



NETWORK GUIDE

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# ABOUT LIBER

LIBER (*Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche – Association of European Research Libraries*) is the voice of Europe's research library community.

On behalf of our **450 institutions**, we ensure that research library priorities rank highly on the agendas of universities and the European Union.

Our conferences, workshops, reports and webinars keep libraries and their staff updated on **trends and industry insights**. Through our working groups, library professionals **develop key topics, share knowledge** and broaden their networks.

Additionally, we represent the perspectives of research libraries as partners in **international projects**. We include our participants as project partners whenever possible.

As an association, we value **collaboration** and **inclusivity**. This means:

- **High-quality services** for all users of library and information services;
- **Intellectual freedom** and access to scholarship;
- **Collaboration** with campus, local, national, European and global partners;
- **Stewardship of collections and institutional resources**, in the most appropriate format;
- **Leadership**, innovation and a willingness to embrace opportunities for change;
- **Inclusivity**, equality of opportunity and fulfilment of potential.



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# MAKING THE MOST OF LIBER IN 2020

Many activities and services are available to your library and staff. Here are a few ways to engage with us.

1. **Network and learn** with the community. Highlights of this year's events programme include our [49th Annual Conference](#) (Belgrade, 24-26 June), the [Architecture seminar \*Designing for Learning and Scholarship\*](#) (Luxembourg, 1-3 April) and our new mid-term event (Amsterdam, 3-4 December).
2. **Upgrade your skills.** Senior library directors can apply to join [LIBER Journées](#) (Budapest, 13-15 May), a tailored programme aimed at leaders who are looking ahead at delivering strategic change as libraries and institutions redefine themselves in an ever changing information and social environment. For all staff we run regular webinars (see p. 15). More training opportunities will be announced later in the year.
3. **Create strategic partnerships.** Join a [Working Group](#) or engage with one of our funded projects.
4. **Raise your visibility.** Showcase successes, best practices and lessons learnt by submitting a contribution to our Call for Papers (Annual Conference) or by publishing in [LIBER Quarterly](#), our open access journal.
5. **Have your say.** Exercise your right to vote on key LIBER issues during our annual Meeting of Participants, and nominate candidates for the Executive Board.
6. **Stay informed.** Library directors and staff are invited to subscribe to our LIBER-ALL mailing list and [LIBER Alerts](#) newsletter. On Twitter, follow [@libereurope](#) and our funded projects: [@SSHopencloud](#), [@INOSproject](#) and [@reCreatingEU](#).
7. **Keep your profile updated.** Help us stay in touch. Tell us when your library has a new director or when address details change. Email updates to [liber@kb.nl](mailto:liber@kb.nl).



# BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

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LIBER represent and unites research libraries of all sizes and types across Europe. By participating, you have many opportunities to share knowledge, network and increase your institution's influence and visibility.

## Your Library Benefits From

- **Increased influence for research libraries.** Through LIBER, your institution strengthens the collective power of Europe's research libraries. We work together on solutions to common problems and influence policies on topics such as copyright through effective international advocacy. LIBER gives the research library perspective on the governance boards of Europeana, SCOSS, SPARC Europe and Think.Check.Submit, and works with policymakers and partners to involve research libraries in the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).
- **Discounted and exclusive event access.** LIBER institutions receive a 25-50% discount for all staff attending key events. This includes the [Annual Conference](#) and [LIBER Journées](#). Our acclaimed [Emerging Leaders](#) programme is exclusively for staff in LIBER institutions.
- **Opportunities to create strategic partnerships.** We work with our libraries to organise events and include them as partners in funded projects whenever possible. In 2020, we will invite our libraries to add their skills and project ambitions to a new LIBER database. This will allow us to better identify opportunities to involve libraries in projects.
- **Rights to vote on key issues and nominate candidates for the Executive Board.** The next Meeting of Participants will be held at our 2020 Annual Conference (*voting rights are for participants in the institutional and organisational categories*).

## Your Staff Benefit From

- **Eligibility to serve on Working Groups.** Our [Working Groups](#) address important research library topics. Joining a group is a wonderful way for your staff to broaden their professional network, develop new resources and learn from each other.
- **Access to publications and resources.** LIBER, our working groups and funded projects regularly publish insightful reports and best practices to guide your library. A [list of resources](#) can be found on the website.
- **Opportunities to publish and present their work.** Achievements and best practices can be shared via our Call for Papers for the Annual Conference and in [LIBER Quarterly](#) – our Open Access journal. We also feature the insights and expertise of our libraries in [webinars](#).

