CV Barbara Lison

More than 20 years of my career I have been working as the director of the Public Library system of Bremen. The beginning of my library career started in the academic field when I was the manager of the library and information centre of the German Federal Institute for Workplace Safety in Dortmund.

I am an educated librarian with a university degree in Slavonic studies and History.

My special interests are in networking and lobbying for libraries on an international level, having been a member of the Bertelsmann Foundation International Network of Public Libraries from 2001 till 2003 and being a founding member of PLIN, the International Network of Public Libraries (since 2004).

From 1997 till 2001 and from 2005 till 2009 I was a member of the Executive Board of EBLIDA, the umbrella of the European national library associations. I acted as vice-President of EBLIDA from 2006 till 2009.

From 2006 until 2010 I served as the President of the national umbrella organisation of the German library and information associations (BID). Between 2004 and 2006 and from 2010 – 2016 I am serving as member of the executive committee of the German Library Association (dbv). In 2012 I was elected chair of the German IFLA National committee.

I am on the board of the biggest German library supplier ekz. And since 2012 I am a member of the OCLC Board of Trustees for a four year term.

Between 2011 and 2013 I served as elected member of IFLA Governing Board; I was re-elected for 2013 - 2015. My special commitments during the first term were the IFLA-working group for multilingualism and the Congress Advisory Committee. One major result of this work was the launch of the Spanish and French versions of the IFLA-website.

As library expert for the Goethe-Institute I have been active in workshops and conferences in various countries of Europe and worldwide. In the terms 2010 – 2013, 2013 – 2016 I am a member of the advisory board for libraries and information of the Goethe-Institute.

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