



## Editorial

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The last issue of volume 22 contains six papers with a wide range of subjects that should be of interest for librarians and information specialists.

The first paper describes *Arrow* as an important service for obtaining information about the copyright status of books to be digitized. It has been constructed as a distributed network of national databases with the aim of facilitating rights clearance for digitization projects.

The second paper offers with *Searchbench* a novel approach to searching in full-text documents. It summarizes a big effort in the field of computational linguistics, text mining and sentence-semantic searches.

The third paper treats linked open data (LOD) for bibliographic information. It describes the *lobid.org* service, which offers the necessary software framework that allows access to the data for read and write operations.

The next paper reports on a series of case studies concerning the problems encountered with information handling in collaborative research projects, where a university research team works together with a group from outside the academic world.

The last two papers originate from the map community. *Inspire* is the discovery service from the Spanish Geographic Institute, developed on the basis of interoperability and standardisation of metadata, while *Arces* is the digital archive of Italian colonial cartography and scientific expeditions, in which the geolocation of its resources can be linked to Google Earth.

Our Editorial Board is already planning the next volume of *LIBER Quarterly*. A special issue on “Research data and new forms of scholarly communication”

is in preparation. Besides communications originating from the various activities of LIBER (e.g., its Annual General Conference in Munich, and the Open Access workshop OAI8 in Geneva), we are looking forward to contributions from our partners working in European research libraries and in the departments for library and information sciences.