

Chairwoman's notes

It is with not a little apprehension that I take over as Chairwoman of NISG - David will not be an easy act to follow. The NISG has achieved much under his chairmanship and the group has much to thank him for, not least in the sterling work done by him and the committee in connection with Project 2000. We wish David well in his new post in Oxford and know we can rely upon him to maintain a high profile for nursing librarianship within the region!

Seeking inspiration for this, my first Chairwoman's notes, I spent an interesting half hour delving through the NISG newsletters of the last 12 years. This did little to lessen my anxiety when I realised in whose impressive footsteps I am attempting to follow - Ena Chakrabarty, Caroline Walley, Jane Jones, Alan Doherty, and last, but by no means least, David Stewart. What significant achievements they and their committees have made towards nursing librarianship.

You will see from my brief biographical sketch, that I am virtually a "one man band". This will inevitably impose restrictions on the amount of time and work I will be able to give to the NISG as Chairwoman. I will, however, do my utmost to maintain and improve the momentum of the NISG as it tackles the work that lies ahead.

Although NISG has made great strides, there are still enormous challenges ahead - Project 2000 and PREP are only two which spring to mind, but others are equally important. Formulation of standards for nursing libraries; the position of library and

information services within new Colleges of Health; NHS Trusts; costings of services... need I say more?

NISG has made a magnificent start in tackling one of these in publishing *"Resourcing Project 2000: the role of libraries"*. This presents the results of the survey on the involvement of libraries and librarians in colleges of nursing presently running Project 2000. May I extend my congratulations to Jean and Tony for compiling such an invaluable document. It is now up to us to ensure that, if not the whole document, at least relevant sections, reach those with authority, finance and influence. There can be no excuse for the library and information component of Project 2000 being excluded from the planning process.

The Committee are certainly going to have their hands full for the foreseeable future. But remember, **there are only 8 of us - there are far more of you out there** - and if we are to succeed we need your feedback, contributions for the newsletter, and support of study days. Tell us what is happening, what you want and what needs doing. With apologies to Lord Kitchener - "Your NISG needs you!"

Looking ahead, future activities currently being planned include a study day on **"Approaches to learning"** in May or June 1991, and a session at the LA Group Training Event "Under One Umbrella" at Leeds on 17 July. More details later.

I look forward to meeting you all at these or other events.