Libraries Open for All
EBLIDA-NAPLE CONFERENCE
25th June 2019
Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, Ireland
ABOUT THE VENUE

Nestled beside the National Library of Ireland on Dublin’s Kildare Street, No.6 has been the home of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland since 1864. The College itself dates back to 1654, when Dr John Stearne, who later became the first Professor of Medicine in Trinity College Dublin, founded the Fraternity of Physicians of Trinity Hall. This fraternity would eventually go on to become the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Thanks to its illustrious medical past, No.6 houses an eclectic collection of artefacts and antiques reflecting the antiquity of the College. The main rooms of the building remain much as they were in 1864 when the building was opened.

In the past an open hall was a communal area, like a town hall, within which people met and socialised with each other. Today’s open hall is the public library, where people are offered the opportunity to mutually exchange ideas and facilitating a wide variety of services for learning, leisure and individual development. Many libraries offer an abundance of additional services which can be enjoyed, often free of charge or for a nominal fee. Libraries are opening services which can be life changing and transformative for individuals. Tools such as language learning resources, accessibility tools for the visually impaired or those with learning difficulties, and newer concepts such as the Internet of Things are just some of the services now on offer.

During the Dublin Conference the concept of open libraries will be modulated into multiple definitions, going from the 24/7 library open building to open access and the library open to all – all publics in all conditions for all requirements. In the afternoon, the concept of open library will be broken down into its legislative, policy and socio-educational aspects.

The debate will be frank, stimulating and exciting – in one word, open. We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Dublin.

GIUSEPPE VITIELLO, DIRECTOR, EBLIDA

The role of the public library is more important today than it has ever been before. The citizens nowadays have access to so much information, but how can people rely on information found?

No other institution is better in training the citizens in this area, than the libraries, helping them to see true, reliable, information and distinguish it from “fake news” and other not-so-reliable sources. Public libraries also play an important role in the education of young citizens to become grown-up, wise, well-functioning citizens.

In present days of wars, conflicts, instability, and migration (as a consequence thereof), libraries play a very important role in the integration process of refugees and other newly arrived people to our countries. The open public library represents a safe haven to many, who cannot find security elsewhere.

At this year’s conference, there will be no discussion on national reports but please do submit any available reports and they will be published on the website. I am very much looking forward to hearing all exciting discussions on the importance of the open public library at today’s EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference Libraries open for all and I wish you all a warm welcome!

ANDERS CATO, CHAIR, NAPLE
# Programme

## Monday, 24th June

### 19.30pm Conference Dinner
- Rustic Stone Restaurant, South Georges Street, Dublin 2

## Tuesday, 25th June

### 08.30am Conference Registration

### Morning Session
**Chair:** Anders Cato, NAPLE Chair

#### Opening and Introduction
- **09.30am** Welcome
  - Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council, Ireland
- **09.40am** Welcome on behalf of NAPLE and EBLIDA
  - Anders Cato, NAPLE Chair
- **09.50am** Keynote Speech
  - Marie Østergaard, Director of Dokk1, Denmark
- **10.20am** Libraries, Politics and Policy
  - Marian Harkin, MEP
- **10.35am** Questions & Answers
- **10.45am** Tea and Coffee Break

### Panel: Libraries Open for All
- **11.00am** Libraries Open for All
  - Deirdre Maloney, Assistant Principal Officer, Libraries Development and Community Policy, Department of Rural and Community Development, Ireland
  - Irish Libraries: Innovating for Inclusion
  - Cathal McCloud, University Librarian, Maynooth University, Ireland
  - Digital First with a User Focus: A Competence Boost for Public Library Staff
  - Elisabet Rundqvist, National Library of Sweden, Stockholm, Sweden
  - Libraries Open for All Gives a Lot of Possibilities
  - Marit Vestlie, National Library of Norway, Oslo, Norway
- **Panel Q&A**

### Introduction to the Afternoon Working Groups
- **12.50pm** Introduction to the Working Groups
  - Ton van Vlimmeren, EBLIDA President, Working Group Sessions’ Chair

During the EBLIDA EC meeting (4 March 2019) the new 2019-2022 EBLIDA Strategic Plan was approved. EBLIDA Members are asked to reinforce / extend / modulate the Strategic Plan. Therefore, the Conference will split into three Working Group sessions, each of them dealing with a Strand.

Sessions will be introduced by a speaker and moderated by the EBLIDA Member sponsoring the Strand. Participants will discuss on concepts, plans and experiences supporting each specific Strand.

At the end of the session the Chairs will report on the results of the three Working Group sessions.

