



Editorial

This is the first issue published directly in our new web layout (all previous issues have now been transferred into this same layout). Our readers should appreciate the many new facilities. Article level metrics (number of views and of downloads) are given at the end of the abstract of each paper. Annotations, public or private, can be attached to the papers through the Hypothesis tool (a separate free registration and login are required for this tool). Articles can now also be downloaded in XML-format (while the html version can still be downloaded through a right click). Papers obtain furthermore an official DOI (instead of a URN).

All issues now also receive a title page, on which we can show a library related picture. The picture on the title page of all old issues is that of the reading room of the Central Library of the KU Leuven in Belgium, the home institute of the chairman of our Editorial Board and of the managing editor. A call was made through the LIBER blog for submitting more pictures to be published on the title page of future issues, and the present one shows the modern look of the new library of the Panthéon-Assas University in Paris II.

The first paper of this issue reports on an enquiry among French researchers about their views on the relation between Open Access media and the academic social networks, and about their use of those systems. An interesting conclusion is the complementarity of these two approaches, and the fact that the Open Science approach of the social networks might be a useful instrument on the way towards generalized acceptance of Open Access. The full Excel file of the enquiry questions and answers is offered as an additional downloadable file.

The second paper treats the problems of archives of modern – mostly digital – manuscripts and correspondence (e.g. by e-mail), where changing hardware and software pose severe threats to the durability of the content. Details are discussed of some existing solutions, based on the active participation of the authors and on document repositories in the cloud. A new architecture is proposed, in which national library or archive institutions have to play an important role for maintaining such a “collection cloud”.