

Memorandum of Understanding between LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and CENL (Conference of European National Librarians)

The aim of the LIBER Foundation is to represent the interests of the research libraries of Europe, their universities and researchers. LIBER comprises over 400 national, university and other libraries from more than 40 countries. The Foundation promotes in particular:

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

The Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) is a foundation under Dutch law with the aim of increasing and reinforcing the role of national libraries in Europe, in particular in respect of their responsibilities for maintaining national cultural heritage and ensuring the accessibility of knowledge in that field. The members of CENL are the national librarians of all the Member States of the Council of Europe. The Conference currently comprises 49 members from 46 European countries.

Vision

LIBER and CENL share objectives in promoting the goals of European national and academic libraries, in particular in respect of their responsibilities in ensuring access to cultural heritage resources and research information, safeguarding the preservation of these resources, ensuring efficient and effective management in libraries and informing key players in the field of cultural heritage and research information of current developments.

Governance

- Reports will be submitted to the LIBER and CENL Boards, describing the main outcomes of each organization's activities.

Objectives

- LIBER and CENL agree to work together to lobby on important initiatives to the European Commission and other relevant parties
- LIBER and CENL agree to work together to submit project bids for funding, with other partners, where appropriate.
- LIBER will host the European RDA Interest Group, EURIG, in ways which will be agreed between LIBER and CENL.

Communication

- Both CENL and LIBER agree that the web will be the principal form for disseminating information about the work of LIBER and CENL, and the principal location of this information will be the websites of both organisations.
- Both organisations will use modern web tools and social networking to advance the cause of Open Access repositories in partnership throughout Europe and internationally.

This Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Boards of both CENL and LIBER.

Signed on behalf of LIBER:

Date: 12.12.2012



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Signed on behalf of CENL

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