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ALBAD, Associatioun vun de Lëtzebuenger Bibliothekären, Archisten an Dokumentalisten (Luxembourgish librarians', archivists' and documentalists' association)

Education: J-M Reding graduated in librarianship in Cologne (Germany) in 1998 and got his Master in Library and Information Science (Malis) in 2012, in Cologne too. Practical training took place in Germany (Trier), Luxembourg, France (Metz) and Switzerland (Lausanne).

Professional experience: He's working at the National Library of Luxembourg since 2000. He first worked in the department of legal deposit for serials (2001-2012), then retro-catalogued dead serials (2012-2015). Since 2015, he's creating and checking national authority records (persons).

Association experience: J-M Reding became member of the board of the Luxembourgish librarians', archivists' and documentalists' association (www.albad.lu) in 2000, secretary in 2001 and president in 2003. After being elected to the EBLIDA EC in 2015 and appointed EBLIDA treasurer in 2016, he gave up the ALBAD presidency after 13 years and became the association's Vice-president for European Affairs. Since 2004, he's still the chair of the ALBAD Policy Corps, which is always active in advocating in the preliminary phase of national elections, to "sell libraries to politicians" and get "libraries on the agenda".

In 2007 he helped to create the national association for public libraries (www.ulbp.lu) and became its 1st secretary general (2007-2010). In 2009 he founded the national fundraising organisation for public libraries (www.feblux.lu), which he presides since.

Since 2003, he participated to 5 ILFA- and 8 EBLIDA-congresses, as well as 14 German, 1 Swiss, 5 Austrian and 1 French national congresses.

Main fields of interest: Library policy and legislation, comparative librarianship and library history in Luxembourg. As a European Lilliput state librarian, J-M Reding is especially concerned by the problems of small and rural libraries, which represent the majority of libraries in most countries.

Distinction: In 2014 he won the Luxembourgish books award for exemplary commitment for the national book sector, by publishing numerous articles in local newspapers and journals, but especially the first detailed report about the national book sector in the history of his country, assigned by the National Book Council, of which he was member from 2007-2016. J-M Reding is also the editor of three national library guides (2005-2015).

Language skills: Luxembourgish, German, French and English.