

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At the Royal School of Librarianship we have studied the thorough and very interesting report on the Colloquium on the Harmonization of Education and Training Programmes for Library, Information and Archival Personnel that has appeared in the special issue of *Education for Information* (Vol. 5, 1987, No. 3, pp. 207–233). We have, however, noted some details in the appendix including the proposed criteria for the assessment of library and information science courses and the application of the criteria on existing courses in the Europe that are obsolete and incorrect. These details concern ourselves (!) – the educational programme offered by the Royal School of Librarianship. On p. 230 you mention Danmarks Biblioteksskole (Copenhagen) and two programmes: Bibliotekar ved Folkebibliotekerne (the public library-oriented programme) and Bibliotekar ved Forskningsbibliotekerne (the course qualifying for employment in research, university and special libraries). These two programmes are still existing, but only till June 1988. At this time the last students enrolled for the two specialized programmes will leave the school upon graduation. The successor to the two old programmes is a new multiple purpose curriculum in library and information studies. This new programme was implemented on September 1st, 1985. The duration of the new programme is 4 years. As for our postgraduate programme targeted to research librarians and documentalists, we must react to your statement that the postgraduate programme does not meet the minimum duration criterion as formulated by your Working Party. In fact the duration of the programme is one academic year involving 350-400 class contact hours. Admitted to the programme that was restructured a couple of years ago are persons who hold an academic degree and have been appointed to a post in a research, academic or special library or a documentation or information centre.

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