



LIBER ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS:
TRONDHEIM, 2 JULY 2026

**LIBER EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS &
APPOINTMENTS JULY 2026**





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Executive Summary

In 2026, there are (3) vacant LIBER Executive Board positions. The Meeting of Participants is requested to review the profiles of six candidates for (3) vacant positions for the LIBER Executive Board. In response to an open Call for Nominations (see ANNEX I), first published in December 2025, six candidates applied. All candidates are employed at a LIBER participant organisation. The election process will take place on-site during the LIBER Annual Conference 2026 on 1 and 2 July 2026. Official representatives of LIBER participant institutes or their proxy have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidates. In addition to their application, all candidates have been given the opportunity to voluntarily contribute a short video to support their candidacy. This additional material will be disseminated when available via the LIBER website.

Executive Board Vacancies

Voting procedure

The election for the LIBER Executive Board seats will be held during the LIBER Annual Conference 2026 in Trondheim, Norway. As part of LIBER's commitment to transparent [governance](#), these voting procedures outline the steps and rules for the elections, ensuring that all eligible LIBER participants with voting rights can participate. The following voting procedures apply:

- Eligibility to vote: Only LIBER Participants with voting rights in either the institution or organisation categories are entitled to vote. More information on LIBER membership can be found [here](#).
- One vote per member: Each eligible LIBER participant with voting rights, either institutional or organisation categories, may cast one vote in the election.
- Voting method: The voting process will officially open at the LIBER Annual Conference 2026 in Trondheim, Norway. The Secretary General will provide participants with practical instructions on the voting method.
- Proxy voting: Voting will take place onsite during the conference. If an institution is unable to attend, it may appoint a proxy delegate to vote on its behalf. A form for delegating your voting rights to a proxy will be included in the mailing sent in June. You will receive additional information, including an email notification sent to LIBER@libereurope.org, inviting you to assign a proxy delegate.
- Results and appointments: Votes will be tallied, and results announced during the conference.

Terms in service

[LIBER Executive Board Members](#) serve a 2-year term and can be reappointed for one additional term. Members of the LIBER Board actively participate in various roles, including serving as Steering Committee Chair for one of LIBER's strategic goals. For more information on the 4 responsibilities of the LIBER Executive Board and the terms of service, please refer to the provided [link](#).



Criteria for elections

To ensure strong and inclusive leadership, LIBER has established clear criteria for individuals wishing to stand for election to the Executive Board. Candidates must be affiliated with a LIBER member institution or organisation. They may be nominated by their institutions or by another LIBER institution, provided that the candidate has given consent. Self-nominations are welcome as long as they are supported by a nominating institution.

In addition to formal eligibility, candidates are expected to demonstrate a genuine commitment to LIBER's mission of strengthening Europe's research libraries. Experience in areas such as open science, digital innovation, scholarly communication, library leadership, and emerging fields in the library landscape is highly valuable, as these contribute actively to LIBER's strategic priorities.

LIBER places a strong emphasis on broad representation and encourages nominations that reflect the geographic, cultural, and professional diversity of its membership. In particular, nominations from underrepresented regions and from professionals at earlier stages of their careers are encouraged, helping to ensure that the Board comprises a wide range of perspectives that advance the [mission and values of LIBER](#).

Overview of Candidates

Name	Institution	Title	Country
Claudia van Oppen	Maastricht University	Director University Library	The Netherlands
Jedrzej Lesniewski	Wrocław University of Science and Technology	Library Director	Poland
Katja Hilska-Keinänen	National Library of Finland	Director of Services	Finland
Liz Jolly	University College Cork	University Librarian	Ireland
Salome Rohr	CERN	Scientific Information Service Group Leader	Switzerland
Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean	Essib	International Relations Officer	France



ANNEX 1

2026 Call for Nominations (3) Executive Board Members



2026 Call for Nominations to LIBER's Executive Board

Are you a passionate research librarian who is committed to advancing the work of research libraries across Europe? Are you interested in LIBER's work and have ideas for shaping the organisation's future strategic priorities?

In 2026, there will be three vacancies in the [LIBER Executive Board](#), and we hereby invite LIBER members to nominate candidates for the Board. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a dynamic and active group of library professionals, to network, exchange best practices and share your expertise with library leaders within Europe and globally. The appointments will be made during the Meeting of Participants in July 2026.

LIBER Executive Board is composed of senior library professionals from our member institutions. Our board members are active in setting LIBER's strategic priorities, advancing the organisation's mission to enable world-class research and committed to furthering and advocating the work of European research libraries.

LIBER Executive Board Members serve a 2-year term and can be reappointed twice. LIBER Board Members are active in several roles, such as Steering Committee Chair for one of our strategic goals.

In 2026, the role of Vice-President will become vacant. Following the [Statutes, Rules and Regulations](#) of LIBER, the current LIBER Executive Board can appoint a Vice-President from among its members. For the year 2026, this role will be appointed by the current LIBER Executive Board and hence the candidate will not be selected from the 2026 nominated candidates.

Are you interested to read more about the role of LIBER's Board Members, please take a look at our [Join the Board](#) page.

Nomination Process

Board Member Appointments are open to nominated candidates in all current LIBER Libraries from the Institution and Organisation categories. Candidates may be proposed by the nominee's home library or by another LIBER library. The consent of the candidate should be obtained by the proposer in all cases before a nomination is submitted. Candidates from current LIBER libraries can also nominate themselves with the support of a proposer.

LIBER aims to be inclusive, representing participating libraries and organisations across Europe. Nominees from areas that are not represented in the LIBER Board are invited and therefore particularly welcome, including nominations from younger candidates. This call is issued in accordance with the [Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of the LIBER \(Stichting\) Foundation](#).

Completed nominations on the [Nomination Form](#) should be returned to the Secretary-General by email (anja.smit@dans.knaw.nl). The closing date for Nominations is Friday, 15 May 2026 at 23:59 CEST.

Timeline



Nominations open	26 November 2025
Nominations close	15 May 2026, 23:59 CEST
Board members start their term	3 July 2026

Additional questions

If you have any questions about the Executive Board Nominations 2026 or if you would like further information, please send your inquiry to LIBER Secretary-General Anja Smit at anja.smit@dans.knaw.nl.



ANNEX 2

Applications



1. Application: Claudia van Oppen

Curriculum Vitae

Name Dr. Claudia van Oppen
E-mail address c.vanopppe@maastrichtuniversity.nl



Work Experience

Feb 2023 - current

Director University Library (UB) Maastricht

- Leading Library Management team and 120 employees.
- Strategy & policy development & implementation; scientific information @ the core for research and education.
- Responsible for the academic library services for MUMC+, Academy of Midwifery (Hogeschool Zuyd) and Open University (OU).
- Education support: digital learning- and test environment, 3000 learning spaces.
- Diverse research services & support: Open Science.
- Information-, digital- and data literacy trainings.
- Member of UKB, cooperation of Dutch University libraries and National library.
- Coördinator Local Digital Competence Centre @ UM.
- Advisory Board Thematic DCC Social Science & Humanities.

