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During the last 12 months Rare Books in Scotland has held two business meetings: in November 2010 at Stirling University and in April 2011 in the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. Both business meetings were preceded by talks on the libraries' collections and a tour of the reading rooms and book storage areas.

We have continued our programme of free workshops for RBiS members. In March 2011 a workshop on bibliographical format and rare book cataloguing was organised and run by staff in NLS's Rare Book Collections division and was well attended by staff working in a wide range of libraries in Scotland.

It is now hoped to launch in September 2011 the Understanding and Managing Rare Books online course, which will form part of University of Dundee's Archives and Records Management distance learning programme. Preparations for the course were facilitated by SCURL funding for a research report on the feasibility and structure of such a course.