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LIBER HONORARY STATUS MR HANS GELEIJNSE

At its October 2015 meeting in Barcelona, the LIBER Executive Board agreed unanimously that LIBER should grant Honorary Status to Mr Hans Geleijnse, former President of LIBER, for his outstanding contribution to the work of LIBER.

Under Section 2 of LIBER's Rules and Regulations, the Executive Board is authorised to grant LIBER Honorary Status, in the terms specified below:

Art. 2.2.4 *The Executive Board can grant Honorary Status to individuals with the approval of the Meeting of Participants.*

The Executive Board wishes to seek the approval of LIBER Participants for the conferment of Honorary Status on Mr Hans Geleijnse. The President of LIBER would like the official conferment to take place during the Meeting of Participants at the LIBER Annual Conference in Helsinki in 2016. Formal approval will be sought at the Opening of the Meeting of Participants.

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Mr Hans Geleijnse, formerly of Tilburg University Library and the European University Institute Library, Florence, was Vice-President of LIBER from 2003 to 2006, and President of LIBER from 2007 to 2010.

During his term as President, in line with the agreement of LIBER members and the then Executive Board, Mr Geleijnse steered the transition of LIBER from its previous home in the Royal Library, Copenhagen, to The Hague, in order to bring the LIBER Secretariat into closer association with those of other similar organisations already located in The Hague. He oversaw all the preparations for the transfer, including the transition of LIBER from an Association set up under the Swiss Civil Code to a Stichting (Foundation) under Dutch law. He was much involved in the professionalisation of LIBER and, specifically, with the preparations for LIBER to employ an Executive Director for the first time. LIBER's first Executive Director was recruited during Mr Geleijnse's term in office.

Mr Geleijnse has also had a particular interest in LIBER's potential role in leadership programmes for staff in European research libraries. After the end of his term on the Executive Board, he has continued to be actively involved in the implementation of LIBER's very successful leadership programmes, in association with Mr Julien Roche, Chair of the Steering Committee on Reshaping the Research Library, up to summer 2015.

If you have any comments, please contact Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen (hormia@helsinki.fi) and/or Ann Matheson (a.matheson@tinyworld.co.uk).

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