May 2022 - Jan 2023

Acting-Director University Library Maastricht

- Development and implementation Strategy 2022-2026 "Towards the Academic Library of the Future".

Oct 2020 - Apr 2022

Deputy-Director University Library Maastricht & Manager Department Research Support & Development (RS&D)

- +/- 30 Fte.
- research services; research intelligence, scholarly publications, Open Science, UM Graduate School training program.

Service Integrator Research Data Management at UM

- Development & integration of diverse services: Datastewardship services, Databrokership services, Research IT & Data Science methodology in collaboration with diverse (UM) service providers.

Jan 2017 - Sep 2020

Managing Director Institute of Data Science Maastricht University

- Start up and management in collaboration with Distinguished Professor Michel Dumontier.

- Oct 2015 - Dec 2016 **Managing Director Business Intelligence & Smart Services Research Institute (BISS)** *Brightlands Smart Services Campus, Heerlen.*
- Start up and management Research institute; University of applied sciences, Open University and Maastricht University.
- Jan 2012 - Sep 2015 **Manager Business Development and Knowledge Transfer UM**
- Start-up & development Brightlands Smart Services Campus, triple helix initiative.
- Jul 2011 - Dec 2011 **Managing Director a.i. Graduate School SBE UM**
- Jun 2007 - Jun 2011 **Founder and Manager SME Portal Maastricht University**
- Sep 2000 - Aug 2002 **Junior Lecturer Marketing, Organization & Management**
School of Business and Economics, Maastricht University.

Education

- Jan 2022 **International Data Management Professional Certification, Associate level** *Dama International.*
- Feb 2021 **Service Integration Management (SIAM): Professional level**
- 2016 Personal Leadership program Topvrouw.nl.
- 2014 Academic Leadership program UM.
- Sep 2002 - Jul 2007 **PhD Internet Marketing Maastricht University**
- Doctoral Thesis “From Rags to Richness: A Structuration Perspective on Interactional Richness and Its Impact on Customer Evaluations of Online Experiences”.
- Sep 1995 - Aug 2000 **MSc. Business Economics Maastricht University**
- *Master Thesis* The Loyalty Monitor: An empirical research in Belgium, the Netherlands, in collaboration with Vlerick-Leuven Gent Management School, Carlson Marketing Group.
- Sep 1989 - Aug 1995 **VWO Stella Maris College Meerssen**

Other

- 2024 **Chair Jury KNAW Dutch Data Award**
- 2024 **Jurymember HackaLOD Nationaal Digitaal Erfgoed (NDE)**
- Current **Supporter and volunteer at diverse associations**
- 2005 - current From idea to product: www.geboortekoekjes.nl

Maastricht, 14-5-2026

Dear LIBER Secretary-General,

I would like to express my sincere interest in becoming a member of the LIBER executive board to help shape the future of the LIBER association as libraries are nowadays even more than ever a critical factor in the knowledge infrastructure of our society. Academic libraries provide access to and share scientific information which is crucial for education, research and further development of knowledge and expertise.

Contributing to the LIBER association to build a future-proof network of Libraries aligns with my ambition to facilitate knowledge transfer to support excellent education and research with the aim to create added value for students, staff, and various regional and (inter)national partners. For me, this role feels like a great opportunity to apply my experience and expertise with regard to scientific information, library services, education, research, data, knowledge transfer, strategy development and leadership within the inspiring context of LIBER Europe.

My curiosity, entrepreneurial attitude, and ambition have led to a career in which I have always taken on new challenges, with a strong focus on knowledge development and transfer, digitization, and data. I have co-developed and implemented various UM-wide initiatives aimed at distinctive and innovative research and education. In doing so, I have gained extensive experience in organizing and managing the organization and the associated supporting processes. In these roles, I have worked closely with various internal and external stakeholders in different networks.

In my current role as Director of the University Library Maastricht, I lead the transformation towards the academic library of the future, in which digitization plays a major role in making scientific information available, accessible, and (re)usable for education and research. The implementation of this strategy is partly shaped through the development of services and support in the area of Open Science, the digital learning and assessment environment, various trainings regarding information, digital and data skills, and the physical library environment including innovative study spaces. The transformation towards the library of the future requires not only strategic insight but also academic sensitivity and the ability to collaborate with various internal and external stakeholders and involve them in the associated change processes.

Colleagues appreciate my ability to critically analyse complex issues, translate my vision into concrete plans, and present them clearly to various audiences. But what, according to them, truly sets me apart is my talent for connecting people. They indicate that in an academic environment where collaboration is essential, I create bridges between colleagues, departments, and ideas. Although I am results-oriented and have a strong drive to achieve my goals, I will not lose sight of the importance of the organization as a whole.

Thank you very much for taking my application into consideration, looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Dr. Claudia van Oppen

Dear Secretary-General,

This is to express my full support for the nomination of Claudia van Oppen as new member of the LIBER Executive Board. As Director of the Maastricht University Library, Claudia has shown the vision and leadership that has shaped our library in the past few years. At Maastricht University she is leading, together with her team, the transition towards the library of the future, setting strategic priorities in an at times complicated environment with many stakeholders involved. Given her expertise, experience and true ability to connect people, Claudia would be an excellent addition to the current Executive Board of LIBER. I wholeheartedly recommend her as a candidate for this position.

Jan Smits



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2. Application: Jędrzej Lesniewski

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Professional Profile

I am Director of the Library of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, with nearly two decades of experience in academic libraries, library strategy, digital transformation, research information, copyright, cultural heritage, and national-level library cooperation. My professional background combines library and information science, law, intellectual property, and research communication.

Since 2015, I have held senior management responsibility for the Library of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, first as Deputy Director of the Centre for Scientific and Technical Information, and since 2021 as Director of the Library. My leadership has focused on modernising library services, strengthening the university's research information infrastructure, expanding access to digital collections, and positioning the library as an active partner in research, education, Open Science, and institutional development.

I have contributed to national and international expert bodies, including the IFLA Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage, the Scientific Council of the National Library of Poland, the Conference of Directors of Academic Libraries of Higher Education Institutions in Poland, and expert initiatives related to copyright reform, digital library services, and international visibility of Polish science.

Professional Experience

Director, Library of Wrocław University of Science and Technology

Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Poland, 2021–present

- Strategic and operational leadership of the university library.
- Transformation of library services in line with the needs of a research-intensive technical university.
- Strengthening the library's role as a partner in research support, research information, digital collections, and academic services.
- Author of the development programme for the Library – Bibliotheca Nova.
- Member of the EWAL evaluation team, responsible for the concept and implementation of data flows from the university to the national POL-on system for the evaluation of research quality.

