2nd joint meeting of the Chairs of UNICA Working Groups and Members of the Steering Committee

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Scholarly Communication Working Group

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Who we are? What we do?

WG founded 2001

Activity: Scholarly Communication seminar organized every two years

Gathering mainly head librarians, also sometimes Vice-Rectors, heads of University Press

Core group of organizers: up to 4 people to shape the programme and invite speakers + UNICA Secretariat support

+ Local organizing committee at hosting university

Core organizing group

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2004-2012

2016 - now

U. Cyprus

U. Helsinki

U. College London

José Moura, U. Nova Lisboa

Andreas Degkwitz, Humbold U. Berlin

Aims of the seminar

- **Address the evolution of the role of libraries in the universities**
- **Highlight activities, approaches, initiatives at member universities**
- **Share experience and good practice**

Topics: scholarly communication, scientific publication, Open Access

> Open Science, research data management, research support

8 Scholarly Communication Seminars

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Year	Edition	Seminar's Title
2002	1st	The Future of Scholarly Communication
2004	2nd	F@ir Publishing & F@ir Reading
2006	3rd	Trends in Education and Research: Developing Skills & Communication across Europe
2008	4th	Partnership in Academic Excellence
2010	5th	Find it, Get it, Use it, Store it
2012	6th	Libraries As Drivers for Change
2014	7th	Visibility, Visibility, Visibility
2016	8th	The transition to Open Access: strategies and impacts

Madrid
Vienna
Helsinki
Prague
Lisbon
Brussels
Rome
Lausanne

October 2019 - Open Science : New roles and opportunities for academic libraries, Vilnius University

1 Rectors Seminar
co-organized with core group

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"Academic leadership for Open Science"
 Brussels, September 2018

We have full support from UNICA secretariat

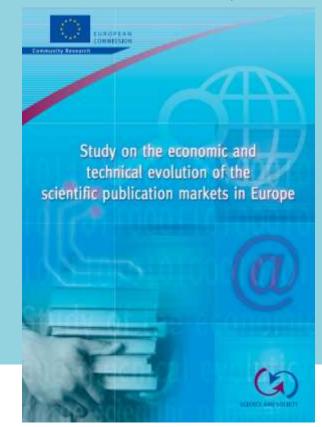UNICA | Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe

THANK YOU
Kris, Laura, Aurelie (and the Marthas...)

Biggest successes

2002 Seminar triggered the launch of a study by the European Commission on the publication markets, published 2006 – starting point of the EC Open Access policy actions

Study on the economic and technical evolution of the scientific publication markets in Europe

Challenges

Average number of participating universities	17
Average number of participants	50 (31-80)
Regular participating universities : 5 to 8 seminars	13
Occasional participating universities : 3 or 4 seminars	10
Exceptional participating universities : 1 or 2 seminars	9
Never participating universities	13
Universities participating at least one time	70%
Decreasing number of participating universities since 2010	

Suggestions

- Address Open Science issues, including research data management, Open Access publishing

- Identify directors of libraries, heads of research support, directors of University Press in all UNICA member universities – with help of UNICA Secretariat through UNICA contact person?

- **Take advantage of UNICA as a network of universities : do what library associations don't**

Strengths of UNICA

- Focus on experience sharing - workshops rather than a big event on scholarly communication
- Mix participants from different departments in the universities facing Open Science issues:
    - Research administration department
    - Doctoral training…

Suggestions – plan for the future

Workshop with the EU research officers WG:

- Concerned by EU open access and open science policies

- Share experience on collaboration between libraries and research administration to support researchers in complying with EU Open Science requirements

Eg: open access to publications, OpenAIRE, Data Management Plan, FAIR research data management, open data…

Suggestions – plan for the future

Master class with the Doctoral education WG:

- Concerned by doctoral training on Open Science practices

- Share experience on, or build, an Open Science training programme in collaboration with libraries

Eg: awareness raising and developping skills on open access to publications, OpenAIRE, Data Management Plan, FAIR research data management, open data…

We are doing some things differently compared to previous years

Not yet but hope to do soon…

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OPEN SCIENCE in the research cycle