The CERL Security Working Group & this Summer School’s theme

Our strengths and objective

The Security Working Group

A diversity
- 13 nationalities
- National, regional, university libraries
- Representatives with various profiles (training, position)

Serving a cause
Helping libraries and archives, large and small, to enhance the security of their collections

Offering concrete support for the risks management of theft and depredation of collections

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Our philosophy: Systems-based approach

Within a network which we would like to be the most active possible

A concrete offer
Including « ready to use » practical support
For all kind of institutions:
• Small / large
• With various means at disposal

Raise awareness
Sensitize

Improve / Initiate policies

Share / Collaborate

Support one another

Year on year

Quick overview of our principal offer/ achievements

Practical Tools
The Quick Audit Tool = Quick self assessment
Available to all (CERL website)
Available to CERL’s Members (member area of the CERL website)

Specific activities promoting the exchange of experiences and mutual support
The programme and some presentations from previous editions are available on the website.
https://www.cerl.org/collaboration/security/summerschools
✓ Online events
  • 2 in December 2020
    – One over different security issues → A/Q based on recorded presentations which were made available a few days before the event
    – Panel on the impact on libraries/special collections
      https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUWdvmalzEqYdin_8MAQObahOS6RqPKzYkN
  • 1 in October 2022 → official launch of the QAT Library at the additional online session of the CERL AGM

Contribution to seminars/conferences
General outline

The QAT

Based on:
- A questionnaire ± 100 questions
- 6 key areas
  - Governance & Policy
  - Collection Management
  - Physical Security
  - Access & Use
  - Exhibition & Transport
  - Incident & Crisis Management

A reference grid → resulting of the results in the survey from the institutions represented within the SWG.

Tips, based on:
- Various relevant considerations related to your institution
- The figures of the reference grid (how to use them)

An Excel file: which will help you to obtain your positioning grid

73.33% of the participating institutions answered yes to the first question

The Excel file, a great help to obtain your positioning grid

The QAT

At a simple glance you get clear first visualization of your situation = the starting point to shape your actions
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**Discussion Cards**

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**The QAT Supporting Tools**

**The QAT Library**

**Aim?**

Made available, in an easy way, both sample documents such as forms, procedures, checklists, etc. and background discussions in all relevant areas which could help in the choice of specific equipment, strategic alternatives or other. All this within a framework referring to each of the topics addressed in the QAT

**Why?**

We feel that many of the resources which are available on-line often require a lot of time, before anything concrete can be derived from them

**Inputs?**

- For the launch (Autumn 2022): some institutions represented in the SWG → this allowed us to develop and refine the validation procedure (formalization of the collaboration between the parent institutions of the documents and the CERL).
  - After: call to the network

**For who?**

Will exclusively be available to CERL members via CERL’s website (members area)
The QAT Supporting Tools

Theme: Security policy in practice: staff & partners

Why focusing on working with staff and partners?

- They will put measures/rules/procedures into practice
- Their experience and knowledges are crucial in order to develop relevant/sustainable measures/rules/procedures
- Measures/rules/procedures have only value if they are accepted and put into practice, if they make sense and if they do not cause collateral problems....

The systemic approach is always a winner, making it a habit will only bring you more
Thank you for your attention