Dear LIBER colleagues,

This year LIBER is to launch its sixth international **Emerging Leaders** development programme - **a high level seminar for the next generation of senior leaders in European Research libraries.**

This LIBER programme is aimed at ‘emerging leaders’; people who are already in senior management positions, but who wish to do more to enhance their leadership qualities in preparation for the step up to the next big challenge – that of taking responsibility for leading an organisation through changing times.

**The Emerging Leaders Programme is divided into four parts**:

Due to the current pandemic situation we have different solutions for the first seminar, and will provide either an online, hybrid, or live version.

* A first seminar from the 6th – 8th of October 2021 to be hosted by the Royal Library of Belgium, together with coursework;
* A year for mentorship, including a professional training placement at the mentor's library (for a period of one week);
* ‘Action Learning’ during the year between the two courses;
* A second seminar at the venue where the LIBER conference will take place in 2022[[1]](#footnote-1), with coursework and discussions about shared experiences.

Together with this letter, I have attached a summary of the first session, including:

* a strategic presentation of the Emerging Leaders development programme;
* the goals of the leadership seminar;
* a short programme outline;
* important information for candidates and libraries;
* an application form.

You can also find these documents on the [LIBER website](https://libereurope.eu/working-group/liber-leadership-programmes-working-group/).

Candidates must apply **before the 1st of April 2021** via email to: LIBER-WG-LEADERSHIP@LIST.ECOMPASS.NL.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the seminar.

Best wishes,

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1. *To be announced in March 2021, the venue will be in Europe.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)