



**Memorandum of Understanding
between
LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and IFLA (International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions)**

The aim of the **LIBER Foundation** is to represent the interests of the research libraries of Europe, their universities and researchers. The Foundation promotes in particular:

- efficient information services
- access to research information
- innovation in end-user services supporting teaching, learning and research
- preservation of cultural heritage
- efficient and effective management in research libraries

The aim of **IFLA** is to represent the interests of library and information services and their users worldwide. IFLA promotes in particular:

- High standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- Widespread understanding of the value of good library & information services
- The interests of its members throughout the world

LIBER and IFLA share objectives in promoting access to knowledge for education, learning, and research. Significant areas of interest shared by both organizations are in the fields of copyright frameworks supporting the mission of libraries and the extension of library and research activities into the digital environment, in Europe and worldwide. LIBER and IFLA will work together to advance these interests, with a special emphasis on frameworks that foster text and data mining, research data sharing, access to content and digital preservation, in particular in Europe where they have overlapping interests.

Governance

A joint report will be submitted annually to LIBER and IFLA governing boards, describing the main outcomes of each organization's activities.

Objectives

- LIBER and IFLA agree to work together to advocate on areas of special interest, especially on copyright and access to information to improve the copyright landscape for library and information services and the delivery of end-user services supporting teaching, learning and research.
- LIBER and IFLA agree to co-operate in advocacy activities particularly at the European level, such as at the European Commission and other relevant forums .
- LIBER and IFLA agree to jointly? submit project bids for funding with other partners, where appropriate.

Communication

- LIBER and IFLA agree to exchange information about their work in areas of shared interest, and to acknowledge the partnership in the promotional materials of both organizations, including the website, annual report, and newsletters where appropriate.
- LIBER and IFLA agree to share information and best practice on advocacy tools and activities.
- Both organizations agree to promote the use of each other's social networking profiles through linking and following to enhance and promote their respective missions.



This Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by IFLA and LIBER.

Signed on behalf of LIBER:

Date: 7.8.2014


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Vice-President of LIBER

Signed on behalf of IFLA

Date: 9 JULY 2014


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