Deputy Director, Centre for Scientific and Technical Information

Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Poland, 2015–2021

- Strategic development and optimisation of the university's library and information system.
- Integration of library services with institutional research information processes and digital infrastructure.

Library of Wrocław University of Economics, 2007–2014

- Development of research information and library services.
- Co-development of the concept of the Repository of Information and Knowledge.
- Co-creation and organisation of the European Documentation Centre and Economic Information Centre.

Education

PhD in Social Sciences, Communication and Media Studies

University of Wrocław, 2022

Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Protection

University of Warsaw, 2011

Master's Degree in Law

University of Silesia in Katowice, 2007



Master's/Bachelor's Degree in Library and Information Science

University of Silesia in Katowice, 2005/2003

International experience: Leonardo da Vinci Programme fellow, legal professional placement in Birmingham, UK (2007); Erasmus student, University of Turin, Italy (2005)

National and International Roles

- Member, IFLA Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage, 2023–2025, 2025–2027
- Member, Working Group on the Evaluation of Research Libraries, National Library Council, Poland, 2025–2029
- Vice-Chair, Executive Council of the Conference of Directors of Academic Libraries of Higher Education Institutions in Poland, 2016–2021; 2021–2024
- Chair, Lower Silesian Digital Library Consortium
- Member, Scientific Council of the National Library of Poland, 2018–2024

Expert and advisory roles

- Auditor, Perspektywy Foundation – International Visibility Project.
- Member, Consultative Council for the National Library of Poland's OMNIS e-service.
- Expert, Electronic Information for Libraries – Implementing Copyright Reforms in Poland.
- Editorial Board Member, *Polish Libraries*, an English-language peer-reviewed journal of the National Library of Poland.

Digital Transformation, Cultural Heritage and Access to Knowledge

Management and coordination of externally funded digitisation and access-to-knowledge projects with a total value exceeding PLN 1 mln. These initiatives supported the preservation and online availability of scientific, architectural, historical, photographic, journal, and doctoral dissertation collections from Wrocław University of Science and Technology.

International Projects and European Cooperation**Unite! Widening – Raise Excellence in R&S&I in HEI for Widening Countries**

Engagement in activities within Unite! Widening project, supporting the adoption of Open Science practices and policies at the university and contributing to the European context of capacity building for Widening countries, including preparing “Unite! white paper. A new University Open Science and Innovation Strategic Roadmap for Widening Countries”, 2024.

OPTIMA – Open Practices, Transparency and Integrity for Modern Academia

Contribution to an international project supporting Open Science practices, transparency, and research integrity in modern academia.





Wrocław University of Science and Technology

Library of Wrocław University of Science and Technology

Wrocław, May 7th 2026

Mr Julien Roche

LIBER President

Dear President Roche!

I am pleased to submit my candidacy for election to the LIBER Executive Board.

A research library is often described by what it provides: access, collections, services, expertise.

I would like to describe it by what it makes possible.

It makes research more visible. It makes knowledge more open. It makes heritage more accessible. It helps a university move from good intentions to working systems.

This is the perspective I would bring to LIBER: the perspective of a library leader who works at the point where strategy becomes practice.

I am Director of the Library of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, one of Poland's major technical universities. Since 2015, first as Deputy Director and later as Director, I have been responsible for developing library services in a rapidly changing research environment. My work has focused on transforming the library from a support unit into an active institutional partner in research information, digital access, Open Science, and academic development.

My background combines library and information science, law, intellectual property, and communication and media studies. This combination has shaped the way I approach library leadership: not as a single professional domain, but as a bridge between researchers, systems, policy, rights, infrastructure, and public access to knowledge.

At Wrocław University of Science and Technology, this has meant concrete institutional work. I have contributed to the optimisation of the university's library and information system, authored the library development programme Bibliotheca Nova, and helped connect library services with research information processes. As a member of the university's evaluation team, I was responsible for the designing and implementing data flows from the university to the national POL-on system for research quality evaluation. This experience showed me very clearly that libraries can make complex research systems more coherent, more transparent, and more useful.

The same logic guides my work in Open Science. Through our university's involvement in Unite! Widening project, I have worked on a simple but demanding question: how do we turn



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European Open Science ambitions into habits, services, and decisions inside a university? Our Unite! white paper. A new University Open Science and Innovation Strategic Roadmap for Widening Countries gives us the European frame. At Wrocław University of Science and Technology, we translated it into institutional action by creating the Library's Open Science Department – a place where researchers can move from “I know I should be more open” to “I know how to do it in my project.”

This is why LIBER matters to me. LIBER works on the questions that define the future of research libraries: openness, digital capacity, rights, skills, research support, trustworthy infrastructures, and the strategic position of libraries in universities. These are not abstract themes in my work. They are the everyday substance of institutional transformation.

I would bring to the Executive Board a Central European perspective rooted in the realities of a research-intensive technical university in Poland. I believe this perspective is important for LIBER's future. Widening countries like Poland are not only places where European strategies need to be implemented. They are also places where those strategies are tested, adapted, and made practical. They show what works when ambition must meet limited resources, organisational change, and real researcher needs.

My professional roles have prepared me for Board-level responsibility: Vice-Chair of the Executive Council of the Conference of Directors of Academic Libraries of Higher Education Institutions in Poland, member of the Scientific Council of the National Library of Poland, member of the IFLA Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage, Chair of the Lower Silesian Digital Library Consortium, and expert roles related to copyright reform, digital library services, and international visibility of Polish science. I understand that Board work requires preparation, judgement, discretion, and commitment to the whole community.

If elected, I would contribute especially in the areas where my experience is strongest: Open Science implementation, research information, research evaluation data flows, copyright and access to knowledge, digital libraries, cultural heritage, and the strategic development of library services.

For me, the key question is not whether research libraries are relevant. They are. The question is whether we are ready to claim their full strategic value.

I would be honoured to contribute to LIBER's Executive Board in answering that question with colleagues from across Europe.



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Warsaw, May 6th 2026

Mr Julien Roche

LIBER President

Dear President Roche!

It is my pleasure to support the candidacy of Dr Jędrzej Leśniewski, Director of the Library of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, for election to the LIBER Executive Board.

I have had the opportunity to know Dr Leśniewski through his cooperation with the National Library of Poland, including his service as a member of the Scientific Council of the National Library. This body brings together experts who understand not only the day-to-day responsibilities of libraries, but also their long-term public, scholarly, cultural, and strategic mission. I also value his earlier role in the co-organisation of IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wrocław, where, as a member of the Polish National Committee, he contributed to one of the most important international library events hosted in Poland in recent decades. In both these contexts, Dr Leśniewski has shown himself to be a thoughtful, reliable, and engaged colleague, with a clear understanding of the challenges facing modern research libraries.

