Strategic Direction: Innovative Scholarly Communication

Working Groups:

- Innovative Metrics
- Open Access
- Innovative Peer Review
- Copyright & Legal Matters
- Educational Resources
- Citizen Science
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Strategic Priorities:

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Main outcomes:

- Creating and sharing knowledge about innovative metrics through a series of workshops and webinars
- Open access publishing workshops, webinars, and blog posts; publication of ‘Four Urgent Recommendations for Open Access Negotiations with Publishers’; participation in the Think.Check.Submit teaching tool development
- Due to – perceived – marginal interest in the subject, the Working Group was never activated
- Copyright blogs, capacity building, and projects; participation in the Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market development; involvement in the Secondary Publishing Rights model law
- Drafting plans to include support for education within LIBER’s scope and network
- Publishing ‘Research Librarians’ Guide to Citizen Science’; partnerships with SciStarter and the European Citizen Science Association; webinars within and outside the LIBER community

Unfulfilled goals:

- Innovating any metrics
- Creating as many landscape overviews and reports as originally planned
- The group never started so no goals were achieved
- All goals were achieved!
- Producing concrete results
- Developing templates and good practices for citizen science points of contact

Lessons learned:

- Working together was fun and rewarding
- More guidance and support from LIBER is necessary; working remotely can enhance productivity and networking
- Innovative peer review should be made more central to the LIBER network
- LIBER should be flexible in who it welcomes to Working Groups irrespective of their affiliation
- Setting clear goals and having a Chair who can invest enough time is important when starting a new Working Group
- Managing a volunteer-based group is challenging so team development is important

Expected future developments:

- Innovations to peer review processes and qualitative research assessment
- European copyright amendments in support of education and research
- Open access is constantly evolving and will face further changes in practices and policies
- Working on open textbooks
- New platforms encouraging innovative forms of peer review; data science will help checking the innovation rate within this field
- Citizen science will become more present in science and science literacy programmes