Editorial

The Editorial Board of LIBER Quarterly (LQ) remains dedicated to maintaining this journal as a top quality product, conforming to the most recent standards of scientific publications, without losing sight of the needs of the European research libraries, its primary readership. We are therefore proud to announce today two innovations that we have been able to introduce, thanks to the support of our host Uopen (at the Utrecht University Library).

The first innovation concerns the new facility to publish research data, related to a paper in LQ, in an appropriate data repository. During past LIBER Conferences and in many of our papers strong support has been given to the practice of Open Science, which includes the public availability of the raw data of research projects. Our authors have from now on the possibility to store their data in a dedicated storage inside the Harvard Dataverse repository. The present issue contains the first paper (Rys et al.) that has its corresponding data publicly available. Please have a look at https://dataverse. harvard.edu/dataverse/LQ.

Our second innovation is a step further in the direction that we took with our "issues in preparation". These were intended to make our papers available for our readers as soon as their layout was finished, without waiting for the publication of the full issue. This has, however, the double disadvantage that at that moment the readers cannot yet download a PDF-version and that the full citation of the paper is not yet available (since the pagination is only given to the final issue). In our next volume (27) we will switch to the system of "continuous publication". Papers will immediately be published both in HTML and PDF, whereas the table of contents will only be finalized at the end of the year (its ordering may be different from the order of the pagination). Except for special issues, each volume will then only have a single issue, built up over the full year. In order to comply with the "Quarterly" in the name of our journal, we will send four times a year an announcement of recently published papers to all registered readers of the journal.

The present issue is also the last regular issue of volume 26, since issue 4 will be a (surprise) special issue. Issue 3 contains a review paper, three case studies

and a research paper. The review paper originated from a much appreciated keynote talk at the General Conference in Helsinki by the Director of the Academy of Finland, in which she described the need to join networks in order to facilitate the transition towards open science.

The case studies describe respectively the EEXCESS project for injecting the digital cultural content of our libraries into the working environment of their users, the Library Carpentry programme with software for training the skills of library professionals, and a pilot project of the National Library of Finland for increasing the availability, data privacy and copyrights of digital content. They highlight the continuing attention to improving the digital services of our European research libraries.

The final paper describes the results of a survey among Polish academic libraries about the way in which these libraries contributed to the academic staff assessment in their institutions by providing bibliographic services. The above mentioned Harvard dataverse contains a "dataset" with a text file with the (translated) questions from the survey, and an Excel file with the full data from the 31 completed questionnaires.

The cover picture for this issue shows the library of the University of Munich (Germany), which hosted LIBER's conference in 2013.