4th Conference of the National Academic Library and Information System Foundation

THE CHALLENGE TO COLLABORATE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

12 May 2015 (Tuesday), 09:30 – 13:00

Ballroom Hall, Radisson Blue Grand Hotel, Sofia

Programme

09:30–10:00

Opening and welcomes

10:00–11:30

Antonella Fresa, Director of Promoter, the established company for management of international projects

From digitisation to the re-use of digital cultural content and citizen participation

Antonella Fresa will focus on digitisation, creative re-use of cultural content and citizen participation by stressing on facts and numbers and emphasising the sociological impact of

digital cultural heritage and technologies. She will present some of the successful projects Promoter and NALIS were involved in (e.g. EuropeanaPhotography) and will add some words about a couple of ongoing EU projects (E-Space and Civic Epistemologies).

Wolfgang Hamedinger, Director of OBVSG, the Austrian library network

Cooperation becoming a habit: benefits and challenges in the Austrian Library Network

The Austrian Library Network sees a close cooperation between its member institutions, which include the Austrian National Library, all federal university libraries, state libraries and other scientific libraries. The talk will give an overview about the main organisational structure of the network and the services of the central office. Historical reasons for the development of this intense collaboration habits will be discussed, especially funding problems and lack of resources, which result in big challenges but also give a lot of benefits if creatively solved. Also arguments to show the value of strong further partnership in the future will be given.

Jo Rademakers, Director of LIBIS, the Belgian library network

Adapting to a new reality. New opportunities for library service providers

Discussion

11:30–12:00

Coffee break

12.00–13.00

[Ann Thornton](#), Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries

The library as digital co-laboratory

As libraries tackle challenging problems related to data management, user experience design and infrastructure needs, we have opportunities for mobilizing friends in the technology community to collaborate and iterate with us. Through hackathons and other convenings, libraries can not only address real software challenges but also leverage the goodwill that communities feel toward libraries and strengthen the relationships with those communities for the long term, ultimately providing greater value and services to constituents.

Richard Ovenden, Bodley's Librarian at The Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford

Local and global collaboration in a digital age: some case studies from the Bodleian libraries

Richard Ovenden will consider examples of collaboration involving the Bodleian collaborating with other institutions in Oxford (ranging from collaborative storage to cataloguing) and will explore the challenges around international digital collaboration, drawing on examples of recent projects with libraries in the US, Italy, Germany and China. He will also look at national digital library collaboration in the UK, looking especially at current collaborative efforts around electronic legal deposit.

General discussion