

## Report by Dzintra Mukane to BI-International about the conference trip to Munich, Germany: participation in the LIBER 42nd Annual Conference, from June 26th – 29th, 2013

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<p><b>General conference description</b></p>	<p><b>LIBER</b> (<i>Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche - Association of European Research Libraries</i>) is the main network for research libraries in Europe.</p> <p>LIBER comprises more than <a href="#">400 national, university and other libraries</a> from more than <a href="#">40 countries</a>. LIBER's network is not restricted to the area of the EU. In 2013 Annual LIBER Conference took place from June 26 to June 29 in Munich, Germany. Conference was organized by the Bavarian State Library (<i>Bayerische Staatsbibliothek</i>) in collaboration with the LIBER Secretariat (Hague, Netherlands).</p> <p>LIBER 42<sup>nd</sup> annual conference title was <i>Research Information Infrastructures and the Future Role of Libraries</i>, including topics on the development of digital collections, digital preservation, e-books, leadership, policy and strategy, new technologies, Open Access, research infrastructures and data.</p> <p>Conference was organized on the high professional level. Invited speakers and lecturers gave a good insight into the urgency and significance of their research topic.</p>		
<p><b>Most interesting keynote speeches</b></p>	<p>Libraries - And Why We Need Them! (Professor Dr Peter Strohschneider)</p> <p>The Future of the Science Publishing Ego-System (Dr Jan Velterop)</p>		
<p><b>Paper presentations / plenary sessions attended</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b></p>	<p><b>Speaker-s</b></p>	<p><b>Title</b></p>
<p><i>June 26th</i></p>		<p><i>Lorena Siguenza-Guzman (Centre for Industrial Management Traffic and Infrastructure, KU Leuven, Belgium, and Faculty of Engineering, University of Cuenca, Ecuador)</i></p> <p><i>Karin Ludewig (European Network for Copyright in Support of Education and Science (ENCES), Berlin, Germany)</i></p>	<p>Improving Library Management by Using Cost Analysis Tools: A Case Study for Cataloguing Processes</p> <p>MedOANet: The Copyright and OA Landscape in Mediterranean Europe</p>

	<p><i>June 27th</i></p> <p><i>Claudia Fabian (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich, Germany)</i></p> <p><i>Heli Kautonen (National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland)</i></p> <p><i>Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen (National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland)</i></p> <p><i>Dr Liz Lyon (United Kingdom Office for Library and Information Networking, UK)</i></p>	<p>Piloting a National Programme for the Digitisation of Medieval Manuscripts in Germany</p> <p>Towards Perfection Step by Step – User Experience Design and Evaluation in the Context of Digital Libraries</p> <p>Reshaping Digital Library Services at National Level – Why, How, When?</p> <p>Roadmaps, Roles and Re-engineering: Developing Data Informatics Capability in Libraries</p>	
	<p><i>June 28th</i></p> <p><i>Olli Nurmi (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Espoo, Finland)</i></p> <p><i>Aki Lassila (National Library of Finland, Helsinki, Finland)</i></p> <p><i>Professor Geoffrey Boulton (University of Edinburgh, UK)</i></p>	<p>User Evaluation of the eBook Service in Finnish Public Libraries</p> <p>Agile Development of the OSS-based Online Service Finna</p> <p>A Revolution in Open Science: Open Data and the Role of Libraries</p>	
<b>Most interesting poster</b>	<b>Institution /country</b>	<b>Title/ author-s</b>	<b>Short description</b>
	<i>Estonia / University of Tartu Library</i>	<i>A New Type of Co-operation between Memory Institutions – Crowdsourcing: In 10 Days, 100 Old Photos were recognised by 1,000 FB Followers (Kristina Pai, Anneli Sepp)</i>	<p>In 2012 a crowdsourcing project, was launched by Estonian memory institutions. This was a new type of co-operation among libraries, archives and museums. The contribution of the organizing team was based on enthusiasm, involving no costs for their institutions. The public was encouraged to comment on selected archival materials in order to add identification and verification to the collection items that had so far been unidentified.</p> <p>Facebook was chosen as the most popular form of social media in Estonia. A total of 130 old photographs from the collections of several memory institutions, representing unknown landscapes, street views and buildings were uploaded to a FB wall for members to recognize and comment upon to add their knowledge for the benefit of the community. Within 10 days, 100 old photographs had been identified by 1,000 FB followers.</p>

<p><b>Professional tours</b></p>	<p><i>June 27<sup>th</sup>. Bayerische Staatsbibliothek.</i> Short tour inside the Bavarian State Library that included visiting the main Reading Rooms, storage and public areas. Main conclusions: the Bavarian State Library working hours is very convenient for students. The library is full of visitors even in the evenings. There are special reading spaces for the researchers and students that are writing their theses and dissertations. Library not only has magnificent collections, but also implements innovative library services and uses newest technologies.</p> <p><i>June 27<sup>th</sup>. Bayerische Staatsbibliothek.</i> Exhibition of rare books and manuscripts <i>Bibliophile treasures from the Wittelsbach Court</i>. Main conclusions: the Bavarian State Library collection has approximately 10% of all incunabula that are stored in the world's libraries. Exhibition area has excellent conditions (light, humidity, temperature) and neat design. Exhibition was supplemented with the modern technologies.</p>
<p><b>General conclusions, benefits of attending the conference</b></p>	<p>Positive things: well organized conference, many useful conversations with foreign lecturers and colleagues. Lecturers presented new and interesting findings in the field of library and information science.</p> <p>Negative things: conference programme was very diverse, but division to several parallel sessions made impossible attendance of all papers in scope of interest.</p> <p>Suggestions: next LIBER conference could focus more on the strategic management issues of the library and information services, changing concept of the digital collections and developing competencies of the library and information professionals.</p>

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