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**LIBER 44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SENATE HOUSE, LONDON, UK
24 JUNE-26 JUNE 2015**

**Call for Papers/Posters
'Towards Open Science'**

<http://www.liber2015.org.uk/>

The [2015 Conference](#) will be held in London, UK, from **24-26 June 2015** and will focus on the theme *Towards Open Science*.

Open Science is underpinned by the following broad principles:

- Transparency in experimental methodology, observation, and collection of data
- Public availability and reusability of scientific data.
- Public accessibility and transparency of scientific communication.
- Using web-based tools to facilitate scientific collaboration.

It is clear that libraries have a key role in enabling Open Science (see [LIBER statement on Open Science](#)). It is also apparent that libraries will have to show leadership, adapt the way they measure impact and deliver services, and partner with other stakeholders in order to claim this role.

The Conference Programme Committee invites papers that address these issues, explore the movement towards Open Science practice and policies, and provide examples of how libraries are acting as enablers and identifying and addressing key challenges related to implementing Open Science principles.

We invite submissions of:

- Research papers presenting theoretical solutions but with a clear illustration on how these solutions can be applied
- Position papers presenting opinions on some aspect of practice, or describing work that is still in progress but sufficiently mature to warrant attention
- Experiences and case studies specifying requirements, challenges or opportunities
- Best practices

The Conference Programme Committee will select abstracts on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance for the call for papers
- Originality
- Level of innovation
- Impact on the wider library community
- Quality of the abstract

Instructions for submitting abstracts:

- Please use the [following link](#) to submit the abstracts of your paper or poster:

[Submit your paper or poster here](#)

The **deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 February 2015.**

- Accepted contributions will be limited to one paper and/or poster abstract per author
- All submissions will be automatically considered for the [LIBER Annual Conference Fund](#).
- Abstract length should be a minimum of 250 words and not exceed 500 words (2,500 characters). Please note that the language of the conference will be English, and that, therefore, the Committee will only accept submissions in this language.

- **For tips on how to write abstracts, please see the following links:**
 - <http://undergraduateresearch.ucdavis.edu/urcConf/write.html>
 - <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2011/06/20/essential-guide-writing-good-abstracts/>
 - <http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/2010/types-communication/academic-writing/an-introduction-to-writing-good-abstracts/>
- All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers, **who will evaluate them on the basis of the criteria mentioned above.**
- Authors are encouraged to submit their accepted papers for publication in *LIBER Quarterly*, which is now a fully peer-reviewed journal. To do so, please follow the instructions that can be found on the journal website (<http://liber.library.uu.nl/>). You may also contact the Managing Editor at: raf.dekeyser@bib.kuleuven.be
- **Please note that all presenters are responsible for their own registration and travel costs.**

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The Conference Programme Committee will select up to ten submissions from libraries in **Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine** and reward them with a grant of 500 euro and free registration for the 2015 LIBER Annual Conference.

See [LIBER Annual Conference Fund](#)

More details on the [Call for Papers](#) and the 2015 Annual Conference are available on the [Conference website](#).

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