



ANNUAL REPORT (2015-2016)

NAME OF FORA: LIBER Architecture Group

CHAIR: Ulrich Niederer

- **SUMMARY**

The LIBER Architecture Group met four times in the past two years in order to organise its 18th seminar, which was hosted by the University of Freiburg Library. It took place from 12 to 16 April 2016 and had 130 participants, many librarians, but also a sizeable number of architects and building project managers. The pre-seminar tour included visits to two libraries in Strasbourg; participants had further opportunities to visit libraries on the first and second day of the seminar, among which an in-depth visit accompanied by presentations on the new Freiburg University Library.

The Group again published its documentation of new library buildings throughout Europe, this time online only; it is open access and can be downloaded via the Group's or the LIBER Architecture Forum websites. Furthermore, the Group discussed ways of maintaining and keeping the database hosted by the Czech National Library of Technology in Prague.

- **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

GOAL 1: Seminar in April 2016 in Freiburg, Germany

STATUS: Achieved

SUMMARY: See above – the seminar 'Get Involved – Future Proofing Your Library through Dialogue' was held in Freiburg, Germany, hosted by the University of Freiburg Library, from 12 to 16 April, 2016. It attracted 130 participants.

See the programme: <https://blogs.ub.uni-freiburg.de/liberlag2016/>; the presentations will soon be accessible from this site and from the Group's website.

GOAL 2: Publication of a documentation of new library buildings in Europe

STATUS: Achieved

SUMMARY: The documentation includes new library buildings throughout Europe. It was published online, and it is available as an open access publication.

See the documentation at <http://liber-lag.techlib.cz/>

GOAL 3: Sustain the future of the database of new library buildings

STATUS: Partly achieved

SUMMARY: The database is up and running, but its long-term future is not yet quite clear. The group will prepare an in-depth discussion for its autumn meeting 2016 to consider all options and decide how to proceed.

See at <http://liber-lag.techlib.cz/>.

- **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

The LIBER Architecture Group will start to organise its next seminar, the 19th, which will take place in spring 2018; place and venue have not yet been determined.



- **INVITATION TO JOIN AND HOW TO SEND FEEDBACK TO THE SC**

The seminars of the LIBER Architecture Group are announced on the Group's website as well as on the LIBER website. Information about the next seminar in 2018 will be published in autumn 2016. Please contact Ulrich Niederer, Chair, Sylvia van Peteghem, future Chair, or any of the Group members for further information (names and contact details: <http://147.88.230.242/liber-lag/lagemm.htm>)

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

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Chair
LIBER Architecture Forum

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