# CONTRIBUTION FEES

We aim to keep annual fees affordable for a majority of Europe's research libraries. Our three fee bands are based on national GDP per capita, reflecting different financial realities across our network.

- **Category A (above \$30,000 U.S.)** – Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- **Category B (\$15-30,000 U.S.)** – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia
- **Category C (below \$15,000 U.S.)** – Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Turkey



We have committed to keep our fees stable until the end of our 2018-2022 Strategy period.

## Participant Categories

### Institutions

For individual national and university research libraries, libraries of institutions conducting teaching and research at a post-graduate level, public libraries with major research collections and national archives.

*Benefits: 50% discount on Annual Conference tickets; Join the Emerging Leaders programme; Chair or join Working Groups; Voting rights; Be nominated to the Board.*

Category A - €995 // Category B - €545 // Category C - €260

### Organisations

For library organisations consisting of national libraries and/or the libraries of institutions of higher education institutions. In countries where no organisation of research libraries exists, participation in the Organisation category can be obtained by a more general library organisation, working for professional purposes. Two fees are listed: for organisations in countries with a population above or below 25 million.

*Benefits: 50% discount on Annual Conference tickets; Join the Emerging Leaders programme; Chair or join Working Groups; Voting rights; Be nominated to the Board.*

Category A - €2.595 / 1.295 // Category B - €1.195 / 1.095 // Category C - €260 / €260

## Associations

For companies or consortia supplying services to research libraries and non-European library organisations.

*Benefits: Attend the LIBER Annual Conference at a 50% Discount; Join our Leadership Seminars; Join Working Groups.*

Category A - €1.220 // Category B - €725 // Category C - €645

## Individuals

For professional librarians who work or have worked in research libraries.

*Benefits: Attend the LIBER Annual Conference at a 50% Discount; Join our Leadership Seminars; Join Working Groups.*

Category A - €225 // Category B - €210 // Category C - €185

*Note: this category of membership will be phased out in 2021.*

## Additional Information

- Contribution Fees are charged per calendar year.
- Cancellation of participation in LIBER for the following calendar year must be given to the LIBER Office no later than 1 October of the current year.
- If no notice to cancel is given by 1 October of the current year, your participation in LIBER will be automatically extended to the following year.

# GOVERNANCE & STRUCTURE

LIBER is a foundation registered in the Netherlands. Our work is guided by library professionals from across Europe. They serve on our Executive Board, Steering Committees and Working Groups.



## Executive Board

Senior library professionals from LIBER institutions serve on our Executive Board.

In 2020, Executive Board meetings are planned in Lausanne, Switzerland (February), Belgrade, Serbia (June) and St Andrews, Scotland (October). Meeting minutes are [published on our website](#).

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## Steering Committees & Working Groups

LIBER's development is led by its 2018-2022 Strategy and based around three Strategic Directions. Each pillar is led by a Steering Committee which in turn oversees related Working Groups.

### **Libraries as a Partner for Innovative Scholarly Communications**

This Strategic Direction is strengthening and expanding the roles of research libraries in innovative scholarly communication.

*Working groups:* Citizen Science, Copyright & Legal Matters, Innovative Metrics and Open Access.

### **Libraries as a Hub for Digital Skills & Services**

A hub is a place where people and information come together. This Strategic Direction is developing research libraries as a hub for digital skills and services in both physical and virtual research environments.

*Working groups:* Digital Humanities & Digital Cultural Heritage, Digital Skills for Library Staff & Researchers, Leadership Programmes.

### **Libraries as Partners in Research Infrastructure**

Research libraries can bring down barriers between disciplines by supporting the development of appropriate infrastructure. This Strategic Direction will help develop infrastructure that is interoperable and scalable, supports sustainable knowledge and is seamlessly linked with services at an institutional level.

*Working groups:* Architecture, FIM4L, Linked Open Data, Research Data Management.

## Conference Programme Committee

Our Conference Programme Committee plans the theme and programme of our Annual Conference. They identify keynote speakers and review submissions to the Call for Papers. This committee is also playing a key role in the organisation of our new mid-term event.

## LIBER Quarterly Editorial Team

LIBER Quarterly is our peer-reviewed, Open Access journal. It covers all aspects of modern research librarianship and information delivery, and publishes both theoretical contributions as well as examples of best practices. Contributions are reviewed by an Editorial Team.

