



Annual Conference Survey 2017

I Key Findings

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2017 conference survey (53% of the 340 delegates gave feedback). The main findings are listed below and will be used to improve the 2018 Annual Conference in Lille, France.

Our conference in Patras scored an overall Approval Rating of 94.3% - the highest since LIBER's 2012 conference in Tartu, Estonia. Delegates particularly enjoyed the warm welcome given by the local hosts.

"I would like to compliment the team at the University of Patras for the warmest of welcomes and their hard work. The standing ovation at the end of the conference was richly deserved, and it attests to their commitment, personality, drive and energy in delivering an excellent conference."

The highest ranking keynote speech 'Scholarly Communications for the 21st Century: Towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Future' was given by Ms Kathleen Shearer, Executive Director of COAR.

All keynotes and conference highlights can be viewed on the conference Vimeo channel¹.

2 Top Parallel Sessions

The 10 most highly rated Parallel Sessions were as follows. This list, with presentations, can also be found on the LIBER website².

1. Digital Humanities Clinics – Leading Dutch Librarians into DH. Lotte Wilms, National Library of the Netherlands. Michiel Cock, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Ben Companjen, Leiden University.

COUNTER Standards for Open Access: The Value of Measuring/the Measuring of Value. Joseph Greene, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Adoption and Integration of Persistent Identifiers in European Research Information Management. Rebecca Bryant and Annette Dortmund, OCLC

2. Text and Data Mining : Making the Most of a Copyright Exception. Julien Roche, University Lille 1. Rob Johnson, Research Consulting.

3. Applying Bourdieu's Field Theory to MLS Curricula Development. Charlotte Nordahl Wien and Bertil Fabricius Dorch, The University Library of Southern Denmark.

4. TIB AV-Portal: Semantic Content Mining with Semi-Automatic Metadata Editing. Felix Saurbier, German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB). Jörg Waitelonis, yovisto, Germany.

5. The Perks and Challenges of Drawing Maps and Walking at the Same Time – Lessons learned by Stockholm University Library Management. Birgitta Hellmark Lindgren and Wilhelm Widmark, Stockholm University Library.



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1. <https://vimeo.com/liber2017>

2. <http://libereurope.eu/blog/2017/09/19/top-10-presentations-from-liber-2017>



6. From Open Access to Open Data: Collaborative Work in the University Libraries of Catalonia. Mireia Alcalá & Lluís Anglada (CSUC).

7. LibChain – Open, Verifiable and Anonymous Access Management. Juan Cabello, Peter Janacik, Gerrit Janßen, Tim Jungnickel and Alexander Mühle. TU Berlin, Germany.

8. The Role of Libraries in the Adoption of Research Data Management. Ingeborg Verheul, SURFsara. Jacqueline Ringersma, Wageningen University & Research.

9. Growing a Culture for Change at The University of Manchester Library. Penny Hicks, The University of Manchester Library, United Kingdom.

The GND initiative 2017-2021: Developing a Backbone for the Web of Cultural and Scientific Data. Jürgen Kett; Sarah Hartmann, German National Library, Germany.

10. Knowledge Exchange Consensus: Monitoring of Open Access Publications and Cost Data. Dr Birgit Schmidt, Goettingen State and University Library. Michael Svendsen, Royal Danish Library. Christian H. Thomasen, Knowledge Exchange, Denmark.

3 Feedback

Survey respondents suggested a number of improvements for future Annual Conferences, including presentations from a more geographically diverse range of participants and an emphasis on more engaging and interactive presentations.

In order to address these and other comments received during previous events, a meeting was recently held with members of the LIBER Office, the Conference Programme Committee and the hosts of LIBER 2018 in Lille and LIBER 2019. The result was a list of new initiatives and changes to make the conference more dynamic. These will be introduced in 2018.

4 What's Next?

We appreciate your feedback and will take it into consideration as we plan the 2018 Annual Conference in Lille, France.

If you would like to provide further feedback on the 2017 Conference, this survey or LIBER in general, please email the LIBER Office: liber@kb.nl.

For more information on the 2017 Annual Conference, please see: <http://liberconference.eu>.