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LIBER QUARTERLY ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

The Journal

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

- 25-1: published on 18-08-2015 with 1 article and 1 review paper
- 25-2: published on 04-12-2015 with 3 articles
- 25-3: published on 08-02-2016 with 2 articles
- 25-4: published on 01-04-2016 with 1 article, 1 review paper and 1 case study
- 26-1: in layout, will be published beginning of June with 2 review papers and 1 case study

The total number of pages published in volume 25 was 204 (exactly the same as in volume 23). Since last year's report, we received 22 submissions (vs. 18 the year before), with the following results:

- 12 accepted
- 5 rejected
- 5 under revision or still in review

(These numbers do not include some submissions that were immediately rejected, because they were out of scope, nor four papers already received for a special issue that will be published in honour of Pat Manson.)

From Google Analytics we can see that during 12 months (from 1 May 2015 to 30 April 2016) the journal website received 47,198 visits (previous year: 39,909) from 37,486 visitors (previous year 31,677), who looked at 89,681 (86,342) pages. By comparison with the previous year, these numbers present an increase with respectively 18.25% (visits), 18.34% (visitors) and 3.87% (pages). This led to 1,505 article downloads. We can get an idea about the international interest for the journal from the top 10 countries (with respective session numbers): USA (6,443), India (4,500), UK (3,356), Kenya (2,303), Netherlands (2,127), Philippines (1,532), Germany (1,393), Australia (1,364), Canada (1,272) and Malaysia (1,082).

Since last December the journal has been published with the new web look from the software developed by Ubiquity Press. Article level statistics (see example below) are now available and are continuously updated. All papers have now also an official DOI-number, and users can add comments to a paper, or start a discussion.

833 Views	97 Downloads	
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1 Example of article level statistics (paper by L. Lyon, as of 25 May 2016)

The Editorial Board

The Editorial Board met in London on the occasion of LIBER's Annual Conference in 2015. The main items discussed during this meeting were:

- The Invitation to Tender (ITT), where the Board recommended accepting the offer from Igitur (which in the mean time changed its name to Utrecht University Library Open Access Journals (Uopen)).
- The Agreement between LIBER's Executive Board and the Editorial Board.
- Membership of the Editorial Board: Paul Ayris was accepted as a new member.

During the year, the Editorial Board agreed through e-mail exchanges to introduce a new section for "Case Studies", and the criteria for accepting papers in this category were laid down.

Further Activities

- The managing editor of LQ has again contacted at this early stage the authors of accepted talks at the Annual Conference (in Helsinki), 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 Editorial Board will meet during the Helsinki Annual Conference. Since two members of the Board have asked to be relieved from their duties (Raymond Bérard and Hans Geleynse), the composition of the Board will certainly be a point on the agenda.

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