What I particularly value about Dr Leśniewski is his ability to connect institutional leadership with a broader view of the library community. He brings the practical experience of directing one of Poland's major technical university libraries, but his perspective is never limited to a single institution. He understands that libraries are part of a larger knowledge ecosystem: they support research, preserve and provide access to heritage, help universities manage research information responsibly, and build services that make knowledge more visible, trusted, and reusable.

Dr Leśniewski's contribution is especially valuable because he approaches library leadership as a responsibility that extends beyond institutional management. He is attentive to the public role of libraries, to the importance of cooperation between institutions, and to the need for libraries to remain credible, useful, and forward-looking in a changing research environment. In my view, this is exactly the kind of perspective that strengthens a European professional network such as LIBER.

In national professional discussions, Dr Leśniewski is a constructive and balanced voice. He listens carefully, formulates his arguments clearly, and understands that progress in the library sector depends on trust, continuity, and the ability to bring different institutions into a shared conversation. He is not only interested in developing his own library; he is committed to strengthening the wider library community.

I believe this combination of experience, judgement, and collegiality would make him a strong member of the LIBER Executive Board. LIBER needs Board members who understand the

strategic future of research libraries, while also recognising the practical conditions under which that future must be built. Dr Leśniewski would bring a grounded, constructive, and forward-looking perspective, rooted in Central Europe and informed by the realities of a research-intensive technical university.

For these reasons, I am pleased to support Dr Jędrzej Leśniewski's candidacy and recommend him warmly for consideration.

Director General, National Library of Poland

Chair, Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL)



3. Application: Katja Hilska-Keinänen

Katja Hilska-Keinänen

M.Sc. Information Studies, 2007, Tampere University
M.Sc. Business Administration, 2020, LUT University



I am experienced manager and information specialist, currently working as a director of services for availability services in the National Library of Finland. My academic and professional interests cover wide variety of knowledge processes, information retrieval and dissemination, long-term archiving, metadata development, scientific communication and research environments. I'm keen to participate in the development of the future of information professionals and see the possibilities of AI and open science in this path.

Knowledge and skills

- vast experience and future thinking in the information services field
- developing and managing practices
- supporting and developing open science
- journalistic and academic writing

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Work experience

Director of Services, Availability Services
National Library of Finland
10/2024-

Manager of Information Services,
Finnish Environment Institute
12/2019-10/2024

Information Specialist,
Prime Minister's Office
10/2018-11/2019

Information Specialist, Archival Editor
Finnish Broadcasting Company 12/2013-
10/2018

Information Specialist,
Aalto University 10/2012-12/2013

Information Specialist,
Finnish National Health Institute
6/2011-10/2012

Research Assistant
Åbo Akademi 9/2009-9/2010

Information Specialist,
National Public Health Institute
10/2004-12/2007

**Program Information Management
Specialist**
Nokia Oyj 6/2004-10/2004

Information Specialist
Haaga Institute, 8/2003-10/2004

Varying academic tasks
Tampere University 1/2001-
Part-time teacher, tutor, research
assistant, etc., participating in many tasks
related to teaching and research.

Associations

The Finnish Research Library Association
(STKS), Board member 2019-
Vice president 2025-

IFLA; Government Libraries Section,
Standing Committee Member 2019-2023

Knowledge Management Society, Finland,
Board Member 2019-

Council of Special Libraries and Information
Services, Finland,
Board Member 2019-

Languages

Mother language Finnish. English as working
and academic language. Some Swedish,
Russian, Estonian, French, Spanish, Italian.

Hobbies

Powerlifting, jogging, swimming, reading,
long walks in the forest, building a summer
cottage, fishing, spending time with family
and pets.

Presentations and publications

Hilska-Keinänen, Katja & Nolvi, Tuomas (2018). The
archive publishing at Yle: Collaborating with
customers, networking with cultural institutions.
Paper presentation at FIAT/IFTA World Conference
2018 Venice, 12th October.

Hilska-Keinänen, Katja (2018): Reaching and
empowering audiences with archival publishing.
Paper presentation at the BAAC Conference 2018
Tallinn, 7th November.

Hilska, K. (2007). The effect of avian influenza in the
information service of the National Public Health
Institute of Finland. Paper presented in the Health
and Biosciences Satellite session of the IFLA
conference in Durban, South Africa, 18.8.2007.

Hilska, K. (2008). How wiki-intranet changes
internal communication? Paper presentation at the
EAHIL 2008 -conference in Helsinki, Finland, 23rd-
28th June 2008.

Hilska, K. (2008). How wiki-intranet changes
internal communication and how it affects
information sharing and knowledge creation in an
organisation? Poster presentation for doctoral
research project in progress. USE-2008 Conference,
Oulu, Finland, 23rd-25th June 2008.

Hilska, K. (2008). How wiki-intranet supports
knowledge sharing? Paper presentation.
Management'08 Conference, Cambridge, UK, 5th-
8th August 2008.

Hilska, K. (2008). Affordances of Organizational
Wikis for Internal Communication and Knowledge
Sharing. Presentation of a doctoral research project
in WikiSym DoctoralSpace. WikiSym 2008
Conference, Porto, Portugal, 8th-10th September
2008.

Hilska, K. (2008). The Implementation of a Wiki-
Intranet in a Health Sector Research Institute.
Poster presentation. WikiSym 2008 Conference,
Porto, Portugal, 8th-10th September 2008.

Articles or abstracts in professional journals

Hilska-Keinänen, K. (2020). Avoin tiede
tiedeneuvonnan edistämässä – tietopalveluiden
rooli. Informaatiotutkimus, 39(2-3), 68-71.
<https://doi.org/10.23978/inf.99070>

Hilska-Keinänen, K. (2009). Wiki as an Intranet.
Journal of the EAHIL, Vol. 5 (2), 6-7.

Katja Hilska-Keinänen is the Director of Services for Availability services in the National Library of Finland since October 2024. She has worked in the field of information services for over twenty years, gaining vast experience in different libraries and information services. Katja has also served as a Manager of information services in the Finnish Environment Institute. She is an active member in national associations.

Katja holds a Master's degree in Information studies from Tampere University and a Master's degree in Business Administration, Knowledge Management from LUT University. She is keen to participate in the societal discussion of our field and actively seeking opportunities to develop our profession.



Letter of Support for Katja Hilska-Keinänen's Candidacy to the LIBER Executive Board

I am pleased to express my strong support for Katja Hilska-Keinänen's candidacy to the LIBER Executive Board.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Katja Hilska-Keinänen for many years, beginning with our collaboration on the Board of the Finnish Council of Special Libraries and Information Services, and continuing more recently in the context of her role as Director of Services at the National Library of Finland, where she leads the production of digital services for Finnish libraries, archives, and museums. Throughout this time, I have come to deeply appreciate both her professional expertise and her personal qualities.

Katja Hilska-Keinänen has consistently been an active, insightful contributor in our shared work. She brings forward-looking and inspiring perspectives on the evolving role of libraries across all sectors—special, academic, and national alike—while strongly advocating for open access to reliable and trustworthy information.

