

LIBER Mailing May 2017

Reshaping the Research Library Steering Committee

## **WG on Leadership and Workforce Development**

LIBER Journées

The second LIBER Journées, one of LIBER's key strategic initiatives within its leadership development programme, took place successfully at Sciences Po in Paris between 17th and 19th May 2017. The Programme was designed for Library Directors who are already in leadership positions in their institutions and who are looking ahead at delivering strategic change as libraries and institutions redefine themselves in an ever changing information and social environment. The specific theme of the second LIBER Journées was Transformation and Library Directors leading transformational and strategic change in their institutions.

Once again, the LIBER Journées attracted eminent speakers from across the world (Europe, North America and Asia) together with 19 Library director participants from 14 different countries, including 3 from the USA and 1 from Canada.

The speakers, the majority of whom stayed for the whole event, were: Alain Beretz (Director General for Research and Innovation in France), Sarah Thomas (Vice President for the Harvard Library and the Roy E. Larsen Librarian of Harvard College), Bruno Patino (Dean of the School of Journalism, Sciences Po, and Digital Services Director at France Télévision), Marc van den Berg (Deputy Director General of the National Library of the Netherlands), Wolfram Horstmann (Director of Gottingen State and University Library); Caroline Brazier (Chief Librarian at the British Library) and Peter Sidorko (University Librarian at the University of Hong Kong).

The strategic discussions and debate were moderated by the Chair, Professor Norbert Lossau (Vice President at the University of Gottingen) who once again devoted three days to this event and led conversations around multi-faceted leadership through positioning, political awareness, knowing the University agenda, gathering the necessary intelligence, creating space for innovation and more. Norbert was ably supported by two facilitators, Elliott Shore (Executive Director, ARL) and Liisi Lembinen (Development Director, University of Tartu, and graduate of the first LIBER Journées in 2015), by the collective team effort of the LIBER Leadership and Workforce Working Group and by Francois Cavalier and his team at Sciences Po.

As outputs of the LIBER Journées there will a report which will be presented to LIBER and can feed into the developing LIBER strategy for 2018-22 as well as filmed interviews with the chair, the speakers and members of the organizing team.

## Emerging Leaders

The second strand of the Working Group's work has been the preparation for the 4th Emerging Leaders Programme that will commence prior to the LIBER Conference in Patras in July. 26 candidates from 13 different countries have been selected and are looking forward to the Leadership seminar to be led by Jan Wilkinson (University Librarian, University of Manchester) and Roger Fielding (Roger Fielding Consulting Limited).

## **WG on Digital Collections**

All preparations for the IFLA satellite meeting, which takes place with LIBER and others on August 15 - 17 in Berlin, are running pretty well.

Registrations are possible further and welcome via the following site:

<https://dh-libraries.sciencesconf.org/>

Lotte Wilms and Andreas Degkwitz worked as chairs on the launch of the new working group "Digital Humanities" during the LIBER conference in Patras.

The setup of the working group has been forwarded by the mailing list of the group, which includes more than 30 members actually. Now the both chairs are working on the group's site. The launch of the working group will be done on a workshop in the morning of July 5 in Patras. We expect quite a number of interested colleagues. The workshop program will be published soon.

## **WG on Research and Education**

Workshop in Patras:

The WG had to give up the Workshop in Patras this year, due to the fact, that more members of the WG was not able, or not allowed, to go to Patras for economical or other reasons.

We had planned a Workshop on the "sum up" of results from the Libqual Survey, and we had different angles, results and viewpoints, we would have liked to share.

Now we will try to find out other ways to present some of the results – articles, WG Web, ect. ,and some of the results we would like to discuss further in a new WG on "future skills for library staff in research libraries"

We are right now in the process of distributing a survey on "follow up on the Libqual survey" – in order to get more information on "follow up" and what happens after a survey is performed. The things we learn from the Libqual and the Survey on Surveys, we would like to present on a workshop next year in Lille.

## FUTURE Plans

In the WG we have discussed, and agreed on, that we would like to propose a WG on “future skills”

The whole library world is changing rapidly these years. This we have discussed for many years, but now the burning platform is near, and we think it is high time to make recommendations and get ready for the future now.

LIBER, with the broad European network is the right organization to address the question, and we believe we can put together a strong group of key persons, who will be interested in discussing and working with the question.

We would like to connect with the Hub for Digital Skills & Services and the European commission Digital Competencies WG.