LIBER QUARTERLY ANNUAL REPORT
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The Journal

In the past year *LIBER Quarterly* published the following issues:

- 26-1: published on 06-06-2016 with 2 review papers and 1 case study
- 26-2: published on 13-09-2016 with 2 articles and 1 review paper
- 26-3: published on 20-12-2016 with 1 article, 1 review paper and 3 case studies
- 26-4: published on 12-05-2017 with 7 historical notes, 3 articles, 1 case study, 1 review paper and an extensive editorial. This was a special issue titled "Emergent digital practices: Essays in honour of Patricia Manson", edited by Derek Law and Seamus Ross.
- 27-1: already published up to 22-05-2017: 2 articles, 3 case studies and 1 book review.

The total number of pages published in volume 26 was 395 (196 of which were in the special issue 26-4). As of volume 27 the journal will only publish a single issue per year (but retaining its name as a quarterly…), but all papers are immediately published upon acceptance, both in XML and PDF with their full pagination, facilitating their citing. As of today, volume 27 already contains 96 pages.

Since last year's report, we received 42 submissions (vs. 22 the year before), with the following results:

- 22 accepted
- 10 rejected
- 8 under revision or still in review

From Google Analytics we can see that during 12 months (from 1 May 2016 to 30 April 2017) the journal website received 66.472 visits (previous year: 47.198) from 52.186 visitors (previous year 37.486), who looked at 95.909 (89.681) pages. By comparison with the previous year, these numbers present an increase with respectively 40.08% (visits), 39.21% (visitors) and 6.94% (pages). This led to 4825 article downloads (previous year 1505). We can get an idea about the international interest for the journal from the top 10 countries (with respective session numbers): USA (9531), India (7280), UK (5254), Nigeria (4802), Philippines (3025), Kenya (2620), Australia (1980), Russia (1759), Canada (1272) and Netherlands (1402). The total number of sessions from European countries was 18.709, with 1661 downloads. (A detailed overview for these European countries is added in annex.)

A new feature added to the journal in 2016 were the **Special collections**. They are groupings of selected publications from the journal issues, offering an alternative access point to the papers. Some journals use this facility to construct topical collections about special subjects. We have started with 4 special collections about the papers emanating from talks at the last 4 Annual General Conferences of LIBER (from 2013 to 2016). They constitute a kind of "Conference Proceedings", limited of course to those talks where the authors submitted a paper that passed our peer review process.

The Editorial Board

The Editorial Board met in Helsinki on the occasion of LIBER's Annual Conference in 2016. The main items discussed during this meeting were:

- Feedback from the meeting of Editors at Uopen. Following their strong recommendations, the Editorial Board accepted to switch to the system of continuous and incremental publication, and to the implementation of special collections, as described above.

- The Board also decided to stimulate our authors to register with Orcid, and to mention their Orcid number in the submission form to the journal. This provides a link in their paper to their Orcid page, where they can publish personal information.
- Membership of the Editorial Board: We received resignations from Raymond Bérard and Hans Geleijnse. Marc Martinez (Lyon, France) was accepted as a new member.

Further Activities

- The managing editor of LQ has again contacted at this early stage the authors of accepted talks at the Annual Conference (in Patras), discussing with them the possibility of publishing a paper in the journal. Already a large number of those speakers have reacted in a positive way.
- The Editorial Board will meet during the Patras conference.

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Managing Editor   Chair of the Editorial Board
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Country	Sessions	Downloads
United Kingdom	5254	519
Russia	1759	22
Netherlands	1402	87
Germany	1348	161
France	833	53
Italy	699	62
Spain	669	88
Belgium	614	65
Finland	494	42
Norway	491	71
Switzerland	470	42
Sweden	445	61
Turkey	431	37
Ireland	379	41
Poland	323	25
Denmark	308	33
Greece	288	43
Portugal	272	10
Croatia	212	31
Austria	194	19
Slovakia	193	6
Czechia	179	12
Ukraine	149	7
Hungary	141	26
Romania	141	16
Slovenia	120	21
Latvia	119	6
Estonia	101	18
Serbia	89	5
Bulgaria	86	4
Lithuania	83	7
Cyprus	67	3
Bosnia & Herzegovina	64	1
Albania	61	3
Malta	44	4
Iceland	43	3
Kosovo	39	0
Moldova	36	1
Macedonia	23	2
Belarus	12	1
Luxembourg	12	2
Montenegro	11	0
Guernsey	8	1
Liechtenstein	2	0
Monaco	1	0
TOTAL	**18709**	**1661**