Editorial

The cover of this issue shows the impressive building of the National and University Library of Strasbourg, France. We also received a picture of a beautiful modern staircase inside this building, but unfortunately the journal layout requires a landscape format picture…

The first paper in this concluding issue of our volume 25 describes an often overlooked characteristic of open science: next to the generally accepted aspects of (open) access and (broad) participation, open science and open data should also be ‘transparent’. The paper explains the meaning of this concept in the framework of scientific research and scholarly communication, and draws the attention to the consequences for the library and information services.

The CORE (COnnecting REpositories) project is trying to become the aggregator of all open access research outputs from repositories and journals worldwide and to make them available to the public. Our second paper describes the growing need for allowing content providers to manage their content in the aggregation and for controlling the harvesting process. The CORE Dashboard is proposed as a solution for this problem.

The last contribution to this issue gives a detailed description and analysis of a new financial model for realizing Open Access to the Canadian francophone scholarly journals. Through an agreement between a consortium of scientific publishers and a network of universities they try to replace the subscription model with a financial partnership.

This last paper is the first example of a new category of LIBER Quarterly publications: it is a Case Study. In order to maintain the high quality of the journal, the Editorial Board has formulated strict criteria for the acceptance of case studies (see under About > Submissions).