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RESHAPING THE RESEARCH LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

Summary

The Steering Committee has four Working Groups:

1. **Digital Collections.** Chair: Jeannette Frey, BCU, Lausanne, Switzerland, succeeded by Andreas Degkwitz, Humboldt University Library, Germany. This Group works on libraries' requirements (organisational, financial, technological) to address the increasing need to publish, manage and preserve digital collections.
2. **Rankings.** Chair: Marc Martinez, Université Jean Moulin Library, France. This Group works on advocating for library indicators to be included in university and research and education rankings.
3. **Leadership and Workforce Development.** Chair: Julien Roche, Université Lille 1, France. This Group works on developing training to foster the leadership skills of librarians in senior management positions. The Leadership Development programme has been running since 2011.
4. **Research and Education.** Chair: Ulla Nygrén, Turku University Library, Finland. This Group works on positioning research libraries as a key partner in supporting research and education.

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

GOAL 1: Digital Collections WG

STATUS: in progress

SUMMARY:

A workshop will be held on the morning of 24 June 2015 during the LIBER Annual Conference in London, entitled 'Digitisation of Current Newspapers in European Libraries'. A European survey of the general public accessibility of current digitised newspapers is in progress. The questionnaire has been sent to libraries focusing on the digitisation of newspapers, such as national and regional deposit libraries, libraries with large newspaper collections, etc. The National Library of Norway is running and evaluating the survey. The results are expected in autumn 2015.

GOAL 2: WG on Rankings WG

STATUS: activity transferred

SUMMARY:

Given the lack of success so far in trying to include some indicators connected to libraries in UMultirank, it has been decided to take a broader approach to research libraries' value assessment by including in the scope the European Commission Open Science initiative, which could provide a fruitful approach for a research-oriented set of indicators. A decision has been taken to transfer this activity to the Scholarly Communication and Research Infrastructures Steering Committee.

GOAL 3: Leadership and Workforce Development WG

STATUS: done

SUMMARY:

The Working Group's two main actions are:

- The Leadership seminar 'Emerging leaders' – London (2015) and Helsinki (2016)
- The 'LIBER Journées' for Directors (2015)

Leadership Seminar ‘Emerging Leaders’ – London Session (2015)

In 2011 LIBER launched an ambitious two-year international LIBER leadership development programme for high-level librarians in a second tier position. The programme has been rerun in 2015, with 22 candidates selected. The leadership seminar is now part of the LIBER brand.

The 2015-2016 Seminar programme is divided into four parts:

- A first session in London (21-23 June 2015), with courses, hosted by UCL
- A year for tutorship, supervised by skilled members of the WG
- Action Learning during the year between the two courses
- A second session in Helsinki (June 2016), with courses and shared experience.

The ‘LIBER Journées’ for Directors (2015)

LIBER is running a new leadership initiative in addition to the leadership seminar: a LIBER Leadership Programme for library directors themselves. Twenty people worldwide though mainly from Europe will participate. This new programme for LIBER libraries focuses on global strategy and the role of the library leader in reshaping the research library, one of the strategic goals of LIBER. It will take place in Sciences Po, Paris, 20-22 May 2015.

GOAL 4: Research and Education WG

STATUS: in progress

SUMMARY:

A survey will be conducted on the use of LibQUAL+ in LIBER libraries (use, advantages and drawbacks); and will also collect best practices and ideas on how LIBER libraries evaluate research and education services/customers' views.

A workshop on this topic is expected for the LIBER 2016 Annual Conference.

Julien Roche
Chair
Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library

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