

LIR Annual Seminar 2014 - Delegate Feedback Report

Responses received: 31: 29 in person + 2 online.

Action for 2015 – circulate survey link during the seminar to improve response rate.

Note: the comments of some respondents were split to allow for alignment with themes.

Question 1: What was your main reason for attending?

Networking (4)

CPD (3)

To hear about developments in other libraries (11)

To learn more about Open Access (4)

To learn more about Open Source (4)

To learn more about both of above (5)

Question 2: Did the day meet your expectations?

No	2
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Yes	28
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Total	30
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Question 3: To what extent did you find the Seminar "Interesting?"

Excellent (7)

Very good (12)

Average (6)

Poor (1)

Question 4: To what extent did you find the Seminar "Informative?"

Excellent (8)

Very good (20)

Average (4)

Question 5: To what extent did you find the Seminar "Enjoyable?"

Excellent (2)

Very good (16)

Average (7)

Very poor (1)

Question 6: To what extent did you find the Seminar "well structured?"

Excellent (5)

Very good (16)

Average (10)

Poor (1)

Question 7: Which part did you find *most* interesting/useful?

- How to buy free software (6)
- The NUI Maynooth Ken Saro-Wiwa Audio Archive: Creating an Open Access Archive in Soundcloud (6)
- Open Access a European Perspective (6)
- Using Omeka for a Special Collections (5)
- Portals in the context of open access (5)
- Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway! (3)
- Writing your own open source software (3)
- Open Educational Resources: Nuts and Bolts of Developing an Online Plagiarism Tutorial (3)
- Lightening talks (2)
- opensource@HEAnet (1)
- ORCID iDs: Optimizing Research Discoverability (1)
- The Power of 3: CUA pools academic research (1)

Question 8: Which part did you find *least* interesting/useful?

- opensource@HEAnet (8)
- How to buy free software(3)
- Writing your own open source software (3)
- Open Access a European Perspective (2)
- Lightening talks (2)
- The part about Open Access

Question 9: What topics should be covered in *future* LIR Seminars?

- Perhaps professional development & library advocacy
- Assistive Technologies and how they are being harnessed in a library environment. Maker Spaces and how libraries are adapting services
- Digital marketing, Creating blogs
- Big data
- Digital Humanities and Data visualisation
- What are the top emerging trends to watch out for in libraries; the library of the future
- New directions in librarianship - the future
- Probably a bit broad/vague but one area I am interested in is how staffing structures of Libraries have changed due to increasing IT emphasis - both for staff processes and user support. And whether boundaries between IT support and Library staff hinder or help the user.
- We need updates on expanding technologies choices and their uses.
- Research Data Management; Repository software (not just institutional repository software but digital asset repositories, data repositories); Digital Libraries. Maeve McCauley said during her presentation that 'there is no such thing now as a non-technical librarian'. It would be useful if something on options/road map for getting skilled up or more technical could be arranged.
- Collaborative technology projects between libraries. Exploiting simple technology. Apps use in Library services. Mobile services.
- Curation in the context of 24/7 library services.
- Institutional Repositories

Question 10: Any comments on WiFi?

- Perfectly good. I had already set my device up on my home Eduroam network so required no additional setup, it just connected.
- Forgot to set up my phone for the wifi beforehand!
- Prefer not to have to install Eduroam on my phone
- Did not use it but seem to be grand for those around me!
- I'm not on eduroam so no access.
- Worked perfectly
- No problems
- The live streaming was a great way to watch as I was unable to attend in person. A fantastic resource - thanks!
- I could only attend for the morning but I thought there was a good spread of presentations.
- I could only stay for the morning but every presentation I saw had elements of interest.

Question 11: Suggestions for improvements?

Scheduling

I know you have to cater for those travelling but maybe it could have started half an hour earlier so a break could be had in the morning sessions - it was a long session without a short 'comfort' break.

Start a bit earlier and have a break halfway through the morning - breaks improve concentration.

There should have been a comfort break in the morning and afternoon (at least five minutes). This would mean you didn't have to interrupt a speaker.

