



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - LIBER JOURNÉES 2026

In May 2026, LIBER, in collaboration with Copenhagen University Library, Copenhagen, Denmark, will run its fifth **Leadership Journées Programme exclusively for Library directors**. The theme will be *Charting the Future? Strategic leadership of research libraries*.

This will take place **at the Copenhagen University Library/Royal Danish Library, Copenhagen, Denmark, Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 May 2026**.

The Programme is designed for **20-25 Library directors who are already in leadership positions in their institutions and who are looking ahead** at delivering strategic changes as libraries and institutions redefine themselves in an ever-changing information and social environment.

The event will be **led and moderated by the Programme Chair, Anja Smit**, LIBER's Secretary-General and the Director of DANS. Anja Smit will be supported by **Programme Director LIBER Journées, Najmeh Shaghaei**, Head of Innovation and Library Impact at the University of Southern Denmark, and other members of the LIBER Leadership Programmes Working Group.

The LIBER Journées 2026 speakers among others will be:

- **Kristian Cedervall Laut**, Vice Rector for Education– Copenhagen University, Denmark
- **Natalie Pang**, Library Director at National University of Singapore, Singapore
- **Andrea Mikoleit**, Systemic Coach, Business Consultant, Trainer, Hamburg, Germany
- **Henk Kummeling**, Former Rector of Utrecht University, Chair of EU CoARA, The Netherlands
- **Daniela Poth**, Library Director Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany
- **Masud Khokhar**, Chief Digital and Information Officer (CDIO), Leeds University, United Kingdom
- **Bertil F. Dorch**, Library Director and Assoc. Prof. Physics, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark

Candidates must apply via email to calls@libereurope.org by **Monday 15th December 2025, 23:59 CET** as detailed in the [application form](#).

Applicants will be notified by the end of **January 2026**.

Fee for LIBER Journées is: 1400€ for LIBER members and 2050€ for non-LIBER members. LIBER will not charge VAT on these costs.

Selected candidates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

There are **two scholarships** (20% off from the full registration fee) available for LIBER member applicants from [Tier B and C countries](#).