Her colleagues, myself included, know her as approachable, collaborative, goal-oriented, and constructively ambitious. She combines strategic thinking with the ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders. Her broad experience and understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the scholarly information landscape would, I am confident, make her a valuable addition to the LIBER Executive Board.

I wholeheartedly support her candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

Heli Kautonen
Library Director, Turku University Library



4. Application: Liz Jolly

Liz Jolly

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- September 2018 to date **University Librarian**
University College, Cork
Strategic leadership of University library, special collection and skills services. Responsible to the Vice President Learning and Teaching for all Library services, staff and functions to meet the needs of the University, enabling and supporting learning, teaching and research, and scholarly communications. Contribution to University leadership via Academic Board and committees including those for Professional Services Leadership and People and Culture. Staffing establishment of 75 posts.
- September 2018 to June 2025 **Chief Librarian**
The British Library
Responsible to the Chief Executive for teams of delivering core activities including: collection development; services for researchers, learners, businesses and entrepreneurs; research strategy and digital scholarship; cross sectoral library partnerships (UK and international); cultural programme of exhibitions and events, and the Library's online presence. Staffing establishment of 800 staff.
- March 2017 to September 2018 **Director, Student and Library Services**
Teesside University
Contribution to the development of the University's overall vision and strategic objectives as a member of the Senior Management Team and Academic Board. Strategic leadership of University Student and Library Services including Disability Services, International Student Support, Student Funding Advisors; Advice and Guidance, Counselling, Student Equality and Diversity, Sport and Wellbeing, Chaplaincy, Library Services and Learning Skills Hub; staffing establishment of 231 posts (90.67 FTE).
- November 2008 - February 2017 **Director, Library and Information Services**
Teesside University
Strategic leadership of University Library and Information Services (Library Services and Learning Skills Hub); contribution to University leadership and management as a member of the University's Senior Management Team and Academic Board. Staffing establishment of 114 posts (57.39 FTE).
- February 2006 - November 2008 **Associate Director (Services and Operations), Information & Learning Services**
University of Salford
Strategy development as a member of the department Senior Management Team. Specific responsibility for the strategic development and management of customer facing services including: library operations and services; collections management; estate and space; integrated Service Desks (including all library and IT queries); University audiovisual and classroom support services, design and print unit; University telephony operations. Responsible for a Unit of 122 staff (108 FTE).
- September 2002 - February 2006 **Head of Customer Services, Information Services Division (ISD)**
University of Salford
- March 2001 - May 2002 **Deputy Head of Learning Support Services (Deputy University Librarian)**
University of East London
- July 1998 - March 2001 **Site Manager, Perry Library**
London South Bank University
- June 1997 - July 1998 **Learning Resources Manager, Redwood College of Health**
London South Bank University
- January 1993 - June 1997 **Media Resources Librarian**
University of Huddersfield

November 1991 - **Assistant Librarian, Business and Social Science Team**
 December 1992 **Leeds Metropolitan University**

February - **Temporary Assistant Librarian, Technical Services**
 November 1991 **Humberside Polytechnic**

September 1987 - **Graduate Trainee, Library**
 September 1989 **Manchester Polytechnic**

EDUCATION / QUALIFICATIONS

1976 – 1984 **The Latymer School, Edmonton, London N9**
 1981; 1984 9 'O' Levels; A' Levels: English Literature, Geography, History

1984 – 1987 **Manchester Polytechnic**
 1987 B.A. (Hons.) Historical Studies, Ili

1989 – 1990 **Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic**
 1990 Postgraduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies

Professional qualifications

1994 Chartered Member of CILIP, the UK Library Association (MCLIP)
 2007 Chartered Fellow of CILIP (FCLIP)
 2017 Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA)
 2018 Honorary Professor (Learning and Teaching), Teesside University
 2025 Visiting Professor, Dept. of Computing and Information Sciences, Strathclyde University

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

2014 - to date New Review of Academic Librarianship Editorial Board Member
 2014 - 2016 SCONUL Executive Board Chair (Elected)
 2018 - 2025 Institutional Observer at Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) and
 Conference of European National Libraries meetings
 2018 to date SCONUL Executive Board Member (Co-opted National Libraries Representative)
 2019 to date Times Higher Education Awards Judge
 2020 to date Governor, University of Portsmouth, and Audit and Risk Committee Member
 2021 to date British Academy Heritage Committee Member
 2025 to date Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

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 Future Directions in Uncertain Times*. In: Baker, David and Ellis, Lucy (eds.)
 Encyclopaedia of Libraries, Librarianship, and Information Science, vol. 1, pp. 1-5

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Available upon request

8th May 2026

Anja Smit
Secretary-General
LIBER
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2609 LK The Hague
The Netherlands

Dear Anja Smit,

I wish to apply for nomination to the LIBER Executive Board. As a graduate Chartered Librarian with over twenty-five years' experience in leadership roles in academic and research libraries, I am passionate about libraries and the benefits that they can bring to society, and I am excited about this opportunity to contribute to the work of LIBER at Board level.

I would bring to the role of Board Member a demonstrable record of professional leadership, and of driving change and innovation, as well as developing strategies and allocating resources to achieve this. My relevant experience, knowledge and skills, and personal qualities relevant to the role are set out below and please find attached my CV in support of my application.

Twenty first century libraries face a series of complex issues in a constantly evolving landscape, with rapid technological advancements and shifting societal norms. Ongoing challenges include the aftermath of a global pandemic, intellectual freedom, the sustainability of our planet and how this links to equity, diversity and inclusion. Libraries therefore are hybrid digital (including AI) and physical, in terms of content, space and support for research, learning and enjoyment. In an era of constant change and of mis- and dis-information, libraries will need to adapt continually and ensure that they enable their researchers, academics, students and the wider community to develop the digital and information literacies they need to thrive in a digital world. They will also need to ensure that staff and organisational learning and development, including working with its communities of academics and the broader public, are at the heart of its activities.

I have extensive experience in leading staff from differing professional backgrounds in a variety of organisational structures, including recruitment, deployment and development of team members, and in strategy development and delivery. Strategy development, putting learners and researchers at the heart of the library, has involved building relationships and working constructively with staff at all levels, including staff networks and Trades Unions and Board colleagues to develop high-level costed and prioritised work plans for delivery.

At the British Library and Teesside University, and now University College Cork, my commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and collaborative approach has been successful in developing shared understandings of the role of the academic and research Library in the 21st Century - and how we can better enable and support our users and widen access to information. At Teesside, feedback from Investors in People external assessors on our approach to strategy development and organisational change noted that the Library's approach to change management was 'excellent practice...which we recommend could be used as the template for corporate change management'. Collaborative approaches will continue to be a key element in the delivery of the

LIBER strategy, and it is imperative that Executive Board members play an active role in sharing these opportunities.

