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East Beach in Autumn

Piping plovers run like track stars ceaselessly foraging, working in platoons, their sandy petite forms barely ahead of tumbling surf. Finding tiny crustaceans as waves retreat along the barrier beach’s foamy edge. Lifting away, skimming the crests of breakers, flying in an ellipse to another wash of sand on a sea level stage overlooking Block Island Sound. Riding ocean swells a solitary loon in winter’s plumage peering for menhaden beneath the ocean’s pistachio green surface. Diving for a few minutes chasing its prey. Truly ancient, and incredible swimmers who zoom through the sea like sleek, web-foot, black-white torpedoes — Rhode Island’s splendid winter guests.

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of Huddersfield outlining the development of the Open Access E-Resources Management Handbook, (co-edited by ATG favorite, the inimitable Rick Anderson). Now in its fifth year, it is proving highly popular both as a practical manual and reference guide, including articles ranging from a beginner’s guide to working with vendors) to a treatise on the applications of RDF for e-resource discovery — both of which feature in the top downloaded chapters in 2010.

Many of us volunteer our precious spare time to serve on committees in the belief we are giving something back, or making a difference, to the communities we work in and alongside. Kate Price’s article will provide anyone in the position of chairing such a committee with a toolkit to underpin what she describes as a “root and branch” review of just how well the committee is meeting its aims. Additionally it will help to decide whether the committee is robust and diverse enough to survive the current tough times with reduced resources, fewer staff, and more pressure on our day jobs.

Finally, in addition to offering my heartfelt thanks to all of the authors, I would like to thank Katina for the opportunity to highlight the international projects that the UKSG is involved with — if you would like any further information on any of the issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact me <bev.acreman@biomedcentral.com> or Tony Kidd, Chair, UKSG <tony.kidd@glasgow.ac.uk>. ✭

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