Annual Conference Survey 2016

1 Key Findings

Thank you to the 200+ people who participated in our 2016 conference survey (45% of the 531 delegates gave feedback). The main findings of the survey are listed below and will be used to improve the 2017 Annual Conference in Patras, Greece.

The Helsinki conference was the most highly ranked LIBER conference of recent times, scoring an overall Approval Rating of 93.5%. Parallel Sessions were rated as 'good' or 'very good' by 88% of attendees.

The highest ranking keynote speech 'Digital Humanities In and Of the Library' was given by Dr Peter Leonard of Yale University. The recording is available on the conference website[1].

In addition to enjoying the overall programme, delegates commented favourably on the quality of the catering and the many helpful volunteers at the Helsinki conference.

> *"Congratulations on the participation of staff in the conference. Whenever I had a question I found a friendly staff member at my shoulder!"*

2 Top Parallel Sessions

The 10 most highly rated Parallel Sessions were:

1. From Industry to Academia – User-Centred Design Driving Library Service Innovation (Sue Mehrer and Andy Priestner, University of Cambridge Library, UK).

2. Data Management Support as Core Business of Research Libraries: Lessons Learned at Radboud University Library (Mijke Jetten, Maaike Messelink, Harrie Knippenberg and Tina Reilink, Radboud University, The Netherlands).

3. SMART Library (Lars Binau, DTU Library, Denmark).

4. DigiLab at the University of Manchester Library – Experiment, Play, Learn (Lorraine Joanne Beard and Ros Bell, University of Manchester Library, UK).

5. Data Mining Beyond Text: Visual Analysis of the Vogue Archive (Lindsay King, Yale University, USA).

6. Data Management Support at Leiden University (Peter Verhaar, Laurents Sesink, Fieke Schoots and Floor Frederiks, Leiden University, The Netherlands).

7. What do Digital Humanists want from a National Library? (Steven Claeyssens and Martijn Kleppe, National Library of the Netherlands).

8. Knowing Your Customer- Shaping Library Strategy (Penny Hicks, University of Manchester Library, UK).

9. Service Design as Method – Library Services Developed from Users' Needs (Eva Dahlbäck and Martin Wincent, Stockholm University Library, Sweden).

10. Cultural Heritage Materials in Digital Humanities Teaching – A Case of Data Literacy? (Maija Paavolainen, Helsinki University Library, Finland).

All presentations are available on the 2016 conference website.

3 Feedback

You suggested a number of improvements for future Annual Conferences:

- Earlier delivery of the conference programme
- Reminders about events such as workshops, and briefings ahead of events such as the Strategy Cafe
- More time for Parallel Sessions, and less time for Keynotes

4 What's Next?

We appreciate your feedback and will take it into consideration as we plan the 2017 Annual Conference in Patras, Greece.

If you would like to provide further feedback on the 2016 Conference, this survey or LIBER in general, please email Suzanne Reid, Office Manager: suzanne.reid@kb.nl.

For more information on the 2017 Annual Conference, please see: http://liber2017.lis.upatras.gr