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Association of European Research Libraries

LIBER ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS 2014

MINUTES OF THE LIBER ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS HELD IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LATVIA, RIGA, LATVIA, ON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY AND THURSDAY 3 JULY 2014

AGENDA: WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2014

1. FORMAL OPENING OF THE MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS

Dr Paul Ayris, President of LIBER, welcomed members and formally opened the 2014 Meeting of Participants.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBER EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTION OF TELLERS

Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary-General, announced the nominations received by the closing date for nominations (19 June 2014). Appointments would be made by the Meeting of Participants on Thursday 3 July 2014.

President: Nomination:

Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Proposer: Dr Paul Ayris, UCL (University College London), London, UK

Vice-President: Nomination:

Ms Jeannette Frey, Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire (BCU), Lausanne, Switzerland
Proposer: Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Board Member (3 Vacancies): Nominations:

Dr Martin Hallik, Tartu University/Tartu University Library, Estonia
Proposer: Ms Jeannette Frey, BCU, Lausanne, Switzerland

Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Göttingen University Library
Proposer: Professor Dr Norbert Lossau, University of Göttingen

Mr Martin Svoboda, National Technology Library, Prague, Czech Republic
Proposer: Dr Márta Virágos, Debrecen National and University Library, Hungary

Re-appointments to the Executive Board:

Dr Matthijs Van Otegem, Erasmus Rotterdam University Library, The Netherlands
(Treasurer)

Mr Julien Roche, Université Lille 1, France (Chair, Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library)

Mr Wilhelm Widmark, Stockholm University Library, Sweden (Chair, Steering Committee on Advocacy and Communications)

AGENDA: THURSDAY 3 JULY 2014

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr Paul Ayris, President of LIBER, opened the Meeting of Participants and welcomed participants. The pre-circulated Agenda for the meeting was agreed.

4. MINUTES OF THE 2013 MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS

The minutes of the 2013 Meeting of Participants, held in the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (Kardinal-Wendel-Haus), Munich, Germany, on Thursday 27 June 2013, were approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the Agenda.

INTERNAL BUSINESS PROCESSES

6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr Ann Matheson, Secretary-General, gave the report of the LIBER Executive Board for the period June 2013 to July 2014. The Executive Board had met on four occasions: on the final day of the Annual Conference in the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich, in June 2013; in Debrecen University and National Library, Hungary, in October 2013; in Senate House Library, University of London, in February 2014; and earlier that week in the National Library of Latvia, Riga. She outlined the Board's main priorities during the year 2013-2014: LIBER's professional work through its Steering Committees, Working Groups and LIBER Fora (Digital Cultural Heritage and Architecture); EU Projects and Advocacy (including the EC Copyright Consultation); sustaining the number of LIBER Participants; preparing the 2014 Annual Conference; and maintaining the LIBER Office in The Hague.

The number of LIBER Participants at June 2014 was 406, comprising institutional members: 372; organisational members: 9; associate members: 17; and individual members: 8. Thirteen awards were made from the Annual Conference Fund in 2014 (three could not be taken up= ten). The ten recipients were Giannis Tsakonas, University of Patras, Greece; Nóra Börzsönyi, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary; Guiseppe Vitiello, NATO Defense College, Italy; Adam Sofronijevic, University of Belgrade, Serbia; Mireia Perez, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain; Tatjana Timotijevec, National Library of Serbia; Dunja Legat, University of Maribor, Slovenia; Dr Nicoleta Roxana Dinu, National Library of Romania; Maria Zitnaska, Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information, Slovakia; and Dr Ivona Olariu, Association of the Universities, Research and Development Institutes and the Central University Libraries in Romania 'Anelis Plus (A+)', and the 'Mihai Eminescu' Central University Library, Iasi, Romania. LIBER's sponsors during the year 2013 to 2014 were: Gold Sponsors: Ex Libris; Elsevier; Springer; and Silver Sponsors: Ebsco; ProQuest; Tind Technologies. The 2015 Annual Conference would take place in London, UK hosted by Senate House Library, Imperial College Library and UCL Library Services, London, from Wednesday 24 June to Friday 26 June 2015, with the Excursion on Saturday 27 June 2015.

