



LIGUE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES EUROPÉENNES DE RECHERCHE
ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

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Koninklijke Bibliotheek

Memorandum of Understanding

LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, National Library of the Netherlands, share the vision of a European research community which is supported by a provision offering perpetual access to digital publications, to the benefit of research libraries and academic researchers.

The Koninklijke Bibliotheek developed the International e-Depot to guarantee preservation of and perpetual access to the Records of Science for its designated community, research libraries and their patrons. LIBER recognises the Koninklijke Bibliotheek as a trusted organisation for preserving digital information.

The two bodies will explore possibilities to work together in the field of digital asset management and curation. They will nominate representatives to explore issues around the long-term digital curation and preservation of materials which are deposited in institutional and subject-based repositories in LIBER member institutions. This work will identify services, technical solutions, work flows, costs and funding opportunities to deliver the partners' vision.

LIBER and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek agree to work together, for 1 year in the first instance, following the LIBER Conference in Warsaw in July 2007, to map out common goals and priorities, to attempt to identify a work plan and the means by which that work plan could be resourced. A report will be issued to both bodies in Summer 2008 evaluating the success of this collaboration, and identifying future activities.

Signed:

Hans Geleijnse, President of LIBER

Date:

5 July 2007

Signed:

Wim van Drimmelen Director-General, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Netherlands, per pro Els van Eijck van Heslinga

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