

Research Incentive Fund Report

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Summary

For the April cycle of funding in 2022, I requested and was granted \$282 in order to supplement my professional development and grant funding for an international conference running July 6-8, 2022. At this conference in Odense, Denmark, I presented a paper concerning American academic libraries' support of scoping and systematic reviews, as well as IU Libraries' efforts in this area. I am grateful for the funding from InULA that helped to make this trip possible, as it was valuable both to my personal research goals, as well as to making professional connections that were fruitful for IU Libraries.

Details and Accomplishments

I presented my paper as anticipated at LIBER 2022, the annual conference for the Association of European Research Libraries (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche), in Odense, Denmark. This conference took place in early July of 2022. Alongside my IU Libraries colleagues Anna Marie Johnson and Amy Minix, I discussed current strategies within American academic libraries for supporting systematic review, as well as IU Libraries' current efforts to develop a method of assistance for these projects. We addressed the current state of scoping and systematic review support and examined how librarians can scale this type of support – managing staffing, time commitments, and teaching and research faculty's expectations.

The conference was very fruitful, as we were able to engage in good conversation before, during, and after our presentation. In particular, a couple of librarians based in France pulled us aside and indicated how useful they felt this topical area was, as they find that it is hard for librarians to be seen as full participants alongside their faculty colleagues. They felt that some of our ideas and suggestions could be applicable in them doing more fulsome work as co-authors or at least consultants for evidence synthesis work at their institution. In general, the presentation was well received. This type of work is certainly an emerging topic in libraries, especially in regard to evidence synthesis being done in fields outside of the medical disciplines.

As a result of this conference and the connections we were able to make there, in the fall of 2022 we were also able to host a visiting scholar from one of the member institutions of LIBER at IU Libraries. Daan van Loon gave a lecture on copyright law in Europe and Plan S,

and it was well-attended by the IU Libraries faculty. Without the opportunity to attend this conference, these international connections for IU Libraries would not have been possible.