



Minutes of the Meeting of Participants at LIBER 2023: Budapest

Wednesday 5 July 2023

1. Formal Opening of the Meeting of Participants

The 2023 Meeting of Participants was opened by LIBER President Julien Roche as part of the LIBER 2023 Budapest Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 5 July.

Thursday 6 July 2023

2. Opening Remarks

Julien Roche welcomed the attendees to the Meeting of Participants taking place on Thursday 6 July 2023.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of Participants held in July 2022

LIBER Secretary-General Anja Smit presented the [Minutes of the 2022 Meeting of Participants](#), which were subsequently approved by the Meeting of Participants.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

INTERNAL BUSINESS PROCESSES & STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

5. LIBER Annual Account 2022 and Auditor's Report

LIBER Treasurer Hilde van Wijngaarden presented the [2022 LIBER Annual Account and Auditor's Report](#), which were subsequently approved by the Meeting of Participants.

6. LIBER Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Julien Roche presented the [2022 – 2023 LIBER Annual Report](#), which was subsequently approved by the Meeting of Participants.

7. LIBER Sustainability Proposal

Hilde van Wijngaarden announced the LIBER Supporting Membership as explained in the [Sustainability Proposal](#). She then took participants' questions about the implementation of the Supporting Membership and about keeping LIBER's membership fees as affordable as possible. Suggestions about the duration of a Participant's Supporting Membership commitment and the possibility for current Participants to sponsor aspiring Participants' LIBER memberships will be taken under advisement.

More information about the implementation of the Supporting Membership will be published in the next months.





8. LIBER Articles of Association Amendment

Anja Smit presented the proposed changes to the LIBER Articles of Association ([MoP23.8a](#), [MoP23.8b](#), [MoP23.8c](#) & [MoP23.8d](#)). She then answered participants' questions, explaining that after approving the proposed amendments, LIBER Institutional and Organisational Participants are required to reside in Council of Europe member states. This will not affect Associational Participants, who can still be located in non-member states. LIBER will also remain open to other types of collaboration with organisations from non-Council of Europe member states.

The Meeting of Participants subsequently approved the Articles of Association Amendment by the required majority of at least two-thirds of the votes.

9. LIBER Rules & Regulations Amendment

Anja Smit announced the changes to the Rules & Regulations as explained in the [Rules & Regulations Amendment](#).

10. LIBER Executive Board Reappointments

Anja Smit asked the Meeting of Participants to ratify the [Executive Board reappointments](#) of Anja Smit, Hilde van Wijngaarden, Birgit Schmidt, Andreas Brandtner, and Heli Kautonen. The Meeting of Participants subsequently ratified the reappointments.

11. LIBER Executive Director

Julien Roche thanked LIBER's former Executive Director, Astrid Verheusen, and welcomed her successor, Martine Pronk.

12. Questions from the floor

There were no questions from the floor.

13. Invitation to the 2024 LIBER Annual Conference hosted by the Cyprus University of Technology Library, Limassol from 3 to 5 July 2024.

Julien Roche invited the Meeting of Participants to the 2024 LIBER Annual Conference, taking place from 3 to 5 July 2024 in Limassol, Cyprus. LIBER 2024 will be hosted by the Cyprus University of Technology Library.

Anja Smit, LIBER Secretary-General

August 2023



NOTE ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS

Under the Statutes of the LIBER Stichting, the Meeting of Participants is the equivalent of an Annual General Meeting, at which LIBER Participants (i.e. Members) assemble to receive information about the operation of the LIBER organisation, including its Annual Report and Accounts, and have an opportunity to question the LIBER Executive Board and its Officebearers, discuss policies and make suggestions to the Board. Appointments to the LIBER - Executive Board are also made at the Meeting of Participants. The papers for the Meeting of Participants are issued with the LIBER May Mailing. All Annual Conference delegates are welcome to attend the LIBER Annual Meeting of Participants. Voting rights are, however, reserved to LIBER Participants. A Dutch Stichting cannot have members or levy a membership fee, and so a Member= a Participant; a membership fee=an annual contribution fee; and the Annual General Meeting= Meeting of Participants.