



LIBER ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS, DUBLIN, 2019

Minutes of the LIBER Annual Meeting of Participants held in Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland on Wednesday 26th June and Thursday 27th June 2019.

Wednesday 26 June 2019

1. Formal Opening of the Meeting of Participants (Preliminary Agenda)

Ms Jeannette Frey, President, welcomed the LIBER Participants and formally opened the 2019 Meeting of Participants.

2. Announcement of Candidates for Appointment to the LIBER Executive Board and Appointment of Tellers

Mr John MacColl, Secretary-General, announced the nominations received by the closing date for nominations (13 June 2019). Appointments would be made by the Meeting of Participants on Thursday 27 June 2019.

Nominations Received:

Candidate: Dr Andreas Brandtner, University Library of Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
Proposer: Prof. Dr. Andreas Degkwitz, University Library of Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.

Candidate: Dr Paolo Budroni, Vienna University Library and Archive Services, Austria.
Proposer: Mag. Maria Seissl, Head of Library, Vienna University Library & Archive Services.

Candidate: Maria Cassella, Biblioteca Norberto Bobbio, Università di Torino, Italy.
Proposer: Mr Julien Roche, Director of Libraries, University of Lille.

Candidate: Ms Monica Crump, National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland.
Proposer: John Cox, Library National University of Ireland, Galway.

Candidate: Ms Gyöngyi Karácsony, University and National Library, University of Debrecen, Hungary.

Proposer: Zsuzsanna Nagy, Library Corvinus University of Budapest.

Candidate: Heli Kautonen, Finnish Literature Society, Finland.

Proposer: Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, Director, National Library of Finland.

Candidate: Dr Birgit Schmidt, Göttingen State and University Library, Germany.

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

Candidate: Mrs Hanne Graver Møvig, University of Oslo, Norway.

Proposer: Johanne Raade, Library UiT- University of Tromsø, The Arctic University of Norway.

Candidate: Dr Adam Sofronijevic, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

Proposer: Dr Paul Ayris, UCL Library Services.

Candidate: Dr Hilde van Wijngaarden, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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

Candidate: András Holl, Library & Information Centre, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary.





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

Ballot Count Tellers:

Josep Torn, European University Institute, Italy.
Liz Waller, University of Durham, United Kingdom.
Colette McKenna, University College Cork, Ireland.

Re-Appointments

In addition to the new openings outlined above, the following two Executive Board members would have completed terms of office by June 2019. They were eligible for re-appointment for a further term of two years and were willing to stand for re-appointment: Dr Bertil Dorch, University of Southern Denmark.
Ms Agnès Ponsati Obiols, Spanish National Research Council.

Executive Board re-appointment

LIBER Secretary-General
Mr John MacColl, University of St Andrews

Meeting of Participants: Part 1 (Preliminary Agenda)

3. Proposal for Ensuring LIBER's Viability & Building on Success

Ms Jeannette Frey, President of LIBER, introduced the pre-circulated Proposal, *Ensuring LIBER's Viability & Building on Success*, to the Participants. Presentations on the proposal were made by LIBER Vice-President Mr Julien Roche, LIBER Treasurer Drs Anja Smit and LIBER Secretary-General Mr John MacColl. These were followed by an open discussion and questions from the Meeting. The vote for the proposal would take place in the second part of the Meeting of Participants on Thursday 27th June.

Thursday 27 June 2019

Meeting of Participants: Part 2 (Business Agenda)

4. Opening of the Meeting of Participants and Opening Remarks

Ms Jeannette Frey welcomed all Participants. In order to ensure the meeting's maximum efficiency, the order of the pre-circulated agenda had been altered. The Annual Account would be presented after the Annual Report, and the Vote on the Proposal would take place ahead of the Cancellation Policy Amendment..

5. Minutes of the Meeting of Participants held in Lille on 5 July 2018

The minutes of the 2018 Meeting of Participants, held in LILLIAD Learning Center in Lille, France on Thursday 5 July 2018 were approved.

5.1 Matters arising

There were no matters arising which were not already covered by the Agenda.



INTERNAL BUSINESS PROCESSES & STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS (PAPERS PRE-CIRCULATED IN MAY 2019 MAILING)

6. LIBER Annual Report 2018-2019

Ms Jeannette Frey presented LIBER's first Annual Report as circulated in the May Mailing. The report summarised all LIBER highlights for the year 2018-2019 together with important information on LIBER's governance and structure. The current number of LIBER Participants at May 2019 stands at a total of 451 from 39 countries (414 Institutional Participants, 16 Organisational Participants, 12 Associate Participants and 9 Individual Participants). Details were given of the Board's meetings throughout the past year, and current membership. Ms Frey invited the Executive Director of LIBER, Drs Astrid Verheusen, to present her report to the Participants.

Drs Verheusen highlighted the important work carried out by the LIBER Office this past year, including the effort to centralise the LIBER financial administration via the adoption of new policies, and the migration to a more efficient financial and reporting system. The LIBER Office in 2018-2019 comprised: Astrid Verheusen (Executive Director); Athina Papadopoulou (Executive Assistant); Friedel Grant (Senior Communications Advisor); Simone Sacchi (European Projects Manager *until 08/18*); Vasso Kalaitzi (Head of International Projects); Valentino Cavalli (Open Science Officer *until 12/18*); Martina Torma (Community Engagement Officer *from 04/19*). She also drew attention to the international projects in which LIBER had been engaged during 2018-2019: SSHOC, FOSTER, EOSCpilot, AARC, OpenAIRE, and HuMetricsHSS.

