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Executive Summary:
The committee members have decided to present three options together with their advantages and disadvantages: development of a school of Library Information Science; development of a Digital Libraries Program within the field of Computer Sciences; formation of an interdisciplinary institute or center for Digital Libraries and Information, drawing faculty and eventually students from several related disciplines. There is of course a fourth option, which is to close the library school and do nothing to continue the role of Hebrew University in Librarianship as it evolves to play a more central role in all civilized nations during the coming century. We do not recommend this alternative.

The committee members strongly feel that the first option, development of a school, represents the best long range goal and outcome. The other alternatives are explored in terms of their potential as steps towards that goal.

In addition, as a concrete action suggestion, the committee proposes that the Hebrew University seek to hold, at the campus, an international conference on issues of "digital librarianship as a link between technology and society". The goals of holding this workshop are to attract the best possible candidate faculty from within and outside the university, to identify a local champion who might become head or acting head of whatever unit is established, and to call international attention to the plan to develop a strong program and School.