At LIBER’s 2019 Meeting of Participants, appointments will be made to fill four Executive Board vacancies. Eleven applications have been received. The details of all candidates are presented in this document.

Representatives of LIBER Participants in the Institutional and Organisational categories will receive voting cards at the Annual Conference. Voting by proxy is possible for those unable to vote in person. Forms for this were circulated in May’s Quarterly Mailing. Each eligible voter can vote for up to four candidates.

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Head of Collections, James Hardman Library, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

Candidate Statement: I am a multilingual librarian with 25 years’ experience in research libraries, particularly in developing collections as key research infrastructure. As a member of the Irish national consortium IReL's steering group, I've been negotiating with publishers for more than 15 years, more recently attempting to negotiate transformative deals that help to progress the Open Scholarship agenda. I would very much like to contribute this experience to LIBER’s work on Open Science. Early in my career I worked on research projects funded under the EC Libraries Programme and I relish the opportunity to work closely with European colleagues once again. One such project related to Performance Measurement for Libraries and I have retained an interest in metrics showing value and ROI since that time.

Special Areas of Interest: The evolving landscape of scholarly communication and the move towards open scholarship. I am particularly interested in the role of libraries in open scholarship advocacy. I believe libraries have a vital role to play in proactively promoting open scholarship to researchers, to publishers and to senior university administrators, as not all stakeholders have yet bought into open scholarship. I am passionate about the value of research libraries and am very interested in metrics that demonstrate that value.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? I will bring experience of working collaboratively with other libraries nationally, via the IReL consortium and other groups, and internationally, through my work on EC funded research projects. I have also worked closely with publishers through membership of Advisory Boards and I believe this brings a perspective that is important in our move to Open Scholarship as we need to bring publishers with us on this journey. In addition, I will bring energy and enthusiasm for the role of research libraries as key infrastructure for research.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? I have learned so much by working with librarians from other European Research Libraries at publisher advisory boards or at international conferences and I would greatly value the opportunity to work more closely with European librarians via LIBER. I believe it is vital to broaden our perspectives beyond our own institutional or national priorities and cultures and LIBER provides an excellent opportunity to do this.

I am a member of several national groups within Ireland and would hope that I could share the knowledge and perspective I gain from serving on the LIBER Executive Board with those groups. I would also hope to promote LIBER and its work within my network.

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Ms Monica Crump

Proposer: John Cox, University Librarian, Library National University of Ireland, Galway
Candidate Statement: The digital transformation requires a fundamental renewal of our libraries. Hence I will encourage debates on new organizational models, new co-operations and new networks. It is my concern to redefine the library role in support of the research process. Moreover, I will raise awareness of LIBER in German speaking countries.

Special Areas of Interest: Libraries as professional organizations: Change management, Organizational development, Leadership, New collaborations and networks within the information ecosystem / the library role in digital transformation, in Open Science and in support of the research process.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? I will bring to LIBER my extraordinary commitment to lead our research libraries to success in the face of the digital transformation. I’m convinced that LIBER is the appropriate platform to co-operate this way.

My approach is based on my current leadership role and my high level and long running professional career in different types of research libraries. I was able to gain valuable experience in the Austrian National Library (as a project manager), in the Vienna State Library (as a head of department) and in three University Libraries (as a deputy librarian in Vienna and as a head librarian in Mainz and nowadays at the Freie Universität Berlin). As a long-standing member of the library top management of highly ranked universities I am well connected within the crucial librarian communities. In order to shape the discussions about the organisational development of our libraries I will contribute my professional knowledge acquired as a Master of Arts (MA) in Cultural Management (Vienna) and as a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Arts Management (Salzburg / Chicago / Shanghai).

Furthermore, I will support LIBER as a co-editor of one of the most appreciated librarian journals of German speaking countries (ABI Technik) and with my heavy activities in giving speeches and publishing articles. As a lecturer in library schools in Austria (Vienna University) and Germany (Humboldt University of Berlin) I will introduce my students to the European and international activities like LIBER.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? Serving on the Board will significantly support my further personal and professional development. I will be challenged to take part in high-class discussions about the future of our profession and of our institutions at an European and international level. For me personally, this means the next step from the local, regional and national level to an European and international level. Of course, I did this already through personal contacts but not fundamentally. Thus, I hope to learn a lot.

With regard to my local networks it seems to be the same for me: it’s learning. We at the local / regional level should be able to connect our challenges with Europe and the World cause library business is a global affair. I expect to transmit the discussions we have on the LIBER Board to our local networks, and I am sure this will work. That will help us grow.

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Dr. Andreas Brandtner MBA MSc
Dr Adam Sofronijevic
Deputy Director, University Library “Svetozar Marković”, Belgrade, Serbia

Candidate Statement: As a member of the LIBER Board, I will work towards increasing LIBER Membership and participation in Eastern and Central Europe, supporting and embedding Open Science practices within LIBER libraries and more LIBER activities related to Machine learning and AI.

