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## **Session 6: Selected IARU Group Presentations**

Speakers:

Ageing, Longevity and Health Initiative

**Dr. Louise Lafortune**

*Principal Research Associate, Cambridge Public Health, University of Cambridge*

Librarians' Contact Group

**Mr. Richard Ovenden**

*Bodley's Librarian, University of Oxford*

*(no paper)*

## Speakers



### **Dr. Louise Lafortune**

*Principal Research Associate, Cambridge Public Health, University of Cambridge. IARU Group Lead, Ageing, Longevity and Health Initiative*

Louise Lafortune is a Principal Research Associate at Cambridge Public Health, and co-leads its Lifecourse and Ageing research pillar.

She believes older people should be able to live full, engaged lives in their chosen communities. Her work targets systems, interventions and technologies that help people maintain their independence and quality of life as they age. She also focuses on the prevention and mitigation of frailty in older adults.

Louise is currently funded by NIHR as Principal Investigator (PI) for both the School for Public Health Research (SPHR) and the Social Return on Investment of Age Friendly Communities research programme. She is also Principal Researcher in the Population Evidence and Data Science theme for the Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) East of England.

She currently chairs the Ageing Longevity and Health (ALH) initiative within IARU, and has served on research and policy advisory boards including NICE, the Alzheimer's Society and Public Health England. Her work in health economics, outcomes research, and evidence synthesis is published in such journals as *The Lancet*, the *BMJ* and *Nature Neurology*.

She holds a Master of Neurosciences (McGill) and a dual PhD in Public Health (Université de Montreal and Université de Paris).



### **Mr. Richard Ovenden OBE**

*Bodley's Librarian, University of Oxford. IARU Group Member, Librarians' Contact Group*

Richard Ovenden has been Bodley's Librarian (the senior Executive position of the Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford) since 2014. Prior to that, Richard held positions at Durham University Library, the House of Lords Library, the National Library of Scotland, and the University of Edinburgh. He moved to the Bodleian Libraries in 2003 as Keeper of Special Collections, becoming Deputy Librarian in 2011. He was educated at the University of Durham and University College London, and holds a Professorial Fellowship at Balliol College, Oxford. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, the Royal Society of Arts, and a Member of the American Philosophical Society. He is a member of the Grolier Club (New York) and the Roxburghe Club.

Richard serves as Treasurer of the Consortium of European Research Libraries, as President of the Digital Preservation Coalition, and as a member of the Board of the Council on Library and Information Resources (in Washington DC). He is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Deutsches

Literaturarchiv (Marbach). He is also a member of the Information and Open Access Policy Group of the League of European Research Universities.

He is Chair of the Legal Deposit Libraries Implementation Group and a member of the Legal Deposit Libraries Committee, the Agency for Legal Deposit Libraries and the Joint Committee on Legal Deposit.

Richard has written extensively on professional concerns of library and information management, on the history of photography, and has written a history of the deliberate destruction of knowledge, *Burning the Books: A History of Knowledge Under Attack*.

Richard was awarded the OBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours, 2019.