The Report of the Executive Board was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr Matthijs Van Otegem, LIBER Treasurer, gave his Report for the year 2013 to 2014. He reported that overall LIBER was a healthy and sustainable organisation. It relied on the annual contribution fee from LIBER Participants to maintain its efficient organisation through the LIBER Office in The Hague, although energetic efforts were made to draw in other income streams where this was feasible.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

7.1. LIBER ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FEE

Dr Matthijs Van Otegem, LIBER Treasurer, presented the proposal for an increase in the LIBER annual contribution fee with effect from January 2015, as had been outlined in the March 2014 and May 2014 LIBER Mailings to Participants. The proposed fees from 2015 were: Institutions: €495; (CEE reduced fee €245); Organisations: €495 (population of up to 1 million); €995 (between 1 and 25 million); €1.990 (above 25 million); (CEE reduced fee €245); Associates: €610 (CEE reduced fee €245); and Individual: €175. Following this increase, the LIBER annual contribution fee would remain stable until 2018.

Mr Marc van den Berg, Tilburg University Library, asked for some further information on the use to which the additional funding would be put. Dr Van Otegem explained that it was required to maintain

an efficiently functioning LIBER Office for Participants since EU funding could not be used for this purpose.

The proposal to increase the annual contribution fee as outlined was then put to the vote. The Meeting of Participants approved the proposal with three votes against and two abstentions.

8. LIBER ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2013 AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Annual Report and Accounts for 2013, and the Auditor's Report, had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. The Accounts for 2013 had been audited by Assist Registeraccountants B.V. Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, and had been approved by the Executive Board at its meeting in Riga on Tuesday 1 July 2014. The Annual Report and Accounts had been signed by the President, Treasurer and Secretary-General at the Board meeting in Riga on 1 July 2014, as required by the Statutes.

The Annual Report and Accounts for 2013, and the Auditor's Report, were noted by the Meeting.

9. LIBER FOUNDATION: APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBER EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr Matheson, Secretary-General, conducted the appointments to the LIBER Executive Board, in line with the Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of the LIBER Foundation (*Stichting*). The Call for Nominations had been pre-circulated in the November 2013, February 2014 and May 2014 mailings, as required by the Rules and Regulations. The appointments were dealt with in order:

President

Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland, proposed by Dr Paul Ayriss, UCL (University College London), London, UK.

Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen was appointed President of LIBER by the Meeting of Participants.

Vice-President

Ms Jeannette Frey, Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire (BCU), Lausanne, Switzerland, proposed by Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland.

Ms Jeannette Frey was appointed Vice-President of LIBER by the Meeting of Participants (one abstention).

Board Member (3 Vacancies)

(1) Dr Martin Hallik, Tartu University/Tartu University Library, Estonia, proposed by Ms Jeannette Frey, BCU, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dr Martin Hallik was appointed a member of the LIBER Executive Board by the Meeting of Participants.

(2) Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Göttingen University Library, Germany, proposed by Professor Dr Norbert Lossau, University of Göttingen, Germany.

Dr Wolfram Horstmann was appointed a member of the LIBER Executive Board by the Meeting of Participants.

(3) Mr Martin Svoboda, National Technology Library, Prague, Czech Republic, proposed by Dr Márta Virágos, Debrecen National and University Library, Hungary

Mr Martin Svoboda was appointed a member of the LIBER Executive Board by the Meeting of Participants (two abstentions).

Re-appointments to the Executive Board (3):

(1) Dr Matthijs Van Otegem, Erasmus Rotterdam University Library, The Netherlands (Treasurer)

(2) Mr Julien Roche, Université Lille 1, France (Chair, Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library)

(3) Mr Wilhelm Widmark, Stockholm University Library, Sweden (Chair, Steering Committee on Advocacy and Communications)

Dr Matthijs Van Otegem, Mr Julien Roche and Mr Wilhelm Widmark were re-appointed to the LIBER Executive Board by the Meeting of Participants.

