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**Annual Meeting of the Access Division, University of Malta
Library, Msida, Malta, 23 May 1996**

Present: S. Berke (acting chair), National Széchényi Library, Budapest; A. Agheno, Bibliotheca Nazionale Universitaria Torino; I. Boserup, The Royal Library, Copenhagen; J. Braeckman, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven; M. Colomb, Université Catholique de Paris, Paris; J. Germain, Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvaine-la-Neuve; C. Marandion, Ministère de l'éducation nationale DISTB; C. McLaren, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen; A. Regent, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven; M. Reial, The National Library of Estonia, Tallinn; J.E. Roed, Universitetsbibliotek i Oslo, Oslo.

At the beginning of the meeting it was found that there were no representatives of the Divisional Committee present except Mrs Susanne Berke, who was therefore asked by Professor Mittler to chair the meeting. After the meeting Professor Mittler reported on the meeting at the Annual General Assembly.

1. Committee membership

It is difficult to get an exact overview of all Access Division members. An updated list was made by the LIBER secretariat, but it may be incomplete, because not all institutions have answered the questionnaires in which they were asked to give the names of the representatives for the respective divisions.

Mrs. S.V. Panyella resigned as chair of the Access Division, because she accepted a political appointment in Catalonia. Mrs Birgitta Lau also resigned from her post as secretary. LIBER thanks both for their work on behalf of the Division. Dr A.C. Klugkist was elected as the new chairman at the Annual General Assembly. Mrs Berke will act as secretary. Mr J.E. Roed (University of Oslo Library) was elected as a new Committee member.

2. Enquiry on access in European Libraries

At the meeting of the Access Division in Leuven in July 1995, it was decided to make enquiries about access in European libraries. A questionnaire was distributed to the Division members. Unfortunately only five questionnaires were returned, so it was impossible for Mrs Berke (who was prepared to accomplish that task) to analyse the data.

3. Meeting in Leipzig

Mrs J. Dubois, chair of the Collection Development Division and Professor Mittler, Vice-President of LIBER, propose to organize a joint meeting with the Collection Development Division in Leipzig on the occasion of the Leipzig Book Fair in 1997. The aim of the meeting will be to establish closer contacts with publishers in order to promote professional library and information activities. Mrs Berke said that she will try to find a publisher who is willing to give a report on the situation of

publishing in Eastern Europe or in Hungary by the given time. The possibility was discussed to hold an extraordinary general assembly of the Access Division during the Leipzig meeting.

4. Possible points for discussion with the Preservation Division

During the meeting some questions (such as: what is the best way to make information available via the INTERNET, how can we share our experiences on the INTERNET, how can we support learning and teaching through the INTERNET, how can we foresee future developments) were raised as possible points for discussion with the Preservation Division. No concrete arrangements have yet been made.

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