Special Areas of Interest: Library management, Open Science, Machine learning for libraries, Artificial intelligence, Digital humanities, Digitization, Digitization of newspapers and periodicals, Digital reading.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? I will bring to the Board the specific experience of managing successful academic library activities with very limited resources. I did this in Serbia for the last 8 years at University library Belgrade and I am sure this experience will help me better understand the possibilities to innovate LIBER activities involving its members from different European states and regions.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? Serving on the Board will bring me the benefit of getting to know more, learn more and be more skilled in diverse set of fields related to library science and practice. I also very much look forward to building LIBER even further into being a great framework for libraries across Europe to collaborate. I hope to bring possibilities to my local networks, as well to other LIBER members, to use the advantages of a latecomer and catch up fast with new technological and social changes. In this regards I will especially advocate for more LIBER activities related to Machine learning and AI.

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Dr Adam Sofronijevic
Dr Paolo Budroni
Head of Department “e-Infrastructures Liaison Office”, Vienna University Library & Archive Services, Austria

Candidate Statement: I would like to facilitate the implementation of EOSC at local level (e.g. being an Ambassador), to assist Libraries in their transition to Open Science and to contribute in the development of strategic partnerships.

Special Areas of Interest: Research Data Management; architectures and development of research data infrastructures; management of complex innovative projects; open science in practice; policies development (incl. industrial cooperation); complex governance issues and stakeholder engagement; strategic marketing; transcultural communication (through disciplines, languages or regions)

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? Serving on the Board will bring to me and to my local networks a better and improved understanding on Advanced Library Services and on how to embed them in daily activities.

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Dr Paolo Budroni
Candidate Statement: I have a long experience in the development of digital library services. Having worked with the former President Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, I’m familiar with the strategies and routines of LIBER. My experience as the local coordinator of LIBER 2016 Conference gave me understanding of the organisation, finances and networks of LIBER.

Special Areas of Interest: Design approaches in the development of library services; Human-centred design strategies and management in the context of LAMs; Digital humanities; Artificial intelligence in research libraries, incl. applications, personnel skills, information literacy etc.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? As a member of the LIBER Executive Board, I would be the voice from the north, representing and presenting the library achievements from Finland, particularly, but also from the Scandinavian perspective. As to my personal characteristcs, I would use my creativity and enthusiasm to the benefit of European research libraries.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? I’m confident that an active role in the heart of LIBER would help me better endorse the mission of my library at Finnish Literature Society, i.e., to store, persevere and study Finnish culture and heritage, in the age of digitalisation.

As my library serves scholars in different fields of humanities nationwide, and collaborates with other Finnish libraries serving the same audiences, I think that serving on the Board would make me an intermediary for information and ideas. Personally, I feel that being a member in the Board would be an great honour and opportunity to foster humanity (as a virtue) towards the undefinable future.

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Heli Kautonen
Candidate Statement: I have worked as a manager in libraries for 14 years, as a county librarian, head of sections and library director at two different universities for 4 years. My current position is at the University of Oslo (Comprehensive university, 28 000 students/7000 employees). I report to the library board, I attend rector's leadergroup consisting of 8 deans and two Museum Directors at UiO. I represent UiO in The Guild working group of Open Science. I recently joined LIBER’s Digital Skills Working Group.

Special Areas of Interest: Strategy, politics/policymaking, leadership, management, organizational development, Education, Open Science, Digital services in libraries.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? I have 20 years of library experience from different public and research libraries in Norway. 14 years with library management, from both operative work and also experience from working as a Director on a strategic/political level. Attending the Rector group at the University of Oslo (UiO) in my current work is somewhat similar to board work.

As a Library Director I prepare presentation of issues and attend the library board at UiO on a regular basis. I have previous experience from board work at the department of teacher education at the University of Agder in Norway, and also from being leader of the board in the library association in Vest-Agder community in Norway. From 2015-2017 I worked (“outside the library”) as a project manager on mission from the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research.

I am curious by nature and enjoy collaborative work/teamwork, building networks and I like to contribute in discussions and to decision-making.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? An overview of topics discussed on a national/international level. An extended possibility to influence and to be influenced by colleagues across Europe. An opportunity to build collaborative work, share knowledge, learn from each other. Develop common strategies and services that gain the research communities and facilities and services for students.

I hope to obtain insight into how other institutions work and think around library services, the future role of research libraries, whether being part of a comprehensive university or a smaller “elite” university, or other similar institutions. We share a lot of the same challenges. Hopefully I will be able to inspire my colleagues in Norway and other networks that I attend, with broadened views and a wider horizon by serving on the LIBER Executive Board.

