



## The Year Ahead

A recent Ground Floor team meeting reviewed last year and made plans for the coming year.

Amongst successes from 2008 we have survived the switchover to the

Shibboleth authentication of databases. (Do let us know if there are any outstanding problems.)

Pamphlets have been reintegrated with the main book stock so that they are much simpler to find. (Other floors of the Library are now looking to emulate this!)

*SciTech Update* has been instituted as a monthly feature going to all staff

in the Science and Technology faculties.

And our provision for students needing the Accessibility Computers has improved.

Meanwhile, looking to the future we plan on weeding the following sections this summer: Earth Sciences (550-569) and Computing (004-006).

We may also be able to look at General Science (500) and Maths (510) if there's time.

Watch this space (and email)

for further information later in the year.

We also plan on reviewing some of our short runs of ceased journals and our leaflet provision—so if there's anything you'd particularly like to see, do let us know.

In short there's lots happening, so do stay in touch and let us know if there's anything particular we can help with.



## EJS e-journals [Ebsco Journals Service]

EBSCO is one of our main subscription suppliers. They have now developed a much more sophisticated database to provide access to the thousands of journals and articles they supply across a host of subject areas. Unlike the older version (Ebsco host, due to disappear soon) this service is fully shibboleth compliant for off campus use.

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the search interface (see below).

You can browse journals or search for specific articles and of course print, save, bookmark as usual and there's even an option to export the references to, say, EndNote.

Here are a couple of examples of articles that seemed appropriate as we experience sub-zero temperatures:

Field Study of Concrete Maturity Methodology in Cold Weather. S. Bagheri-Zadeh et al, *Journal of Construction Engineering and Management*, November 2007, 133(11), pp827-835.

Subtropical cold surges: regional aspects and global distribution. René D. Garreaud. *International Journal of Climatology*, 21(10), August 2001, pp1181 - 1197.

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