It's important to have coffee breaks half way through the morning so people can network and discuss ideas triggered from presentations.

More breaks for toilet use some sessions were overly long.

Some speakers ran over time. Perhaps spread the lightning talks out over the day.

Some of the lightning talks were almost too short because more details would have been useful.

Please - if you are getting people to do a presentation in limited time, get them to stick to it - some of the talks ran over and some of the more interesting ones suffered.

Have a bell you can ring for speakers who go into over time.

Don't want to be unkind as I appreciated EVERYONEs input. What I would say . . . the programme was too full at least one talk less in the morning & afternoon would have made the day more relaxed for the speakers/audience . . .

Found day very rushed. 30 minutes should have been scheduled for speakers not 20.

The timing for the afternoon session was not good. One presenter had their presentation video stopped and the session was being streamed! Another had to rush theirs given that the previous speaker's video had been stopped.

I felt it was unfortunate that Deirdre Judge's presentation was interrupted very abruptly as the YouTube was terrific. This didn't happen with the keynote speakers, who also went over schedule.

Perhaps there were too many presentations for the timescale

The afternoon would have less appeal for me as it was quite technical but that is just my personal preference. It looked very good for anyone who is involved in developing Open Source.

Logistics/Programming

The live streaming did not show enough of the slides/screen which was disappointing and you could only see the presenter a lot of the time so you missed the background detail / information.

While attending virtually, most speakers referred to content from their slides, which were not visible to the virtual audience. If possible, turn the camera on the slides when the speaker refers to them. This might not be possible, but would greatly enhance virtual attendance.

The delivery model and technology used could do with a makeover - e.g. death by PowerPoint.

Perhaps with time there will be less reliance on power point as a method of presentation delivery

I couldn't hear one speaker when he moved away from the microphone.

Scott Wilson - he used quite a bit of acronyms without explaining and spoke a lot about things particular to the UK and not Ireland.

Some sort of guidelines for presenters around use of "Jargon" - also not everyone understands all the acronyms - tell them to explain the first time they use either.

Although there was no morning coffee break, I didn't notice the lack of it because all the presentations were interesting. The seminar was very well organised, time managed well and interesting.

Catering Arrangements

A small complaint, but splitting up for lunch limited "networking" opportunities.

Arrange seats into group formations at lunch and have tables rather than seats with desks.

Have more interactive sessions/breakout sessions after the keynote i.e. Have the presenters in a room and participants can select in advance what presentations they want to attend.

Presentation room very comfortable, area to eat lunch not great (glass room) would have liked a few tables, food lovely. Thanks again for a great seminar - well done to everyone involved.

The room was a wee bit cold, and it was quite awkward trying to eat lunch in the other room.

Boy did we need the soup, twas cold all day . . .

Lunch was lovely, the soup was a good idea.

Lunch was lovely but it did prove a bit awkward to get seated in the lecture room style seating.

Lunch was haphazard.

Other

It would be good to have more international speakers as keynotes and more speakers from outside the library profession.

More international speakers would have been interesting as well (though I appreciate the costs involved!).

I don't like to criticise when people give up their free time to organise these events but this seminar was extremely dull, tedious and boring and it was hard work to get through the day. I know of people who left at lunch, as they couldn't take any more. A lot of the papers were padded out and could have been shorter. LIR seems to be the easy option when people are looking for places to give papers. The 2 keynote speakers went well over their allotted time and should have been stopped earlier, particularly Niamh Brennan in the morning. There should have been a coffee break in the morning; it would have helped in relieving some of the tedium. There was no need for the lengthy introductions of the speakers, it was written in the programme for people to read if they wanted. With people giving up their day, and travelling from all over the country in a lot of cases, the standard really needs to be better.

The venue was very suitable and central.

Thank you for organising a very informative conference.

As ever, excellent value for money!

I thought the seminar was very well run and all credit should go to the organising committee. Excellent venue, very good attendance - great opportunity to catch up on what is happening in peer libraries in Ireland. Well done to the committee.