ANNUAL REPORT (2015-2016)

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- **SUMMARY**

Over the last year, the Steering Committee and its working group have continued to act as a forum for regular exchange about strategies for and the implementation of research data management support in libraries. A new working group about metrics is currently under formation. For LIBER2016 the SC is organizing a workshop which addresses training for RDM at the institutional and national level, and capitalizes on partnerships and collaborations:

– a half-day workshop "Skills for Supporting Research Data Management", with contributions from Knowledge Exchange.

It is envisioned to develop these workshops further into specific training modules which are embedded into a wider curriculum for RDM training. As an intermediate step a concept for a series of webinars is under development.

Other collaborations in the context of RDM-related topics have been developed further, e.g. with the Research Data Alliance (RDA) and ARL/CARL/COAR.

- **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

GOAL 1: Support LIBER members in developing skills for RDM
STATUS: *In progress*
SUMMARY: The SC has reviewed the results of the LIBER2015 workshops and discussed how to address the collected ideas/wishes for additional support (compare the published report, http://libereurope.eu/blog/2015/12/03/research-data-management-workshop-report-liber-2015/). One action is to further investigate training activities for RDM at the institutional level, e.g. to collect information about training methods, materials, etc., and to create a hand out which summarizes top tips on training resources. By coincidence Knowledge Exchange (KE) recently conducted a survey across its partner countries which investigated related questions (announcement in December, survey open until 15 January 2016, http://www.knowledge-exchange.info/news/articles/10-12-2015). Results of this survey will also be presented at the LIBER2016 workshop. In advance of the LIBER2016 workshop, the SC will briefly survey participants' expectations and seek concrete input on practical aspects of RDM training activities (e.g. methods, materials for reuse).

A LIS research team (Carol Tenopir, Dane Spencer Hughes, Sanna Tajla, Elina Late) conducted a LIBER-commissioned survey on research data services (RDS) in European libraries, addressing all LIBER members. The SC was involved in the design of the survey and the evaluation of the results.

In the context of the FOSTER project a module is created which targets libraries interested in learning more about open science and to step up their activities. This activity is conducted by a LIBER project officer.

GOAL 2: **Best practices in use of metrics**
STATUS: *In progress*
SUMMARY: In June 2015, the LIBER Board accepted a proposal for creating a new working group on the use of metrics in libraries under the umbrella of the Steering Committee. In April 2015 the co-chairs of the WG were appointed: Isabella Peters (ZBW Leibniz Information Centre for Economics, Germany), and Sarah Coombs (Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands). Currently, a work plan is created and the co-chairs are inviting experts to the WG.

GOAL 3: **Build Open Science partnerships**
STATUS: *In progress*
SUMMARY: The SC works in close partnership with several associations and initiatives (including RDA, COAR, ARL, CARL). The SC actively linked LIBER activities to RDA and RDA-Europe activities, e.g. presenting outputs at RDA Plenaries. The SC chair contributes to RDA committees and co-chairs two Interest Groups, in addition, he serves in a consultation role for RDA-Europe.

In the context of the COAR/ARL/CARL/LIBER Task Force (https://www.coar-repositories.org/activities/support-and-training/task-force-competencies/) a conference paper was prepared for presentation at the 20th International Conference on Electronic Publishing (Elpub), 7-9 June 2016, Göttingen. The proceeding will be published by IOS Press in early June 2016. Skills and service area descriptions for three topics (research data management, scholarly communication, digital humanities) have been updated in April/May 2016 and will be published in late May / early June 2016.

Members from the SC are representing the library community in the liaison activity of the EU-funded EDISON project (http://edison-project.eu/). The SC contributed to two EDISON workshops and provided comments on EDISON Competence Framework for Data Science (CF-DS).

Two Memoranda of Understanding are under development to further strengthen partnerships which are of high relevance for the SC (DARIAH-EU, DCC). In May 2016 the SC contributed input for LIBER's response to the European Commission's Consultation on European e-Infrastructure (https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/content/consultation-european-e-infrastructure#comment-6727).

- **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**
After the LIBER2016 workshop, the SC will evaluate its outcomes and develop a strategy on how to incorporate the results into on-going work.

To step up training activities the SC aims to create a series of webinars (research data management and possibly other open science topics, e.g. altmetrics); where adequate partnerships will be sought (e.g. DCC, RDA-Europe, Helmholtz). To deliver such webinars additional support from the LIBER Office will be needed (access to and support with Adobe Connect, advertising the events).

In addition, it will further investigate if LIBER in collaboration with others (e.g. DCC) can offer trainings on-demand (fee-based).

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
The connection between relevant LIBER projects and the steering committees has been clarified by the LIBER Board and projects are linked to activities of the SC websites where adequate. LIBER's project officer is participating in WG calls and contributing relevant project activities (FOSTER, LEARN, etc.).

- **INVITATION TO JOIN AND HOW TO SEND FEEDBACK TO THE SC**
LIBER members are invited to contribute to the Steering Committee's work, in particular to share experiences at workshops and to provide input and feedback to the products of the working groups (future products will be opened for comments).

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