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András Holl
Deputy Director, Library and Information Centre, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary

Proposer: Dr. Marta Viragos, Former University Librarian, Senior Advisor, National & University Library, University of Debrecen

Candidate Statement: I wish to promote community-based, open services and standards. Contribute to build sustainable digital services. Help the less developed countries coping with the challenges of a rapidly evolving environment. Shaping the changing role of librarianship, incorporating research support tasks. I would use my researcher and IT background.

Special Areas of Interest: Open Science, independent Open Access journals, repositories, research data, certification of digital services.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? I believe my researcher and technical background could be an asset for LIBER. Also, I find it very important that countries in this region are well represented in LIBER.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? Serving on the Board would be a very important chance for me, and I hope that other research libraries in Hungary, and maybe in the region could benefit from it too.

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András Holl
Dr Hilde van Wijngaarden
Library Director, University Library Vrije Universiteit
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Proposer: Trudi Noordermeer, Director, University Library and Archives, University of Antwerp

Candidate Statement: Working at different library institutions throughout my career, I have become inspired by and convinced of the value of international collaboration. We develop and share tools and knowledge together, connect libraries and universities. I have experienced how this works participating in European projects and want to contribute myself, currently by setting up the European Network of Open Education Librarians and hopefully by joining the LIBER Executive Board.

Special Areas of Interest: Research & education support. In the area of research support, I am active in the development and practical support for open access/fair data/research data management. In the area of education support, I am active in the development of library support for (open) educational resources.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? As a member of the Executive Board I will bring my enthusiasm to connect librarians in different areas of expertise and different European countries. I strongly believe in the power of librarians opening up the world’s knowledge to everyone. This might sound a bit too ambitious but it’s what motivates me and with LIBER I believe we are indeed taking steps to open up the world.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? Participating in the LIBER Board will mean that I will work closely together with international colleagues who will inspire me and will give me new ideas to work on with my team at the Vrije Universiteit. In the Netherlands, we work closely together as academic libraries and I will be able to make a connection with international LIBER activities for that group as well.

“I have been actively involved with LIBER, believe in its benefits, and hope to contribute to practical collaboration that will enhance library support for researchers, teachers and students.”

Dr Hilde van Wijngaarden
Maria Casella
Biblioteca Norberto Bobbio, Università di Torino, Italy

Proposer: Mr Julien Roche, Director of Libraries, University of Lille

Candidate Statement: I have been working in academic libraries for 25 years. I have published manifold papers on the academic library. Two of them are published in LIBER Quarterly.

As an author and library director, I put my experience at LIBER’s service. Particularly, I have some very good relationships with national and international Publishers (this year I will attend the Springer Nature Board meeting).

My idea (and hope) is to help research libraries in their difficult transition towards transformative agreements.

Special Areas of Interest: Leadership, open science, research assessment, digital libraries, digital humanities.

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Maria Casella
Candidate Statement: As president-elect of the Association of University Libraries’ Directors, coordinator of the HUNGarian Open Repositories working group, general director of the largest university library in Hungary, and an alumna of the LIBER Emerging Leadership Program, I have a broad overview of scholarship and higher education in the 21st century, as well as a wide network with stakeholders at national and international levels.

Special Areas of Interest: Open Science, Open Access/Scholarly Communication, organisational culture (diagnosis and development), human resource management, community building, strategic planning, quality development, communication and marketing, partnerships with stakeholders, change management.

What will you bring to LIBER, if you are nominated to the Executive Board? I am able to synthesize different perspectives of diverse fields of science, of cultures and of generations. At the same time, I am eager to integrate new knowledge and skills.

What do you hope that serving on the Board will bring to you, and to your local networks? I am an advocate of mutual relationships: both LIBER, my local network and myself should benefit. I believe there are things we can learn from each other. We all have resources and knowledge to share. We all have doubts, questions and issues to be solved.

Research libraries face similar challenges in the 21st century, regardless of geographical location. We have to constantly demonstrate our role and value in the turbulent environment of open science.

“My main motivation is to build bridges between us. Based on our grounded vision, concerted confidence and trust, creative collaboration across boundaries and the inclusion of diverse perspectives and values leads to change within and around us.”

Ms Gyöngyi Karácsony
Dr Birgit Schmidt
Head of Knowledge Commons, Göttingen State and University Library, Germany

Proposer: Prof Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Director, Göttingen State and University Library

Candidate Statement: Secure that we move forward our mission in a coordinated and collaborative way, celebrate achievements and regularly re-assess and update activities. Moreover, I would like to secure and expand opportunities for sharing experiences and to discover collaboration opportunities, such that members maintain strong(er) roles in their institutional, national and international contexts.

Special Areas of Interest: Over the last 15 years I have developed a strong interest and in-depth knowledge in Open Science topics and how these relate to institutional missions and services (e.g. research data management, publishing, infrastructures, data skills) and related aspects (research integrity, education and training, IPR, metrics and research assessment, etc.).

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Dr Birgit Schmidt