# 10 THINGS TO WATCH FOR

1. **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – Our [49th Annual Conference](#) is in Belgrade from 24-26th June.
2. **MID-TERM EVENT** – Save the date. On 3-4 December we'll launch a brand new network event at the VU University in Amsterdam. We're working on a programme with dynamic and innovative sessions.
3. **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – Library directors are invited to the [LIBER Journées](#) leadership seminar, 13-15 May in Budapest. The theme will be *Leading Libraries in a World of Openness*. Applications close on 26 January.
4. **ARCHITECTURE SEMINAR** – Building or renovating your library? Join the Architecture group's [20th seminar on \*Designing for Learning and Scholarship\*](#) in Luxembourg on 1-3 April.
5. **PROJECT & CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS** – Watch for [LIBER 2020](#) workshops plus hackathons, bootcamps and training events from the INOS, SSHOC and reCreating Europe projects.
6. **FOCUS ON OPEN SCIENCE** – The [Focus on Open Science](#) series will continue in collaboration with LIBER. Events in Turkey, Austria, the United Kingdom and Hungary are already planned.
7. **REPORTS & GUIDES** – A *Librarian's Guide to Citizen Science* is due to be released, as are reports from our Digital Skills and Innovative Metrics groups, plus feature stories on libraries working with Open Access.
8. **WEBINARS** – We'll feature insights from Working Groups, projects and guest speakers. Keep tabs on all webinars by [watching this page](#) or by signing up for [webinar alerts](#).
9. **PROJECTS DATABASE** – We will invite libraries to add their skills and project ambitions to a database. This will help us better identify opportunities to involve our libraries in projects.
10. **REVISED WEBSITES** – An updated version of the [Library Buildings in Europe](#) database will go live in the spring, followed by improvements to the main LIBER website later in 2020.



# OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, SHARE & LEARN

## Conferences & Workshops

**49th Annual Conference.** Come to Belgrade, Serbia (24-26 June) for interactive workshops, inspiring keynote sessions and networking with library professionals across Europe. The theme is *Building Trust With Research Libraries* and registration opens in February. This event often sells out so please register early. **Learn more:** [liberconference.eu](http://liberconference.eu)

**Architecture Forum.** Planning to build a new library or renovate an existing one? Attend the 20th LAG seminar: *Designing for Learning and Scholarship: a challenge for librarians, architects and all* (1-3 April) in Luxembourg. **Learn more:** [lag2020.uni.lu](http://lag2020.uni.lu)

**Focus on Open Science Workshops.** LIBER is collaborating with Scientific Knowledge Services to run Open Science workshops in Turkey (4 April), London (23 May), Romania (October), Budapest (10 November) and Vienna (12 November). Dates in Rome (June), Delft (October/November) and Paris (December) will hopefully soon be added. **Learn more:** [focusopenscience.org](http://focusopenscience.org)

**Mid-Term Event.** A new network event will take place at VU University Amsterdam (3-4 December). The focus will be on innovative and dynamic sessions.



### ANNUAL CONFERENCE FUND

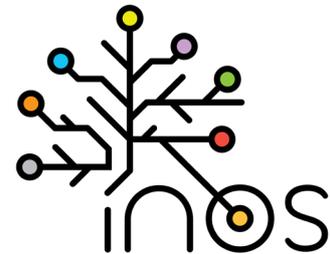
Every year LIBER awards bursaries so that library representatives from specific European countries can attend the Annual Conference. We will make 15 awards in 2020. Staff in LIBER institutions in the following countries are eligible to apply: *Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine.* **To apply:** email [liber@kb.nl](mailto:liber@kb.nl)

## International Projects

We ensure that the expertise of research libraries is represented in cutting-edge projects. Through our role in funded projects, we also produce resources for research libraries and learning opportunities such as workshops and webinars.

**INOS.** INOS aims to modernise the curricula of Higher Education Institutions through civic engagement in Open and Citizen Science.

Watch for Open and Citizen Science reports, roadmaps, learning and training resources for academic and library staff in higher-education institutions. Join an upcoming Open Knowledge event, or an interactive workshop. [inos-project.eu](http://inos-project.eu)



**reCreating Europe.** Launching in January, this new project will rethink digital copyright law for a culturally diverse, accessible, creative Europe.

