



**LIBER Journées at Sciences Po, Paris, Wednesday 17th May – Friday 19th May 2017.**

### **Strategic Vision**

The purpose of the LIBER Journées at Sciences Po is to bring twenty to twenty-five Library Directors together with eminent speakers worldwide to deliver a programme that will be stimulating, interactive and strategic, addressing major challenges that face us all. The underpinning theme will be Transforming the Library and the Role of the Director in leading library services and provision in rapidly changing digital, educational and research environments and within a developing trend towards shared - and even outsourced - services.

The focus will be entirely on strategic issues and opportunities that challenge and motivate us all, for instance:

- What is the role of the Library in the shifting world of instant information, changing scholarly communication, big data and digital content?
- How will people deal with information in the future, for instance, students, academics, journalists, entrepreneurs?
- What does all this mean for the Library and what value does the Library bring to this environment?
- How are we viewed by our stakeholders: the university, students, researchers, the wider world?
- How do we change the traditional perceptions of the Library and Librarians?
- How should we interact with our stakeholders and paymasters to deliver the strategic goals and expectations of our institutions?
- What are their expectations of us as one service among many?
- What is the Library's role in an increasingly shared services environment?
- How do we strengthen our networks and dialogue with (Vice) Presidents, (Vice) Chancellors, decision makers, researchers and educators?
- What is the role of the Library and librarian in research, for instance, as a partner or principal investigator leading research projects?
- Is it all about demonstrating values and advocacy or more about political nous, business acumen, thought leadership and sitting at the top table?

- What is the model for the Library and Librarian of the future? Are inspiration and innovation more important than information?

There will be eight sessions, each led by an eminent speaker from the library, business or cultural world, from Europe and beyond.

The focus of the LIBER Journées will NOT be:

- the personal development of Directors
- skills, tools or methods
- operational matters (apart from practical examples that may illustrate strategic matters and challenges)

The format of the LIBER Leadership Journées will NOT be:

- a series of briefings, lectures and presentations
- interrupted by e-mail checking and messaging.

Professor Norbert Lossau will be Chair of the LIBER Journées. He will be present throughout the three days and will ensure cohesion, interaction and participation by all. The speakers will be asked to focus on specific strategic questions, relating their presentations to the library environment and key challenges. Presentations will be followed by facilitated debate, discussion and analysis and there will be at least one facilitated break-out session, focusing on the issues that participating Directors have flagged up in advance of the LIBER Journées. Elliott Shore, Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) will be one of the facilitators.

There will be a reception at Sciences Po on the first evening and, on the second, a LIBER Journées dinner at the famous Le Procope restaurant.

The proceedings, presentations and discussions will be carried out in English. Good communication skills in English are therefore necessary.

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