I understand the importance of commitment to active participation in LIBER as an Executive Board Member, both in terms of Board and Committee meeting and in the wider work of the organisation, as well as of being an ambassador for LIBER. I have a career-long record of contributing to the broader library and information profession and of professional advocacy. I was elected Chair (2014-16) of SCONUL, the UK and Ireland University and National Library Directors' organisation. My tenure was described by the Executive Director as: "Exemplary... setting the agenda for the sector and providing strong lead for the board to deliver". I learnt the importance of regular engagement with members through attendance at events, and conferences, regular newsletter and member surveys.

I have contributed to professional literature on key issues in the field of library leadership. I regularly contribute to national and international professional conferences and events. Throughout my career I have been an active member of CILIP (the professional body for UK librarians), including chairing the new professionals and University librarians special interest groups. I was a member of the steering group which developed the new framework for professional accreditation. In 2018 I chaired a national review of the concept of professionalism in librarianship. The review report positively re-stated the contemporary UK definition of librarianship, information and knowledge management as an open, inclusive and progressive profession. The definition is designed to inform and underpin CILIP workforce development strategies. The review required developing a close working relationship with CILIP's Chief Development Officer.

As Chief Librarian at the British Library I attended meetings of both the Conference of European National Libraries and the Conference of Directors of National Libraries as an Observer. I very much valued the opportunity to network with, and learn from, colleagues in Europe, and globally. In 2024 I was invited to present to the CDNL meeting in Brisbane on the human impact of the Cyber-attack on the British Library. I attended IFLA WLIC meetings annually on behalf of the British Library and was invited to contribute to a professional leadership development session in Brisbane.

I am aware of the importance of ensuring good governance through controls such as financial oversight, challenge relating to concerns, timeliness and declaration of conflicts of interest, and the importance of the partnership of the Board and Executive in delivering this. My role as a member of the Board of Governors and of its Audit and Risk Committee at the University of Portsmouth has given me further insight into this issue from the Board perspective.

If successful, I would bring commitment to LIBER's mission, vision, and values and to full participation in the role, as well as to working collaboratively with colleagues. I am excited by the challenge of a position where I can contribute to the delivery of the LIBER strategy for the benefit of European research and research libraries and for the public good.

Thank you for considering me for this role and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Jolly

8 May 2026

Re: Nomination of Liz Jolly to the LIBER Executive Board

Dear Secretary General,

I am writing on behalf of University College Cork (UCC) in Ireland, to confirm the University's strong support for the nomination of Liz Jolly, University Librarian at UCC, to the LIBER Executive Board.

UCC fully supports Liz's nomination. Should she be elected, the University will facilitate her full and active participation in the work of the Executive Board. We recognise the importance of LIBER's work with research libraries across Europe, and we would welcome the opportunity for UCC to contribute to that work through Liz's service.

Liz brings substantial senior leadership experience across academic and national library contexts. Before joining UCC as University Librarian, she served as Chief Librarian at the British Library and held senior leadership roles at Teesside University, the University of Salford in the UK, and other higher education institutions. Her work has included responsibility for research services, digital scholarship, collection strategy, library operations, student services, organisational change, as well as equity, diversity and inclusion, sustainability, and national library partnerships.

This breadth of experience is directly relevant to the work of LIBER's Executive Board. The Board has a central role in setting LIBER's strategic direction, supporting its mission, and representing the interests of research libraries in Europe. Liz would bring to that work practical experience of leading major library services, as well as a clear understanding of the pressures and opportunities facing research libraries now.

Since joining UCC, Liz has contributed strongly to senior-level discussions on the role of the Library in supporting learning, teaching, research, student success, and civic engagement. Her approach is grounded in the view that the Library is part of the University's academic infrastructure, and that it has an active role to play in shaping institutional priorities.

Liz also has a strong record of service beyond her own institution. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of CILIP in the UK and on the Board of Directors of CONUL, the Consortium of National and University Libraries in Ireland. She has also served as an elected Chair of the SCONUL Executive Board.

Liz's international experience is also relevant to this nomination. She has engaged with European and global library networks, including CENL, CDNL and IFLA, and has contributed to international events including IFLA WLIC, LIBER Journées, and invited international conferences. This gives her a well-developed understanding of the wider landscape in which research libraries are working.

I believe Liz would make a strong contribution to the LIBER Executive Board. She would bring experience, judgement, and a serious commitment to the future of research libraries. UCC is pleased to support her nomination and will support her participation should she be elected.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Paul McSweeney MRIA
Vice-President for Learning and Teaching



5. Application: Salome Rohr

Salomé ROHR

Email: salome.rohr@cern.ch



CERN, Scientific Information Service

January 2026-

CERN, Archives & Library

January 2023-December 2025

CERN, Library

October 2012-December 2022

Infothèque, Haute école de gestion de Genève

Academic library

September 2009-September 2012

Association vaudoise des archivistes (AVA)

March 2010-June 2011

Bibliothèque municipale de la Cité, Geneva

Public library

September 2007-October 2009

Bibliothèque de Genève

Public and academic library

August-October 2006

Archives & Plus SA, Geneva

Active in off-site records management and storage services

June-October 2008

WHO, Headquarter, Geneva

July-August 2007

Bibliothèque de Genève et Bibliothèque d'Art et d'Archéologie, Genève

Public and academic libraries

September 2005-June 2006

Formateur d'apprenti en entreprise

Obtained in 2012

Bachelor of Science HES-SO en Information documentaire

Obtained in 2009

WORK EXPERIENCE

Scientific Information Service Group Leader

Oversee the Archives & Library, and Open Science activities and projects; lead a team of around 30 members (position at 100%)

Archives & Library Section Leader

Oversaw the Archives & Library activities and projects; led a team of around 14 members (position at 100%)

Scientific Information Support Officer

Main tasks: acquisitions of books/e-books/journals, interlibrary loan service, book/e-book cataloguing and metadata curation, website management, library enquiry desk, supervision of library apprentices, diverse projects (position at 100%)

Bibliothécaire documentaliste archiviste

Main tasks: books and journals acquisition, loan and information desk, interlibrary loan, cataloguing and indexing, website management, user training, trainee supervision (position at 100%)

Consultant

Writing of a records management practical guide for the municipalities of the Canton of Vaud

Aide-bibliothécaire

Library Assistant

Adult section

(position at 20%)

Aide-bibliothécaire

Library Assistant

"Prêt à domicile" Service, "Libre accès" Sector

(position at 10%)

INTERNSHIPS

4 months internship

2 months internship in the "Records and Archives" Service

10 months internship

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Trainer of apprentice

OFPC (Office pour l'orientation, la formation professionnelle et continue), Canton de Genève

EDUCATION

Haute école de gestion de Genève

Salomé Rohr
CERN Scientific Information Service
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Switzerland

LIBER
Koninklijke Bibliotheek
(National Library of the Netherlands)
PO Box 90407 2509 LK The Hague
The Netherlands

Geneva, 30 April 2026

Dear Members of the LIBER Executive Board,

I am writing to express my strong interest in joining the LIBER Executive Board. With more than fifteen years of professional experience across libraries, and most recently in leadership roles at CERN, I am motivated to contribute my expertise, strategic perspective, and strong commitment to research libraries to LIBER's mission at a European level.

