

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Annual Report for 2011

The Trust's main activities in 2011 were the promotion of existing publications and further efforts to improve the main Trust website. The planning for the major changes and a software upgrade for the latter continued, and a local company was identified to undertake the work.

Sadly the author of *Mechanical to digital: the print employers' organisation in Scotland*, Professor John Gennard, died in January 2011, shortly after the publication of the book. Patrick Mark and Helen Williams attended his funeral. Copies of *Mechanical to digital* were distributed to all Graphic Enterprise Scotland members, as well as former SPrAT Trustees, the Copyright Libraries, and other interested parties. A number of copies were sold during the year, and following a very positive review in the *Edinburgh Bibliographic Journal*, it is hoped that there will be more sales. This title and *500 years of printing in Scotland* are listed on Amazon, and on the Blackwells and Waterstones websites, as well as being available through the booktrade orders system, and through the Trust website.

The *Edinburgh Printing Trail* leaflet continued popular: 450 copies were distributed during the Edinburgh Book Festival in partnership with Edinburgh: UNESCO City of Literature.

The number of enquiries continued to grow and the subjects (whereabouts of company archives, ancestors in the printing trade, and printing history of individual titles) remained similar. The Secretary also received enquiries about the disposal of printing industry archives, and was able to ensure that items were donated to the most appropriate repository, including the National Library of Scotland, Glasgow University Library and the Modern Records Centre at Warwick University.

The Trustees held three meetings during the year, and there were no changes to the Trustees.