TRANSFER OF THE LIBER PRESIDENCY

The transfer of the Presidency from Dr Paul Ayris to Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen took place. Dr Ayris expressed his thanks to everyone associated with LIBER and wished Ms Hormia-Poutanen every success in her Presidency. Ms Hormia-Poutanen thanked LIBER Participants for appointing her to the Presidency of LIBER, the 11th LIBER President and the first female President. Said that it was a great honour to serve LIBER as President, and she looked forward to working with the LIBER Executive Board and with LIBER libraries. She outlined her aims for her Presidency. Her focus would be on collaboration with LIBER libraries and listening and responding to their needs. The implementation of the present Strategic Plan 2013-2015 would continue and be evaluated, and the planning for the next Strategic Plan would be started with the active involvement of LIBER libraries. LIBER's fruitful collaboration with the European Commission would continue, and it was hoped to involve more LIBER libraries in EU projects. LIBER was also actively building strategic alliances and would continue to form such alliances: currently, Memoranda of Understanding had been signed with CENL, CERL, COAR, EBLIDA, EIFL and SPARC Europe, and one was in preparation with IFLA.

The Meeting of Participants warmly thanked Dr Paul Ayris for all his work for LIBER during his time as President, and welcomed Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen as the incoming President.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

10. LIBER STRATEGY 2013-2014 – AN OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS

Dr Lacunza presented her Report, which had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER mailing. She outlined present progress on the Plan for 2013-2015 at this halfway point: this was a point to reflect on the success of the Plan and to evaluate its results. She proposed that the Strategy should be evaluated on an annual basis commencing in the coming year. The three key performance areas were scholarly communication and research infrastructures; reshaping the research library; and communications and advocacy. Her role was primarily as 'co-ordinator' of the LIBER Strategy, which needed to fit together holistically and in an integrated way. The key driver was a collaborative approach to implementing the Strategy with the involvement of more partners.

The Report on the LIBER Strategy was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11. LIBER STRATEGY ACHIEVEMENTS

11.1. SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION AND RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

Dr Wolfram Horstmann, Chair of the Steering Committee on Scholarly Communication and Research Infrastructures, presented his Report, which has been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. He outlined the main activity: facilitating exchange of experience and views on topics such as research data management (RDM) and scholarly communication in libraries through a working group; follow-up on the ten recommendations issued in July 2012; developing a systematic approach to sharing 'lessons learned': LIBER Case Studies on RDM in libraries -11 studies launched at LIBER14 - <http://libereurope.eu/committee/scholarly-research/research-data-management-case-studies/> (topics were institutional strategies, national infrastructure and services, training of staff); exploring competency profiles in support of e-research and scholarly communication: COAR, ARL, CARL, LIBER collaborate in a task force; and establishing collaboration and strengthening the visibility of libraries in the Research Data Alliance (RDA).

In terms of skilling for RDM, a Task Force on 'Competencies for e-Research and Scholarly Communication' was engaged on collaboration of COAR, ARL, CARL and LIBER; descriptions of job profiles/skills sets had been developed and would be reviewed by an international committee; the first results had been presented at conferences in spring/summer 2014 (CNI Spring Meeting, Open

Repositories 2014, LIBER 2014); and how collaboration with other parties could be extended, in particular to LIS schools, was currently being explored. The Steering Committee workshop at the Annual Conference had presented various approaches for the development and application of skills in RDM support pilots and services, as well as the perspective of LIS education. Practical examples and advice had been offered with the aim of encouraging workshop delegates to build on this and share their own experiences. Dr Horstmann invited those interested in the Steering Committee's work to contact him (horstmann@sub.uni-goettingen.de).

The Report of the Steering Committee on Scholarly Communication and Research Infrastructures was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.2. RESHAPING THE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Mr Julien Roche, Chair, Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library, presented his Report, which had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. He outlined the chairmanship arrangements over the last year: Mr Kurt de Belder had chaired the Steering Committee until he stepped down in February 2014 and Dr Paul Ayris had been Acting Chair from February to 30 June 2014, when Mr Roche had been appointed as Chair. The Secretary was Cécile Swiatek, and the other Committee members were Jeannette Frey (Chair of the Working Group on Digital Collections); Marc Martinez (Chair of the Working Group on Rankings); Julien Roche (Chair of the Working Group on Leadership and Workforce Development) and Ulla Nygren (Chair of the Working Group on Research and Education).

