



LIGUE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES EUROPÉENNES DE RECHERCHE
ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH LIBRARIES



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Memorandum of Understanding between LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and CERL

The aim of the **LIBER Foundation** is to represent the interests of the research libraries of Europe, their universities and researchers. The Foundation promotes in particular:

- efficient information services
- access to research information
- innovation in end-user services in support of teaching, learning and research
- preservation of cultural heritage in the digital context
- efficient and effective management in research libraries

CERL aims to

Promote European cultural heritage (manuscripts and hand press books) by creating and maintaining

- an efficient network of member libraries
- innovative research and user oriented services
- cooperative Europe wide comprehensive information tools
- active participation and communication with the research community

LIBER and CERL share objectives in promoting the goals of European national and academic research libraries, in particular in respect of their responsibilities in ensuring promotion of and access to cultural heritage resources, safeguarding the preservation of these resources, and informing key players in the field of cultural heritage of current developments'

Governance

Reports will be submitted to the LIBER and CERL governing bodies, describing the main outcomes of each organization's activities. LIBER and CERL cooperate in the responsibility for the LIBER Forum on digital cultural heritage. The former LIBER manuscript group and the LIBER security network are part of CERL's organization.

Objectives

- LIBER and CERL agree to work together to lobby on important initiatives to the European Commission and other relevant parties related to Europe's cultural heritage
- LIBER and CERL agree to work together to submit project bids for funding, with other partners, where appropriate.
- LIBER and CERL share in cultural heritage related activities (workshops, seminars at the AGM and Annual conference)

Communication

- Both Liber and CERL agree that the web will be the principal form for disseminating information about the work of LIBER and CERL, and the principal location of this information will be the websites of both organisations.
- Both organisations will use modern web tools and social networking to advance their missions

- LIBER and CERL keep their membership informed about issues on cultural heritage and security issues arising from the respective activities.
- Reports will be given at the Annual General Meeting of CERL and the Annual Conference of LIBER

This Memorandum of Understanding was approved by both the LIBER and CERL governing bodies.

Signed on behalf of LIBER:

Date:

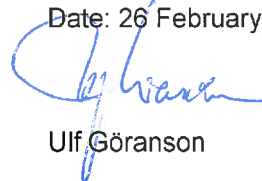


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Signed on behalf of CERL

Date: 26 February 2014



Ulf Göranson

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