

Editorial

This issue is the first following a transfer of the role of editor as reflected in Board membership documented at the end of the Newsletter. As previously contributions from any readers are very welcome, particularly on current issues in the BURISA community and commentary on issues raised in earlier issues.

Thus arising from ongoing preparations for Census 2011, there are contributions on address registers, on improved migration and population estimates, initial feedback from a local authority perspective on the census rehearsal and on the formal Census Order.

There is news of two appointments and some recent publications of keen interest to BURISA members. There are contributions on the role and work of the regional statisticians which is a theme to be developed in future issues.

BURISA is about information systems to describe Place and the People occupying local Place. This is taken forward in this issue by a review of CLG work in this area under the Place title and in the Spatial Analysis Unit.

There is also preliminary information about the 2010 BURISA Conference.

What of future issues?

The content will be driven by the needs and experience of the BURISA community through the annual conference and by direct contact with Board members. Expected can be further coverage of census issues with more formal feedback from ONS on evaluation

of the census rehearsal and on the outcome of the consultation on census output. Data and information systems to support Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Local Economic Assessments with examples of best practice are likely to be of interest.

With a general election on the horizon what will be the impact of the policy of a new administration on priorities of interest to BURISA practitioners? Several new local authorities were established from 1 April 2009 with a remit to progress local area working. What demands have been placed on data and systems to support the ambitions of the new authorities and the government ministers who piloted the proposals through parliament?

The BURISA Board is proposing to consult members on the future format of the Association and on the form of the Newsletter. The Association is the sum of the contributions of its members as guided by the Board. The Board is keen to provide for succession in its membership and leadership. So – please get involved.

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