Mr Roche reported briefly on each Working Group's progress: the Working Group on Research and Education had just been established and its action plan would be implemented from September 2014, and more information would be provided in future LIBER mailings. The Working Group on Rankings had produced proposals for implementing library indicators in U-MultiRank but since these had not been successful so far, it had been decided to discuss the strategy at the Steering Committee meeting in Riga and a revised strategy would be implemented from September 2014, with the aim of proposing revised indicators and discussing them with the European Commission. The Working Group on Leadership and Workforce Development was concentrating on two main initiatives: the Leadership Seminar (the second Seminar would be completed in Riga in July 2014, and a new Seminar would be initiated at the 2015 London Annual Conference); and a new initiative aimed at experienced Library Directors, the 'Leadership Journées', which would take place at the Sciences Po, Paris, from 20 to 22 May 2015. The group would comprise about 20 Directors and high level international speakers, including well-known Directors, CEOs and leaders from European and other libraries, and speakers from academic and business/private sectors would be involved.

The Report of the Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.2.1. WORKING GROUP ON DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Ms Jeannette Frey, Chair of the Working Group on Digital Collections, outlined the main topics to be covered by the Working Group, which had been transferred from an earlier proposal for a Forum on Digital Collections to a working group under the umbrella of the Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library. The new Working Group would deal with the following aspects of digital collections: legal and technical challenges; whether rights management should be handled by the library itself as a publisher; semantic Web issues to address crowdsourcing, use and reuse of the data by users; the need for automation to process the huge amounts of data; and the need for automation of workflows necessary in order to manage digital collection with staff available. A meeting would be arranged in autumn 2014 to discuss these issues and decisions would be taken on the actions required.

The Report of the Working Group on Digital Collections was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.3. ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr Wilhelm Widmark, Chair, Steering Committee on Advocacy and Communications, presented his Report, which had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. He noted that two new

groups had been set up during the year: a Web Task Force; and a Copyright Working Group. He drew attention to the new LIBER website and to the reworked LIBER logo, which retained its essential elements but with a freshened up appearance.

The Steering Committee proposed to establish Ambassadors to LIBER in countries where LIBER did not have Board members. More information would be posted on the LIBER website and anyone interested was invited to contact the Chair (wilhelm.widmark@sub.su.se).

Mr Kolding Nielsen noted that CENL had a Copyright Working Group headed by Mr Ben White, UK. Mr Widmark confirmed that the LIBER Copyright Working Group was already in touch with the CENL group.

The Report of the Steering Committee on Advocacy and Communications was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.4. FORA REPORTS

11.4.1. DIGITAL CULTURAL HERITAGE FORUM

Dr Claudia Fabian, Chair, Digital Cultural Heritage Forum, presented her Report, which had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. She referred to the Forum's LinkedIn (473 members) [Heritage Collections and Preservation](#) (a LIBER sub-group); and gave the link to the Forum on the LIBER website: <http://libereurope.eu/digitalculturalheritageforum/>. The 3rd LIBER Workshop on Digital Curation had been held in Vienna in May 2014. The programme and power point slides were available at <http://liber2014.univie.ac.at/>; and a summation of the workshop was available at <http://libereurope.eu/blog/report-libers-3rd-digital-curation-workshop/>. The Forum's aims were to identify and stimulate collaboration in digital cultural heritage projects; improve the Forum's presence on the LIBER website; liaise with Expert Groups on manuscripts, maps and security issues, organisations such as IFLA, Europeana and TEL, and projects such as DM2E, Europeana Cloud, etc.; beginning planning the 4th Digital Curation Workshop (2016); work with UNESCO's Content Working Group on their Digital Roadmap for long-term access to digital heritage (along with [IFLA](#) and many others); plan a workshop on research data management at the 2015 LIBER Annual Conference in London (presentations by younger members of the library profession that have an interest in research data); and involve more LIBER members in the Forum's work. She drew attention to a number of future events: Rare Books and Manuscripts Section's IFLA Satellite Conference in Lyon on 18 August 2014 on 'Brave New World: Teaching and Learning Special Collections Librarianship'; the 6th Manuscripts Expert Group Conference in the Royal Library, Copenhagen, 9-11 October 2014 on 'Digital and Traditional Manuscripts: Managing a Great Migration'; and the CERL Annual Seminar at the National Library of Norway on 28 October 2014 on 'The Application of Text Encoding Facilities to Digital Versions of European Early Books.