I currently serve as Scientific Information Service Group Leader at CERN, where I oversee the Archives & Library as well as Open Science activities and projects, leading a multidisciplinary team of around 30 staff members. Previously, as Archives & Library Section Leader, I managed the strategic development of these services and coordinated projects at the intersection of libraries, archives and research support. These roles have given me solid experience in governance, change management, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement within a large international research organisation.

Throughout my career, I have gathered experiences across a wide range of library and archives environments, including academic, public, and special libraries, as well as records management services. This diversity has strengthened my ability to understand the different realities faced by libraries, from operational challenges to long-term strategic priorities. My background in information science and my hands-on experience with metadata, collections management, digital services, and user support continue to inform my leadership approach.

A central focus of my current work is open science, including sustainable publishing models, open access, data stewardship, and long-term preservation. I strongly believe that research libraries play a key role in shaping an open, trustworthy, and inclusive scholarly communication ecosystem. LIBER's advocacy and coordination role in this area is therefore particularly meaningful to me, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to its strategic direction and partnerships.

In addition to my leadership responsibilities, I have been actively involved in professional training and knowledge sharing, including as a trainer for library and information apprentices. I value collaboration, community building, and professional development, and I see the LIBER Executive Board as a crucial platform for strengthening cooperation and collective impact among European research libraries.

I would be delighted to place my experience and commitment at the service of LIBER and its members. I am convinced that my profile, combining operational expertise, strategic vision, and experience in a large scale international research context, would allow me to contribute effectively to the work of the Executive Board.

Thank you very much for considering my application. I would be pleased to provide any additional information if required.

Yours sincerely,

Salomé Rohr



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Geneva, 30 April 2026

Letter of Support for the Candidacy of Salomé Rohr LIBER Executive Board

To the Members of the LIBER Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of **CERN**, as a member organisation of **LIBER**, to express my full support for the candidacy of **Ms Salomé Rohr** for election to the **LIBER Executive Board**.

In my role as Head of CERN's **Organisational Support and Improvement (OSI) Department**, I have overarching responsibility for strategic coordination of CERN's scientific information management and implementation of its open science strategy. As part of the OSI department, the **CERN Scientific Information Service (SIS)**, which includes the CERN Library, operates under the leadership of Ms Rohr as the responsible **Group Leader** and is responsible for the strategic direction and delivery of CERN's library and information management services.

CERN and LIBER share a strong alignment of values, notably in their commitment to openness, collaboration, and the long-term sustainability of scholarly communication. Under Ms Rohr's leadership, the CERN Library actively advances initiatives in **Open Access** and **Research Data Management**, areas of clear strategic importance for LIBER and for research libraries worldwide. These activities are closely integrated with CERN's broader open science strategy and international engagement.

Ms Rohr brings a combination of strategic insight, operational leadership, and strong engagement with the research library community. She has consistently demonstrated the ability to translate shared values into concrete, impactful action. I am confident that she would make a highly valuable contribution to the work and strategic direction of the LIBER Executive Board.

As such, it is my pleasure to fully endorse Ms Rohr's candidacy and support her election to the LIBER Executive Board.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Kohls
Head of the Organisational Support and Improvement Department
Member of the CERN Management Board



6. Application: Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean



Thomas CHAIMBAULT-PETITJEAN

Library curator

SKILLS

Management

- team leadership
- change management
- foresight and innovation
- ability to contribute effectively to a management team

Project Management

- project leadership
- teamwork
- team training
- analytical, synthesis, and problem-solving skills

Interpersonal Skills

- autonomous
- enthusiasm
- curiosity and open-mindedness
- strong communication and interpersonal skills

Technical Skills

- professional skills: integrated library management systems, monitoring tools
- learning platform
- office software, html (c2i certification)
- social media

TRAINING

• Enssib –training for Library curators

January – June 2026

• Enssib – Initial training for state librarians

November 2003 – October 2004

• University of Lille III Charles-de-Gaulle – Master's Degree

September 2000 – June 2001
Master of Library and information Science, specializing in Public Libraries and Media Centers: Highest Honors, valedictorian

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques (Enssib) - International Relations Officer

September 2021 – today

Member of the management committee, responsible for the design and implementation of the institution's international strategy, representation, agreements, project development, and event organization. Supervision of temporary staff and 1 staff member (B). Budget of €65,000 (€19,500 budget + €45,000 mobility grant) + project budget [e.g., 2023 Call for Proposals for the International Organisation of the Francophonie: Combating Disinformation – €25,185]

Enssib – in charge of Librarians' training

Septembre 2010 – août 2021

- **Head of the Initial Training Unit for Civil Servants** (Initial Training for State and City of Paris Librarians and Diploma for Library Curators) January 2016 – August 2021

Design and coordination of training programs (pedagogy and academics): 3 staff members (1A, 2B), budget of €256,200 in 2020,

- **Head of the Institutional Diploma for Operational Managers in Libraries and Documentation (COBD)** January 2012 – August 2016

Design of the training program (2012) then redesign (2014) to make it a distance learning program; Educational coordination: 1 staff member (B), budget of €14,000

- **Head of initial training for State and City of Paris librarians,** September 2010 – December 2015

Design and coordination of training programs (pedagogy and academics): 1 staff member (B), budget of €75,000

Enssib - Head of Digital Documentary Product Coordination September 2006 – August 2010

Coordination of documentary products, creation and coordination of the digital library, implementation of a professional monitoring system

University of Savoie Library - Digital Resources Manager

November 2003 – August 2006

Member of the management team, digital resources coordination, negotiations, document management

Châtenay-Malabry Public Library - Multimedia Services Implementation and Development Manager

September 2002 – October 2003

Member of the management team, planning and creation of the department: 2 staff members (C), budget, document acquisitions, programming and promotion, staff and user training

University of Lille III Charles-de-Gaulle Library - Monitor

September 2001 – July 2002

Public service, shelving, reception and information, document lending and returns, working group on integrating the library into the University Library

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

- **Library Curator** – May 2025
- **Senior Librarian** – February 2019
- **Public Librarian** – April 2003
- **State Librarian** – July 2002

LANGUAGES

- **English – Independent User**
reading – c1; writing – c1; speaking – c1
- **Spanish – Advanced User**
reading – b2; writing – b1; speaking – b1
- **Korean – Learner**
reading – a1; writing – a1; speaking – a1

