



LIBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE SURVEY RIGA, 2014

Key Findings

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2014 conference survey. Forty per cent of delegates gave us feedback on LIBER 2014. The main findings of the survey are listed below and will be used to improve the [2015 Annual Conference](#) in London, UK.

Overall you were pleased with the conference. Information received in advance of the conference, the conference itself and the parallel sessions were rated as 'good' or 'very good' by approximately 90% of attendees.

Dr Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, former President of Latvia, gave a highly praised talk 'On the Power of the Word and of the Imagination'. [Watch it on YouTube](#) (starts 30 minutes in).

“Dr Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga was absolutely wonderful. I had not encountered her before, and she made a really outstanding opening to the conference.”

The **Leadership Seminar** was also strongly commended by those who participated in it. A new edition of the seminar, aimed at the next generation of senior leaders in European research libraries, will start in 2015. Register your interest [on the LIBER website](#).

Top Parallel Sessions

The 10 most **Highly Rated Parallel Sessions** were as follows. Access all of these presentations [on the LIBER website](#).

1. **Going Digital in the Closed Stacks** (Eva Dahlbäck, *Stockholm University Library, Sweden*)
2. **Open Access Publishing and Research Evaluation: New Roles for Research Libraries** (Paul Ayris, *University College London, UK*)
3. **Whose Property Is It Anyway? Part 2: The Challenges in Supporting the UK's Main Research Funder Agendas which Seek to Ensure that the Outputs from Publicly-Funded Research are Published Open Access** (Chris Banks, *Imperial College London, UK*)
4. **Our Users Who Settle for Less – Ensuring Usable Accessibility for Blind Users of a Digital Library** (Heli J. Kautonen, *National Library of Finland, Finland*)
5. **Supporting Open Access for Monographs** (Eelco Ferwerda, *OAPEN Foundation, The Netherlands*)
6. **Developing Data Literacy Competencies to Enhance Faculty Collaborations** (Don MacMillan, *University of Calgary, Canada*)
7. **The Regulation of Text and Data Mining** (Melanie Dulong de Rosnay, *CNRS, France*)
8. **Digital Collections at Work. Radio and Television Collections Online – A Case Study from Denmark** (Tonny Skovgård Jensen, *State and University Library, Aarhus, Denmark*)
9. **AnalogIST/ezPAARSE: Analysing Locally Gathered Logfiles to Determine Users' Accesses to Subscribed e-Resources** (Thomas Jouneau, *Université de Lorraine, France*)
10. **From Services to Partnering: A New Strategy for OA Publishing in Utrecht University Library** (Inge Werner, *Utrecht University Library, The Netherlands*)

How We Can Improve

You suggested a number of improvements for future Annual Conferences:

- Better time control of sessions
- Ensure that panel discussions allow for more audience interaction
- More networking opportunities
- Prominent placement for posters
- Increased use of technology, such as a mobile version of the programme

What's Next?

We very much appreciate your feedback and will take it into consideration as we plan the 2015 Annual Conference in London, UK.

If you would like to provide further feedback on the 2014 Conference, this survey or LIBER in general, please email Friedel Grant, LIBER's Communications Officer:
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For more information on the 2015 Annual Conference, please see:
<http://www.liber2015.org.uk/>

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