

British Library to digitise Stirling's theses

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The British Library has offered to freely digitise 130 of the most popularly requested Stirling University PhD theses; they are older paper theses that are still in high demand. Digital copies are expected to be available from September 2008.

The digitisation work is part of the work of the EThOS Project (Electronic Theses Online

Service). The ultimate goal of EThOS is to create a UK e-theses service that will allow anyone to access the full text of all UK theses via the web.

EThOS aims to work through a combination of digitisation of older paper theses and the "harvesting" of already digital theses from institutional repositories such as our own.

Since Stirling University is one of the first in the UK to regulate the submission of theses electronically we are well prepared for these

latest developments. Since September 2006 all new Stirling theses are held in STORRE: Stirling Online Research Repository (<http://dspace.stir.ac.uk>) and thus made freely available on the Web.

The theses to be digitised cover a wide range of topics – and there are some that may be of particular interest to those working in the field of aquaculture:

Elliott, Michael	Studies on the production ecology of several mollusc species in the estuarine Firth of Forth.
Jayamanne, Sepalika Chandrani	Population dynamics, biology and ecology of the caridean shrimps; <i>Crangon crangon</i> Linnaeus, <i>Crangon allmanni</i> Kinahan and <i>Pandalus montagui</i> each in the estuary and Firth of Forth, Scotland.
Karayuecel, Sedat	Influence of environmental factors on spat collection and mussel (<i>Mytilus edulis</i>) culture in raft systems in two Scottish sea lochs.
Koss, David Rhoderick	The effects of temperature and time of first feeding on egg and fry development in Atlantic salmon, <i>Salmo salar</i> L.
Little, David C.	An evaluation of strategies for production of Nile tilapia (<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> L.) fry suitable for hormonal treatment.
Minkoff, Gideon	The effect of secondarily enriched rotifers on growth and survival of marine fish larvae
Rangdale, Rachel Elizabeth	Studies on rainbow trout fry syndrome (RTFS).
Stephen, Alastair B.	Genetic studies in Scottish brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> L.).
Stewart, J Alan	Assessing sustainability of aquaculture development.
Tucker, Carl Steven	Larval settlement and epidemiology of <i>Lepeophtheirus salmonis</i> Kroyer, 1837 (Copepoda; Caligidae).

Table: A sample of digitised Institute theses.

You can see the full list of theses to be digitised at: <http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/research/theses/digitisation.php>

New Library at Stirling University

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On 17 March 2008, University Court gave formal approval to the Library Project. This means that IS and E&CS have the go ahead for the Library project with a proposed budget of £13.7m.

In order to provide an interim service, whilst construction is occurring, enabling works will start in January 2009, with the closure of the Studies Area and the move of our stores from Level 1. In August 2009, the full construction begins with the closure of the Main Library building until summer 2010. The interim service will run from the Studies Area and will include the Information Centre, Lending Services, and Document Delivery. We are currently identifying the books that need to

be part of the Interim Collection, which will be housed within RBR or on Level 1. All books that have been used in the last year or are on a reading list as well as those in RBR will form the Interim Collection.

To keep up to date with the project see <http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/newlibrary/index.php> for further information, including an architects' walk through of the new Library.

The new Library, to be created on the site of the existing facility, will be a state-of-the-art centre for research, study and learning. It is intended to serve the needs of students, staff and the wider community for many years to come.



New library reception area