



LIGUE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES EUROPÉENNES DE RECHERCHE
ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

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Memorandum of Understanding between LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and SPARC Europe

The aim of the **LIBER Foundation** is to represent the interests of the research libraries of Europe, their universities and researchers. The Foundation promotes in particular:

- efficient information services
- access to research information
- innovation in end-user services in support of teaching, learning and research
- preservation of cultural heritage
- efficient and effective management in research libraries

SPARC Europe aims to promote an open scholarly communication system in Europe through

- advocacy and education
- the promotion of new models, and
- partnerships with all interested stakeholders

Vision

Joint work on Open Access implementation in Europe and internationally, pursued in partnership by both LIBER and SPARC Europe will be founded in the Berlin Declaration on Open Access.

Governance

- LIBER and SPARC Europe have entered into an alliance in the area of Open Access.
- Through reciprocal representation on the LIBER and SPARC Europe Boards, both organisations will continue to develop their agenda and activities in the pursuit of change in the scholarly communications market, the support of competition, and the encouragement of new publishing models (in particular, open access models) that better serve the international researcher community.
- SPARC Europe will be the arena where LIBER and SPARC Europe together pursue joint activity on Open Access in Europe.
- Regular reports will be submitted to the LIBER and SPARC Europe Boards, describing successes and challenges.

Objectives

- LIBER and SPARC Europe agree to work together to submit project bids for funding, with other partners, where appropriate.
- LIBER and SPARC Europe will continue to support the CERN Workshops on Innovation in Scholarly Communication, held in Geneva.
- The SPARC Europe and LIBER Work Plans will be the locus where LIBER and SPARC Europe agree their practical goals for Open Access repositories and progress will be monitored by both Boards.
- The focus of the alliance will be the promotion of international co-operation for the development of Open Access repositories as part of the infrastructure of digital research, new models of scholarly communication and the development of advocacy, tools and structures to support this.

- LIBER and SPARC Europe have initiated a close working relationship with LERU, and will support LERU in that organisation's development of policies on Open Scholarship and Open Knowledge
- LIBER and SPARC Europe co-operate intensively with other organisations pursuing Open Access such as EiFL, OASPA and COAR.

Communication

- Both SPARC Europe and LIBER agree that the web will be the principal form for disseminating information about the work of LIBER and SPARC Europe on Open Access, and the principal location of this information will be the websites of both organisations.
- Both organisations will use modern web tools and social networking to advance the cause of Open Access in partnership throughout Europe and internationally.

This Memorandum of Understanding was approved by both the LIBER and SPARC Europe Boards.

Signed on behalf of LIBER:

Date: 11. 2. 2013



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