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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE: I have been working as a librarian/head of department/library director at Bergen University College since 1986. I have formerly been working as a librarian at the Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries, at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration and at The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE).

Bergen University College started in 1994 joining together several small colleges educating different professions as teachers, nurses, engineers, social workers and social educators, and the planning of a new campus started. Today we are located at 5 different places in Bergen. In 2004 we had the architectural competition, and in 2009 we got the funding. I have been member of different planning committees during these years, and the last years I have been chair of the library project committee.

The new campus site is on an old railway workshop, and consists of some old buildings joined together with a new building. The library will be in some of the old buildings, so we have not had much influence on the size and construction, but more on the interior of the building.

So far the time schedule seems to be “on track”, so hopefully we can start to move all the 5 libraries in spring 2014, and open the new library when term starts in August 2014.

FAVOURITE LIBRARY BUILDINGS:

Bergen University College’s new Library, funded in March 2009, planned to be finished in 2014, Bergen, Norway (not English website)

(<http://www.hib.no/om/nybygg/default.asp>)

Roskilde University Library, Roskilde, Denmark

(http://rub.ruc.dk/rub/byg_eng/index.shtml)

The Royal Library, The Black Diamond (Det kongelige bibliotek, Den sorte diamant), Copenhagen, Denmark

(<http://www.kb.dk/en/dia/index.html>)

Strahvo Monastery, Praha, The Philosophical Hall

http://www.strahovskaknihovna.eu/data/pictures_items/Fota2004-22.jpg

FAVOURITE QUOTATION ABOUT LIBRARY DESIGN:

“...libraries continue to be indispensable as places of academic study”,

Andreas Degkwitz, Director of the ICMC/IKMZ, Cottbus, Germany at 76TH IFLA general conference, Gothenburg 2010.

“Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container.”