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The Journal

In the past year *LIBER Quarterly* published the following issues:

- 24-1: published on 04-08-2014 with 2 papers (and 2 book reviews)
- 24-2: published on 14-11-2014 with 2 papers and 1 review paper
- 24-3: published on 12-02-2015 with 2 papers
- 24-4: published on 19-05-2015 with 1 paper and 1 review paper

The total number of pages published in volume 24 was 204 (in comparison: volume 22 had 375 pages, and volume 23 had 357 pages). It has been a difficult year with a low submission rate. We only received 18 submissions (vs. 26 the year before), with the following results:

- 9 accepted
- 5 rejected
- 1 under revision
- 4 still in review

From Google Analytics we can see that during 12 months (from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015) the journal website received 39,909 visits from 31,677 visitors, who looked at 86,342 pages. By comparison with the previous year, these numbers present a small decline with respectively 4.63% (visits), 6.32% (visitors) and 9.97% (pages).

The Editorial Board

The Editorial Board met in Riga on the occasion of LIBER's Annual Conference in 2014. The main items discussed during this meeting were:

- Our copyright policy.
- The ongoing discussions with Igitur (suggestion to move to a commercial provider).
- Relation to the Executive Board of LIBER, and discussion of a draft Agreement document.
- Membership of the Editorial Board: 2 members resigned (Deborah Shorley and Lars Bjørnshauge) and 2 new members were accepted (Cristóbal Urbano from Barcelona and Hans Geleijnse from Tilburg).

Further Activities

- In order to increase the number of high-quality submitted papers, the managing editor of LQ has contacted at this early stage the authors of accepted talks at the Annual Conference in London, discussing with them the possibility of publishing a paper in the journal. Already a large number of those speakers have reacted in a positive way. The new category of 'review papers' created last year offers the possibility of publishing papers of general interest for our readers.

- Agreement was reached on a text that describes the task distribution between the Executive Board of LIBER, the Editorial Board of *LIBER Quarterly*, the Chair of the Editorial Board and the Managing Editor.

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