USER CHARTER FOR THE ULB NETWORK AND WEBSITE

WARNING: only the French version adopted by the Management Board of 14 June 1999 is legally valid.

By signing this document, members of the academic community document their intention to only use the new information technology (IT) available at the ULB, in particular the Internet network and the ULB website, in compliance with the law and in respect of the rights and freedoms of others.

They also formally reiterate their commitment, where applicable and without this list being exhaustive,

- to abstain from any browsing of or attempts to browse Internet (or any other IT media) documents whose publication is forbidden by law;
- to abstain from any browsing of or attempts to browse information to which they have no legal access;
- to abstain, unless authorized by the rights-holders or under the exceptions foreseen by law, from any reproduction, rebroadcast or public dissemination, in whatever form, of browsed documents protected by copyright, database ownership rights, image rights, mail confidentiality, etc. If wishing to do so, to inquire in advance about any rights of third parties regarding such documents when it is seen as likely that such are protected;
- to use their freedom of expression, communication and information within the boundaries laid down by the law and the rights and freedoms of others, with particular respect to:
  - the Act of July 30, 1981 punishing certain acts inspired by racism or xenophobia;
  - the Act of 23 March 1995 prohibiting the denial, minimization, justification or approval of the genocide committed by the Nazi regime during World War II;
  - Articles 381 ff of the Penal Code relating to offenses against public morality;
  - and in particular Article 383.2 punishing the dissemination or possession of documents relating to pedophilia;
  - Articles 443 ff of the Penal Code punishing offenses against people's integrity (slander, libel, insults);
  - the privacy of others and their image rights;
  - etc.;
- to avoid any confusion of identity in procedures for identifying Internet and IT users (log-in procedures) and to abstain from any misuse of identity or title;
- to only use the Internet and IT for purposes related to teaching or research, or for accessing services offered by the University;
- to comply with good practices regarding the use of the ULB’s IT resources and network as found on the Web;
- in cases of doubt, to seek the necessary advice and information by contacting their supervisor or, where appropriate, the IT department.