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- **contributions to professional blogs**
2005-2015 - vagabondages
2014-2025 - légothèque
2019-2025 - lgbtq users sig
- **Hobbies**
reading, board games, video games, traveling
- **Sports**
Fencing (16 years in a club until 2012);
Swimming (club 2013-2020);
Gym
Badminton (club 2025sq)
- **Other Activities**
president of the residents' association (2017-present)

CONTACT

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PROFESSIONAL INVESTMENT

Elected Activities

Expert member of the LDG promotions evaluation committee (2022 onwards)
Representative of administrative and technical staff on the Board of Directors of Enssib (2006-2021); Representative on the Enssib CPE (2006-2008)

Participation in competitive examination boards

Public Librarian (2012); State Librarian (2016-2019); Senior Librarian (2020-2023)

Teaching Responsibilities

Head of courses (Enssib); internship and project management tutoring (Enssib); final examination boards (HEG Geneva), thesis supervision (Fribourg, Enssib); design and facilitation of FTLV internships (CRFCB, Enssib, Switzerland); VAE (Validation of Acquired Experience) application follow-up (Enssib)

Past and Current Association Activities

International french committee for Libraries (CFIBD): Assistant treasurer (2021-2024) then treasurer of the association (2024 onwards)

French Public schools Networks (RESP): Head and facilitator of the network's International Relations managers group (2023 onwards)

LIBER: Co-chair of the Leadership Programmes Working Group; in charge of Emerging Leader Cohort 7, Middle Management training instructor (2021 onwards)

Open Science Committee (CoSO): "Skills and Training" College member (2018-2023)

IFLA– 2014 onwards : Elected member of the Library Theory and Research section (2025 onwards), Education and Training (2019-2023); Convenor of the LGBTQ Users group (2019-2025)

French Librarians Association (Abf) – 2002-2012: Founding member (2012-2019) then head (2014-2019) of the Légothèque committee; still a member.

French Academic Librarians association (ADBU) – 2019-2021: "Careers" committee; Expert member of the ADBU-LIBER MoU "Science and Knowledge openness: Developing Open Science Skills and Competencies in the academic world" (2021-2023)

International francophone association of libraries and documentation (AIFBD) : Head of the "Francophone Universities in Information Science and Library Science" section (2021-2023)

Enssib Alumni Association – 2010-2017: Founding member; board member (2013-2014); communications manager for "Cafés-Doc" (2013); Secretary of the association (2014-2017)

Last contributions to edited volumes

CHAIMBAULT, Thomas. "The Légothèque Commission within the ABF: An Interview" and "Combating Gender Stereotypes: Organizing Vibrant Libraries and Other Actions." In SALANOUVE, Florence (ed.) Acting for Equality: Gender Issues in Libraries. Villeurbanne: Presses de l'Enssib, 2021.

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To Anja SMIT,
LIBER Secretary-General

Objet : Candidacy of Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean for the LIBER Governing Board

Dear Anja SMIT,

It is with enthusiasm and a deep commitment to the future of European research libraries that I submit my candidacy for a position on the LIBER Governing Board.

Having been actively involved in LIBER's strategic initiatives for several years, I am eager to transition from a working group leader to a board member to help steer our organization through the transformative challenges to come.

My perspective is uniquely shaped by my role at Enssib (French National School for Library and Information Science). As a Higher Education institution and a public service school, Enssib stands apart in the LIBER landscape: we are responsible for the strategic training of the future senior librarians of french national and academic libraries.

This position at the crossroads of academic excellence and public policy allows me to bring a global, systemic vision to the Board. I am involved in Enssib's mission to lead the professional discourse on societal and digital transitions—ensuring that our libraries are not just reacting to change, but are proactively designed as resilient, sustainable, and forward-thinking institutions.

My engagement within LIBER has taken a strategic dimension through my co-chairmanship of the Leadership Programmes Working Group last fall. By leading the *Emerging Leader Cohort 7* and serving as a *Middle Management training subgroup member and instructor*, I am actively contributing to the "Upskilling the Community" pillar of LIBER's 2023-2027 Strategy. I firmly believe that the transformation of research libraries depends primarily on human support and the evolution of managerial competencies.

Furthermore, my expertise aligns directly with LIBER's ambition to lead Open Science in Europe. As an expert member for the ADBU-LIBER MoU, I have worked to define the skills necessary for libraries to become essential partners in the research cycle. Finally, my long-standing investment in inclusion and social responsibility (notably through IFLA and the *Légothèque* commission) addresses LIBER's goal of promoting

equitable libraries. I wish to bring to the Board this ability to bridge technical data issues with the societal values of our institutions.

My professional journey as a Library Curator and member of Enssib's management committee has prepared me for the responsibilities of a Governing Board member. I am accustomed to managing significant budgets (up to €256,000 for training programs) and leading complex, multi-year projects. My experience in administrative boards and evaluation committees has given me a solid grasp of organizational governance.

I am ready to dedicate my energy, my experience in leadership development, and my vision for professional transitions to serve our community. I want to ensure that LIBER continues to be the essential and inclusive voice for research libraries in Europe.

I thank you for considering my application and remain at your disposal for any further discussion.

Sincerely,

Villeurbanne, may 13th 2026,

Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean

Library Curator International
Relations Officer, Enssib

To Anja SMIT

LIBER Secretary-General

Objet : Institutional Support for the Candidacy of Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean

Dear Colleague,

As Director of the *École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques* (Enssib), it is my pleasure to formally express our institution's full support for the nomination of Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean to the LIBER Governing Board.

Enssib stands in a unique position as an Higher Education Institution and a National Public Service School dedicated to train the future leaders of the library and information sector. Our mission is to drive the national and international reflection on the evolution of professional roles, particularly in managing major transitions during these challenging times, and to consistently bridge the gap between high-level academic research and the practical implementation of innovative public service values.

For a long time, Enssib has been a committed member of LIBER, and we recognize the vital role the association plays in the European research ecosystem. Thomas Chaimbault-Petitjean has been a key driver of our international institutional strategy and a dedicated contributor to LIBER's mission for several years.

Throughout his career at Enssib, he has thus demonstrated leadership and governance skills, particularly in his capacity as designing and implementing our international strategy and fostering global partnerships but also, being part of our management committee, contributing to the high-level decision-making processes of our national school. All skills that he implements as the actual co-chair of the LIBER Leadership programmes working group where he helps to shape the development of future library leaders across Europe.

His expertise in open science, inclusion, and professional training aligns perfectly with the priorities of the LIBER 2023-2027 Strategy. We are confident that his vision, combined with his collaborative spirit and deep understanding of the challenges facing research libraries, will make him a valuable asset to the Governing Board.

Enssib fully supports Thomas in this endeavor and will ensure he has the necessary time and resources to fulfill his duties as a Board member, should he be elected. We believe

his election would not only benefit LIBER but also strengthen the ties between our institution and the wider European library community.

We thank you for your time and for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

Villeurbanne, may 13th 2026,

Nathalie Marcerou-Ramel