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CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS
'Libraries Opening Paths to Knowledge'
http://www.liber2016.org

Ensuring access to knowledge has always been at the heart of the mission of research libraries. In the digital age, and with the growth of Open Science, this implies not only preserving and providing access to content but also opening up new pathways to interacting with and creating knowledge.

Implications:

1. **Content and Processes**
   Working ever more closely with researchers throughout the research life cycle to encourage and help them to open up their research process, and to make both their outputs and methodologies available during and beyond the life of a research project, libraries are moving from curation to creation and workflows.

2. **Services**
   Engaging in user-led development of services, and a trend towards the creation of shared services, as well as developing new methods and opportunities for user engagement.

3. **Legal and Ethical**
   Keeping abreast of emerging legislative developments and considering how to act responsibly in addressing ethical issues in making data open. Opening up new pathways to knowledge and knowledge creation can also have legal and ethical implications related to copyright and data protection.

4. **Space and Experimentation**
   Rethinking library spaces (physical and virtual) to open up opportunities for experimentation and the visualisation of data, and leveraging e-infrastructure to support collaboration and sharing across borders and disciplines.

We invite submissions of:

- Research papers presenting theoretical solutions, but with a clear illustration of how these solutions can be applied
- Position papers presenting opinions on some aspect of practice, or describing work that is still in progress, but sufficiently mature to warrant attention
- Experiences and case studies specifying requirements, challenges or opportunities
- Best practices

Topics for the Conference are:

1. Content and Processes
Research data management and workflows, new open access publishing models, open science, open data and data reuse, advocacy, open peer review

2. Services
Shared services, user-led development, crowd sourcing, citizen science, new metrics, engagement and marketing, text and data mining services

3. Legal and Ethical
Data policies, data protection and the right to be forgotten, copyright

4. **Space and Experimentation**
Library as laboratory/makerspaces, data visualisation, digital humanities, building services, innovative uses of institutional repositories, cloud services.

The Programme Committee will select abstracts based on the following criteria:
- Relevance for the Call for Papers
- Originality
- Level of innovation
- Impact on the wider library community
- Quality of the abstract

How to submit your abstract

To submit an abstract of your paper or poster, please use the LIBER website at: https://www.conftool.net/liber2016/.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **15 February 2016.**

Guidance and notes on submitting

- Accepted contributions will be limited to one paper and/or poster abstract per author
- All submissions will be automatically considered for the LIBER Annual Conference Fund, and the LIBER Award (if there is one)
- Abstract length should be a minimum of 250 words and should not exceed 500 words. The language of the conference will be English: the Committee will, therefore, only accept submissions in this language.
- All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers who will evaluate them on the basis of the criteria set out above.
- Authors are encouraged to submit their accepted papers for publication in *LIBER Quarterly*, which is now a fully peer-reviewed journal. Instructions for this can be found on the journal website; you may also contact the Managing Editor, Professor Raf Dekeyser, at: raf.dekeyser@bib.kuleuven.be.

For tips on writing abstracts, please see the following links:

http://undergraduateresearch.ucdavis.edu

http://blogs.lse.ac.uk

http://writingcenter.tamu.edu

Please note that all presenters are responsible for their own Conference registration and travel and accommodation costs.

LIBER Annual Conference Fund

Details of how to apply for a grant from the Annual Conference Fund can be found on the website at:

http://liber2016.org/registration/liber-annual-conference-fund/.

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