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The Library Association and its International and Comparative Librarianship Group had long wanted to set up a mechanism for assisting in the international exchange of library staff. This has now been done for a trial period.

The aim is to help in organising exchanges between British librarians and librarians in other countries.

The procedure is quite simple; all that is required, provided your employer agrees, is to complete our application form giving basic information on your job and your wishes regarding the country you want to exchange with. Arrangements have been made to publish brief details of jobs for exchange in appropriate professional journals all over the world. Individuals replying to such published requests will be sent a copy of the original application form and can then contact the originator of the form. The procedure for libraries, rather than individuals, wishing to exchange staff with those from other libraries is much the same.

In times of economic restraint, when opportunities for experiencing work in a different environment are so few, job exchanges represent a chance to broaden your horizons, to meet colleagues abroad and to look at your profession from a different vantage point. Both you and your employers will benefit; you from the opportunity to experience a different approach and your employers from the chance of playing host to an overseas librarian who may bring fresh thinking to the job.

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