and libraries have been invaluable during his negotiation of excellent terms for online licensing contracts and journals reprint contract. Rick's natural business acumen enables him to develop new business opportunities for the publishers Charlesworth China represents.

Michael Gallico is Managing Director of Maney Publishing. Michael joined Maney in 1997 to convert the existing Maney printing business into a full-blown academic journal publisher, since when Maney has expanded from its Leeds base to London and Boston, USA, and now publishes nearly 60 journals. Life before Maney included four years as life sciences publisher for Carfax Publishing in Abingdon, prior to which he created the Leeds Medical Information imprint within the University of Leeds, a sideways development from an earlier career as a medical information officer. Michael may be the only serials librarian to have also held a Territorial Army commission and have played cricket in Yorkshire leagues - a far more dangerous activity!

Cathy Gordon has worked in the information industry since the mid-1970s. After teaching elementary school and working as a law librarian, she embraced the brave new world of online information retrieval. In 1976 she opened the LEXIS Boston office and spent eight years with the company, primarily in product development. Subsequently she moved to California and enjoyed fourteen years at Dialog Information Services, with her final position as Senior Vice President, Products and Worldwide Marketing. Since 2003, Google has provided her with an ever-changing and intriguing role as Director of Business Development. Cathy has a BA from Immaculata College and an MLS from Villanova University.