

Focus on Open Science, Denmark chapter



A meeting of an Italian chapter in Rome on 28 February 2019 reached a number of conclusions on the future of Open Science in Korsør, Denmark. The Workshop was organised by Scientific Knowledge Services, the Danish Special, Research and Academic Libraries, in collaboration with UCL Press and LIBER (Association of European Research Libraries).

1. Leadership

This can be a role and an attitude for libraries in the Open Science landscape, helping the library to re-define its position in the organisation.

There is an opportunity for Denmark to define an Action Plan for implementing Open Science principles and practices at a national level, and libraries have a potential role in determining what the Action Plan contains.

2. Strategic contexts

Research-supporting organisations should move outside Ivory Towers to embrace the new world of Open Science.

Libraries need to ensure that they are present in the strategic pictures developed by research institutions and have an appropriate role.

3. Changing Roles

Librarians must not lack confidence in their own community. Act with confidence to tackle challenging agendas.

Going forward, the librarian's role may be less to be involved in cataloguing and metadata, and more in research data and discovery.

Librarians need to transform their advocacy activities into practical examples of Open Science implementation.

4. The importance of researchers

Avoid undue concentration on the role of the librarian; do not ignore the researcher.

5. Skills development

Librarians need to identify and develop appropriate Open Science skills.

Skills development is best attained by active participation in Open Science activity, with knowledge gained from insightful practice.

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