Europeana Network Association Update

Action proposed: For information

Overall update

Since the last update, the Network Association’s activities have revolved around the first Members Council meeting of the year in The Hague, the process of endorsement and approval of Joint Europeana Aspiration and Network Association Approach, and review and approval of the new Task Force and Working Group proposals.

Membership

Current Association membership stands at 1713 (number updated 20/03/2017).

1st Members Council Meeting (21-22 February, The Hague)

The first Members Council meeting of this year took place on 21 and 22 February at the Europeana Office in The Hague. During the meeting, the new Management Board was formally introduced to the Council, and Councillors were presented with the new Europeana strategic positioning, Business Plan 2017, Association budget, and Activity Plan 2017. They were also presented with and discussed the Europeana 2017 #AllezCulture campaigns, including the new #AllezLiterature campaign, and the Association’s input for the European Year of Cultural Heritage proposed for 2018. The Council endorsed the new joint Europeana Aspiration and Network Association Approach, and discussed the best ways to increase the Association engagement and Members Council Representation. A large part of the meeting revolved around the overview and evaluation of the existing and proposed Task Forces and Working Groups. The Council went through the voting and approval of 4 Task Force proposals (listed below), and set-up a new Library Working Group.

Our Aspiration and Approach
A new statement document referred to as “Our Aspiration and Approach” was presented to the Councillors for approval at their meeting on 21-22 February. The Council adopted the Europeana Network Association’s Approach and endorsed the joint Europeana Aspiration. The joint Aspiration, which was subsequently endorsed with adjustments by the Governing Board will be put back to the Council for agreement. The Europeana Foundation Approach WG was formed with the aim of proposing a draft Foundation Approach.

Network Engagement

The Audiovisual Media in Europeana TF that was running since May 2016 ended and delivered its recommendations. Based on the revised setup of the new Terms of Reference, the Members Council reviewed and approved 4 proposed TFs: Advanced documentation of 3D Digital Assets, Europeana Resource Citation and Object Identity Standardization, Network Participation Framework, and Impact Assessment TF. They are now up and running, together with other 2 TFs that started in January (TF on Benchmarking Europeana, and Preparing Europeana for IIIF involvement TF). The Council postponed the approval of the Europeana Local Communities TF – it will be re-evaluated. The only TF that was rejected was the Campaign "Migration" in Germany and Austria and it will be integrated into the #AllezCulture WG. 6 WG are currently approved and running: Data Quality, Copyright, Europeana Pro, #AllezCulture campaigns, Governance/Voting/Elections, and Library WG that was approved at the MC meeting.

Next MC Meeting (6-7 July, Copenhagen)

The next MC meeting will take place on 6 and 7 July at the National Gallery of Denmark in Copenhagen.