We will be looking for libraries to share experiences related to digitisation-related issues, including how legal restrictions are dealt with. This will inform guides and best practices. Libraries will also be invited to attend workshops on legal aspects related to digitisation. [recreating.eu](http://recreating.eu)

**SSHOC.** Through SSHOC, we are helping to build the social sciences and humanities portion of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

Join the SSHOC Training Community. Watch for training bootcamps (likely at LIBER 2020) and for the release of a Train-the-Trainer toolkit in December. [sshopencloud.eu](http://sshopencloud.eu)



### Projects Database

This year we will make it easier for LIBER libraries to share their project ambitions with us. All LIBER libraries will be invited to add their skills and profiles to a new database. This will help us better identify opportunities to involve network participants in projects.

**Learn more:** [libereurope.eu/our-activities/projects](http://libereurope.eu/our-activities/projects)

## Leadership Programme

**LIBER Journées.** Apply by 26 January for this tailored scientific programme. It will bring 20-25 library directors together in Budapest (13-15 May) to discuss delivering strategic change as libraries and institutions redefine themselves in continually evolving information and social environments. **Learn more:** [libereurope.eu/our-activities/leadership/journees](http://libereurope.eu/our-activities/leadership/journees)

## Resources & Publications

Our Working Groups and projects create many reports, case studies and guidelines. Materials on the following topics are already planned for 2020:

- **Citizen Science.** Our Citizen Science group will publish a *Research Librarian's Guide to Citizen Science*. In addition, through the INOS project, we will contribute to Open and Citizen Science reports, roadmaps, learning and training resources for academic and library staff in higher-education institutions.
- **Digital Skills.** Which new skills are needed by library professionals? What training is required in order to better support research activities? These questions have been the focus of work done by our Digital Skills group over the past two years. They will share their conclusions in a report in the first-half of 2020.
- **Metrics.** Principles to consider when speaking to management about why measures fluctuate will be released by the Innovative Metrics group in spring.
- **Linked Open Data.** Insights on how research libraries are making data linked and open will be shared by our Linked Open Data group in the spring. This will be followed by a second report offering linked data guidance and best practices for libraries.
- **Research Data Management.** Guides and best practice examples will be released by the Research Data Management group on numerous topics including FAIR data, GDPR and data curation.

Resources and publications will be added throughout the year. Watch our mailing lists, social media channels and website for the newest releases.



## Webinars

During our monthly webinars you can learn about hot topics with sector experts. For the latest schedule and to register, visit [libereurope.eu/webinars](http://libereurope.eu/webinars).

- **What to Keep (2 March)** What to keep in terms of research data has been a recognised research data management issue for some time. We'll dive into the topic with expert Neil Beagrie (*led by our Research Data Management Working Group*).
- **Working With Interview Data (3 March)** Libraries with oral history collections may be interested in this webinar on technical aspects of using the OH-portal toolchain, which transforms audio files to text files (*led by the SSHOC project*).
- **Innovative Metrics (6 March)** We will look first at why metrics is currently such a hot topic in academia and, second, at how new text mining technology could deepen our understanding of the 'knowledge potential' of research (*led by our Innovative Metrics Working Group*).
- **What Libraries Can Do to Support Text & Data Mining (12 March)** Europe's new Copyright Directive includes a mandatory text and data mining (TDM) exception for non-commercial research. This opens up new opportunities for libraries to support researchers in this exciting new area of work. In this webinar, two LIBER libraries will share what they are doing to help researchers access and analyse more content through text and data mining (*led by our Copyright & Legal Matters Working Group*).
- **Setting Up a GLAM Workbench in Your Library (7 April)** Want to reach new audiences and explore new technologies? This webinar will look at digital and innovation labs in a library or museum setting (*led by our Digital Humanities & Digital Cultural Heritage Working Group*).
- **Introduction to PolMine R (16 April)** The webinar will present the PolMine open source R package. It helps political and social scientists working with large text collections combine qualitative and quantitative approaches to facilitate validation (*led by the SSHOC project*).
- **Citizen Science at Universities (10 June)** Current trends will be examined and a preview will be given of the upcoming *Research Librarian's Guide to Citizen Science* (*led by our Citizen Science Working Group*).

### Also Planned for Spring 2020

- **Open Science Skilling & Training Programmes Across Europe** (*led by our Digital Skills Working Group*)
- **Linked Open Data for Research Libraries** (*led by our Linked Open Data Working Group*)

# GET IN TOUCH

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