The floor was then given to the Chairs of LIBER's Steering Committees to highlight the important activities carried out by LIBER's Working Groups in support of the LIBER Strategy. Dr. Giannis Tsakonas, Chair of the Innovative Scholarly Communication Steering Committee, stressed the great work on copyright reform undertaken by the Copyright & Legal Matters Working Group, the report of the Innovative Metrics Working Group which had been presented at the 2019 EUA Workshop, and the work of the Open Access Working Group on Plan S and the OA Monographs Survey. Dr Bertil Dorch, Chair of the Digital Skills & Services Steering Committee, reported on the ongoing success of the Leadership Seminar, the LIBER Journées which would be held in May 2020 in Budapest, the extensive Digital Humanities survey, and the updated Job Description Repository. In the absence of Professor Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Chair of the Research Infrastructures Steering Committee, Committee Secretary Dr Birgit Schmidt stressed the success of the webinars organised on varied topics including research data, reproducibility and library carpentry, the launch of the FAIR data survey and the Linked Open Data survey, and the Library Architecture seminar being organised to take place in Vienna in April 2020.

Ms Frey presented the list of successful Fund Awardees from under-represented countries who were able to attend this year's conference. She outlined the importance of *LIBER Quarterly*, LIBER's Open Access journal, and presented some key usage figures for the year 2018-2019. The continued support of LIBER Sponsors in advancing LIBER's work was greatly appreciated. The Gold Sponsors in 2018-2019 were EBSCO, Ex Libris and Emerald; and the Silver Sponsors were Digital Science, Open Edition and



Retronews. The Board very much appreciated the continuing support of OCLC in sponsoring the LIBER Award for Library Innovation in 2019.

7. LIBER Annual Account 2018 and Auditor's Report

Drs Anja Smit, LIBER Treasurer, presented the Annual Account Report for 2018. Operating costs for LIBER were € 695,913 and the total loss suffered was -€ 29,717. Following the information session held for Participants the previous day (Meeting of Participants Part 1), she summarised the main points of the *Proposal for Ensuring LIBER's Viability & Building on Success*. She highlighted the timeline of the introduction of the Proposal in the March 2019 LIBER Mailing, and the webinars organised to give all Participants information and a chance to ask questions and express views ahead of the Meeting of Participants. She stressed that all feedback received had been taken into account and shaped the final version of the Proposal.

8. Voting: Proposal for Ensuring LIBER's Viability & Building on Success

Mr John MacColl, LIBER Secretary-General, asked Participants to vote on the Proposal to vary Participant Contribution fees as outlined in the Proposal, in order to secure a sustainable future for LIBER, and allow the introduction of several new services requested by Participants in the most recent survey. The Proposal was passed by the Meeting.

9. Rules & Regulations: Cancellation Policy Amendment

Mr John MacColl announced that the Executive Board had amended Article 5 of the Rules & Regulations regarding notice of membership cancellation by LIBER Participants. The Executive Board had decided to change the cancellation notice period from six months to three months.

10. LIBER Foundation: Appointments to the LIBER Executive Board

Mr John MacColl announced the results of the appointments to the LIBER Executive Board, which had been conducted via a closed ballot, in accordance with the Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of the LIBER Foundation (Stichting). The Call for Nominations had been pre-circulated in the November 2018, March 2019 and May 2019 LIBER Mailings, as required by the Rules and Regulations. The four successful candidates were Dr Heli Kautonen, Dr Hilde van Wijngaarden, Dr Andreas Brandtner and Dr Birgit Schmidt. Mr MacColl also announced the candidates for reappointment to the Executive Board - Dr Bertil Dorch and Ms Agnès Ponsati Obiols. The Participants approved these reappointments. Ms Frey announced that the reappointment of Mr MacColl as the LIBER Secretary-General had been approved by the Executive Board. She also mentioned the four Executive Board members who have stepped down this year; Dr Martin Hallik, Prof Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Dr Matthijs van Otegem and Mr Andris Vilks. She thanked them for their invaluable service to the LIBER Executive Board and for the excellent work they had accomplished in their service of LIBER.

11. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.



12. Invitation to the 2020 LIBER Annual Conference hosted by Belgrade University Library, Serbia

Ms Frey gave the floor to Dr Aleksandar Jerkov, Director of Svetozar Marković University Library, University of Belgrade, and Dr Dejan Masliković, Deputy Minister of Culture and Information, Republic of Serbia. They thanked the organisers of LIBER 2019 and invited all Participants to join LIBER 2020 which will be hosted in Belgrade, Serbia. Ms Frey closed the Meeting of Participants.

John MacColl
Secretary-General

August 2019

NOTE ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS

Under the Statutes of the LIBER *Stichting*, the Meeting of Participants is the equivalent of an Annual General Meeting, at which LIBER Participants (i.e. Members) assemble to receive information about the operation of the LIBER organisation, including its Annual Report and Accounts, and have an opportunity to question the LIBER Executive Board and its Office-bearers, discuss policies and make suggestions to the Board. Appointments to the LIBER Executive Board are also made at the Meeting of Participants. The papers for the Meeting of Participants are issued with the LIBER May Mailing. All Annual Conference delegates are welcome to attend the LIBER Annual Meeting of Participants. Voting rights are, however, reserved to LIBER Participants. A Dutch *Stichting* cannot have members or levy a membership fee, and so a Member= a Participant; a membership fee=an annual contribution fee; and the Annual General Meeting= Meeting of Participant.

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