



LIBER JOURNÉES 2022: STRATEGIC VISION

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About the LIBER Journees

The LIBER Journées will bring 20–25 library directors together with eminent global speakers for a stimulating, interactive and strategic programme, addressing major challenges that face us all. The underpinning theme will be “Leading Libraries in the World of Openness”. The focus will be on the role of the Director in leading library services and provision in rapidly changing digital, research and educational environments and within a developing trend towards shared – and even outsourced – services.



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Strategic Issues & Opportunities

At the heart of the LIBER Journées will be strategic issues and opportunities that challenge and motivate us all. For instance:

- What does openness mean for the library and how can we lead our libraries in the world of openness?
- What is the role of a library and its leaders in a shifting world of instant information, changing scholarly communication, big data digital content and openness?
- What is the library's role in an increasingly digital shared services environment?
- What value does the library bring to people when dealing with information in the future, for instance, academics, students, journalists, entrepreneurs, citizens?
- How are libraries identified as ethical and scientific information services, and viewed as future key providers by: the university, researchers, lecturers, students?
- How do we manage the image shift between traditional perceptions of libraries and librarians and their leading role with access to open, reliable and high-quality information in the future?
- What are the libraries stakeholders and decision makers scope of expectations, when libraries are singled out of many services?
- How do we strengthen networks and dialogue with academic decision makers, researchers and educators?
- What are the key roles of the library and library staff within for supporting research projects during they whole life cycle?
- Is it all about demonstrating values and advocacy or more about political nous, business acumen, thought leadership and sitting at the top table?
- How can we take advantage of trends in innovation and inspiration to embed libraries more effectively in academic projects and transformations in order to deliver a better information service for the benefit of all?
- How do library leaders participate in shaping and modelling the future of academic research and education through developing high quality and open information services?
- Will COVID-19 advance Open Science?



Chair & Facilitators

Norbert Lossau, Vice President of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, will act as Chair of the LIBER Journées. He will be present throughout the three days and will ensure cohesion, interaction and participation by all.

Two facilitators will also contribute to the smooth running of the seminar: Catriona Cannon, Librarian and Programme Director, Library Transformation Programme, University of London and Najmeh Shaghaei, Head of Library, Campus Sønderborg University Library of Southern Denmark.

Speakers

The Journées will be divided into eight sessions led by eminent speakers from the information, library, cultural or business world, from Europe and beyond. Each speaker will focus on specific strategic questions, relating their presentations to the library environment and key challenges. Presentations will be followed by facilitated debate, discussion and analysis. Break-out sessions will focus on issues that participating directors have flagged up in advance of the LIBER Journées and will synthesise the outcomes of the sessions and the strategic questions addressed.

Speakers:

- Benedikt Fecher, Head of Research Programme “Knowledge & Society”, Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin – Germany
- Mark E. Hauber, Harley Jones Van Cleave Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – USA
- Liz Jolly, Chief Librarian, British Library, London – United Kingdom
- Eva Mendez, Deputy Vice President for Scientific Policy, The Universidad Carlos III de Madrid – Spain
- Roxanne Missingham, University Librarian, Australian National Library, Canberra – Australia
- Anja Smit, University Librarian, Utrecht University, Utrecht – The Netherlands
- István Szabò, Vice President for Innovation and General Affairs of the National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Budapest – Hungary
- Ann Thornton, University Librarian and Vice Provost, Columbia University, New York – USA



Ground Rules

LIBER Journées is organised around a tailored scientific programme (not a series of briefings, lectures and presentations). The focus will not be on the personal development of directors, skills, tools and methods, or operational matters (apart from practical examples that may illustrate strategic matters and challenges). Participants are expected to be fully present: undistracted by emails and messaging and with phones on silent.

Social Programme

There will be a dinner organised by our hosts on the first evening. On the second evening, a LIBER Journées dinner will be organised at the Academy Club Restaurant, Palace of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Working Language

The proceedings, presentations and discussions will be carried out in English. Good communication skills in English are therefore necessary.

Hosts

- István Monok, General Director, Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian of the Academy of Sciences, Budapest – Hungary
- Dóra Gaálné Kalydy, Deputy Director General, Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest – Hungary



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Organising Committee

- Andreas Brandtner, Programme Director LIBER Journées; Director, Freie Universität Berlin Libraries, Berlin – Germany
- Dóra Gaálné Kalydy, Deputy Director-General, Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest – Hungary
- Hilde Van Kiel, Chair LIBER Leadership Programmes Working Group; Director, KU Leuven Libraries, Leuven – Belgium
- Astrid Verheusen, LIBER, Executive Director; the Hague – the Netherlands
- Liisi Lembinen, Development Director, University of Tartu Library, Tartu – Estonia
- Catriona Cannon, Librarian and Programme Director, Library Transformation Programme, University of London – United Kingdom
- Najmeh Shaghaei, Head of Library, Campus Sønderborg University Library of Southern Denmark – Denmark
- Viktoria Vas, Group leader, Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest – Hungary

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