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The Moir Library

5.1 Access details

- **Address and telephone for correspondence**

The Librarian, Moir Library, Dundee Street, Edinburgh EH11 1BG. Tel. 0131 529 5616, or the SBA's Library Convener, whose contact details are printed inside the front cover of *"The Scottish Beekeeper"* and are also given later in section 11.3 of this Manual.

- **Hours of Opening**

Up to date information on the Moir Library's opening hours is given on the first page of each month's magazine, below the listings of the Executive Committee etc., and before the "Contents".

5.2 Ownership and Borrowing rights

The SBA owns the Moir Library, one of the world's finest collections of beekeeping books (see section 3.2.2). The collection contains many rare books which are held in trust and safe keeping for us by the National Library of Scotland. These books can be seen and used by prior arrangement with the National Library but cannot be lent out on the normal arrangements applicable to the Fountainbridge (Dundee Street) part of the collection.

Each Full Member of the SBA automatically receives as a membership card a Moir Library Card which is also a receipt for payment of the subscription. Moir Library cards are also given annually to all Local Beekeeping Associations affiliated to the SBA for use by their local members.

Each Local Association should have a catalogue of the books kept at the Moir Library. This is normally held by the Local Secretary. If another arrangement is made, it would probably be convenient to insert a note near this section of the Manual as to who the holder is in your Association,

5.3 Borrowing procedure

To obtain a book when visiting the Library a current Moir Library Card must be produced to the receptionist in the main library and the Moir Visitors' Book signed. A key will then be given. Any books taken out must be recorded by the borrower in the Moir Library Record Book, and the key returned to the main library.

If unable to attend the Library in person, both Affiliates and Full Members may obtain books by post. An SBA Affiliate who is not a full SBA member should obtain a current Association Moir Library card from the Affiliate's Local Association card-holder as above. All postal borrowers should write for the book, making sure to enclose the name and address to which the book has to be posted,

as well as the current Moir Library card which authorises the loan. The card will be returned with the book.

The title and reference number as given in the catalogue should be quoted. Please also give an alternative title or author if possible. The book will be posted to the borrower. Only the return postage need be paid by the borrower.

Please draw the attention of all borrowers to the rules printed on the reverse of the Moir Library Card.

Boxes of a selection of books, of general interest, are available for circulation among Associations. They can be obtained from your Area Representative, or by direct application to the Librarian.

Contact the Library Convener in case of any problem which cannot be solved by the library staff. The name of the Library Convener is printed each month inside the front cover of "*The Scottish Beekeeper*" and is given later in section 11.3 of this Manual.

5.4 Catalogue

The catalogue consists of the following:-

1. Original 1950 Catalogue.
2. Supplements for 1950–1962 and 1963–1984.
3. Printout of recent acquisitions (1985–1999).

The 1950 catalogue of the holdings acquired up to that date is now unfortunately out of print, but most Local Associations will have a copy. If you have one, treasure it like gold. The two printed supplements are still in print and can be obtained at £5.00 each from the Library Convener. The most recent supplement (1985 - 1999) is only available electronically via the SBA web site

(<http://www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk>)

from where it can be downloaded. The whole catalogue is of course available in the Library itself.

You can access the index to the Rare Books which are on deposit with the National Library of Scotland through the National Library web site

(<http://www.nls.uk>).