

**Federation News**  
**Executive Committee 11/11/04**  
**Summary**

- The membership year is changing to match the financial year. Membership will now run from April to March and not September to August.
  
- If current or new members pay now, their membership will continue until March 2006.
- The new Federation leaflet has been through the final draft and will be out soon.
- The Federation President, Jim Forrester, is writing directly to potential new members as part of the membership drive.
  
- The Federation is working closely with Museums, Libraries and Archives North West to form an advisory / consultation group. This group will include Federation members and representatives nominated by special interest groups.
  
- Efforts are being made to forge closer links with the Museum Association with a view to having joint seminars and regional meetings.
  
- The next meeting (24th January) examines Front of House developments regarding the balance between security and customer care. Other topics covered will be CPD, DDA, and FOI.
- The new Museum Accreditation Scheme is now underway. Phase 1 will focus on the Hub Museums, Designated Collections and the Nationals. These museums will pilot the process in the January – June '05 period.
  
- The 2005 AGM will look at recent capital projects and will take place at Bury on 19th May.

The Federation's next meetings are as follows:  
24th January 2005, topic – Manchester Museum, TBC  
10th March 2005, topic – Registration, TBC  
19th May 2005, AGM, Bury