The Report of the Digital Cultural Heritage Forum was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.4.2. ARCHITECTURE FORUM

Dr Ulrich Niederer, Chair, Architecture Forum, presented his Report, which had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. He drew attention to the LAG Database, a digital resource for new library buildings in Europe, which was now available at <http://liber-lag.techlib.cz>. It included a wide range of projects for library buildings which had been gathered for the LIBER Architecture Group Seminar in 2012. The aim was to provide mainly librarians and architects with a wide range of case studies.

The Report of the Architecture Forum was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.5. LIBER'S EU PROJECTS

Ms Susan Reilly, Advocacy and Projects Manager, presented her Annual Report, which had been pre-circulated with the May 2014 LIBER Mailing. She reported on PASTEUR4OA (Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research), which was aimed at the coordination of open access policies across EU in line with EC recommendations (<http://www.pasteur4oa.eu>); and FOSTER

(Facilitate open science training for European research), which was providing train the trainer training resources, workshops and platform with a focus on H2020 compliance, and its website was available at <http://www.fosteropenscience.eu>. LIBER was also active in advocacy for text and data mining, and she outlined the main actions over the last two years. In February 2013, there had been the Licences for Europe Stakeholder consultation on text and data mining for scientific purposes; an open letter had been sent to the European Commission signed by 60 European research organisation, followed by withdrawal in May 2013; in February 2014 LIBER had sent a Response to European Copyright Consultation; and in March 2014, LIBER had produced a discussion paper on the new Elsevier policy for TDM; and on 1 July 2014, LIBER had sent an open letter (available for consultation at <http://libereurope.eu/news/european-research-organisations-call-on-elsevier-to-withdraw-tdm-policy/>) to Elsevier asking them to withdraw their text and data mining policy. She requested the meeting's assistance in disseminating the letter widely in European countries.

The Report on EU Projects was approved by the Meeting of Participants.

11.6. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no questions from the floor.

12. INVITATION TO THE 2015 LIBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON, UK

Ms Hormia-Poutanen welcomed Ms Christine Wise, Senate House Library, and Ms Chris Banks, Imperial College Library, London, who gave a short video presentation and warmly welcomed everyone to the next Annual Conference in London in 2015. The dates of the 2015 LIBER Annual Conference would be Wednesday 24 June to Friday 26 June 2015, with the Saturday excursion on the following day, 27 June 2015. The Annual Conference would be co-hosted by Senate House Library, Imperial College Library and UCL Library Services, London, UK.

Mr Andris Vilks, Ms Dzintra Mukāne and Ms Viktorija Moskina of the 2014 Riga Conference Organising Committee, handed over the LIBER flag to Ms Christine Wise and Ms Chris Banks for the 2015 Annual Conference.

On behalf of the LIBER Executive Board and all the members of LIBER, Ms Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen, President of LIBER, thanked Mr Andris Vilks, Director of the National Library of Latvia, and all his colleagues for a most enjoyable Annual Conference in the splendid new National Library building. LIBER was honoured to be the first international Conference hosted in the new Library. Special thanks were due to all the members of the Organising Committee in Riga and, in particular, to Ms Dzintra Mukāne and Ms Viktorija Moskina for all their work in preparing the Conference. The Meeting of Participants showed its warm appreciation by loud and sustained applause for the Conference Hosts.

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Secretary-General

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