### 13.00pm Lunch

### Parallel Working Groups

#### 14.15pm Working Group One: Library Legislation
- **Room:** Dun Library
- **Chair:** Jean-Marie Reding, Treasurer, EBLIDA, Luxembourg
- **Speaker:** Giuseppe Vitiello, Director, EBLIDA

#### 14.30pm Working Group on the Scope of Library Legislation
- **Room:** Corrigan Hall
- **Chair:** Anders Söderbäck, Member, EBLIDA Executive Board, Sweden
- **Speaker:** Martin Berendse, Director, Amsterdam Public Library, Netherlands

#### 14.15pm Working Group Two: Policy Making for Libraries
- **Room:** Winter Hall
- **Chair:** Stefan Parise, Vice-President, EBLIDA, Italy
- **Speaker:** Florianne-Marielle JOB, Director, Cultural Center Puzzle, Thionville, France

#### 14.30pm Working Group on Qualitative Indicators for Libraries
- **Room:** Corrigan Hall
- **Chair:** Stefan Parise, Vice-President, EBLIDA, Italy
- **Speaker:** Florianne-Marielle JOB, Director, Cultural Center Puzzle, Thionville, France

### Plenary
- **16.00pm** Public Libraries 2030 – EBLIDA Cooperation
  - Ilona Kish, Director, Public Libraries 2030, Belgium
- **16.10pm** Report on Working Group One
  - Jean-Marie Reding, Treasurer, EBLIDA, Luxembourg
- **16.25pm** Report from Working Group Two
  - Stefan Parise, Vice-President, EBLIDA, Italy
- **16.40pm** Report from Working Group Three
  - Anders Söderbäck, Member, EBLIDA Executive Board, Sweden
- **16.55pm** Conclusions of the Day
  - Ton van Vlimmeren, EBLIDA President
- **17.15pm** Close
SPEAKER PROFILES

MORNING SESSION CHAIR

ANDERS CATO

Anders Cato currently works as a Senior Advisor at the Centre for Arts and Libraries at the Danish Agency for Culture and Palaces in Copenhagen. Before coming to Copenhagen, he worked at the National Library of Sweden as Head of the National Bibliography and later as Head of Cataloguing.

Anders is much involved in international work and has been engaged in several sections and working groups of IFLA and is currently Secretary General of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML).

Anders agreed to take on the role as NAPEL Chair for the period 2018-2020 after Tine Vind, who left for other duties in 2018.

TOM ENRIGHT

Tom Enright was appointed Chief Executive of Wexford County Council in 2014.

A native of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Mr. Enright worked in Limerick for almost 20 years where he held the posts of Director of Environment and Emergency Services with Limerick County Council and Director of Planning and Economic Development with Limerick City and County Councils. He previously worked with Waterford and Wicklow County Councils and with consultants in the private sector.

He is a graduate of University College Cork and Cranfield University in the UK and holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Dublin City University.

MARIAN HARKIN

Marian Harkin is an Independent MEP representing the 15 counties of the Midlands-North-West constituency in the European Parliament– Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Roscommon, Galway, Mayo, Longford, Westmeath, Meath, kilkere, Louth, Laois and Offaly. She is in her third European term following the 2014 European Election in May and previously represented Sligo/Leitrim, Galway, Mayo, Longford, Westmeath, Meath, Kilkere, Louth, Laois and Offaly.

She was also nominated by the World Council of Credit Unions for an MEP award in this year’s Economic and Monetary Affairs, Taxation and Budgets’ Award.

In 2020, she won the MEP of the Year Award for her work in Employment and Social Affairs. She was also nominated by the World Council of Credit Unions for an MEP award in this year’s Economic and Monetary Affairs, Taxation and Budgets’ Award.

DEIRDRE MALONEY

Deirdre Maloney, Assistant Principal Officer in the Department of Rural and Community Development, has a background in community and rural development with considerable experience of EU co-funded programmes such as LEADER and PEACE.

She currently has responsibility for the Community Services Programme, which supports local social enterprise development, and she also manages the Department’s responsibilities under the EU Peace IV programme.

Deirdre also has policy responsibility for the public library service in Ireland, with a specific focus on strategy development, formulating innovative initiatives and funding frameworks to underpin delivery of library services by local authorities.

CATHAL MCCAULEY

Cathal was appointed University Librarian at Maynooth University (MU), Ireland, in September 2008. Between 2002 and 2008 he fulfilled a number of roles in University College Dublin (UCD) Library including Head of Reader Services. Prior to joining UCD, Cathal worked for FGs (now Grant Thornton) where he held a variety of posts including Director of Consulting.

Cathal’s research interests include library design, strategic collection development, and the harnessing of new technologies and new service models to enhance the library experience for staff and readers. Cathal oversaw the design and delivery of MU’s €20 million library extension which was officially opened in June 2013.

He is a regular speaker and guest lecturer on issues facing libraries including library design, innovation and change management. He is Vice President and Council Member of the Library Association of Ireland, a member, and former Chair, of the Irish Universities Association Librarians’ Group and he is Chair of the Consortium of National and University Libraries in Ireland. In 2016 he oversaw the move of the IReL initiative to MU and is Director of the Irish University Libraries Collaboration Centre.

Internationally, he is a member, and Information Coordinator, of IFLA’s Library Building and Equipment Section and he represents the IUA at European Universities Association High Level Group on ‘Big Deals’.

ELISABET RUNDQVIST

Elisabet is an Executive Officer at the National Library of Sweden, which is both a library and a government agency.

She has been working at the government agency since 2007 with various areas of the Swedish librarianship. In 2010 a campaign started called Digidel2013. The work started as a national dialogue primarily between libraries, popular education and the Internet Foundation, but the number of participating organizations grew rapidly. In December 2010, 16 organizations signed a joint call for cooperation and a joint campaign for increased digital participation, one of which was the National Library of Sweden. Elisabet has been part of this undertaking since 2010. Since 2014 they have run a network for digital inclusion, Digidel, some of the years with governmental founding, some of the years with sponsors.

From this work the National Library of Sweden requested funding from the government for a large scale competence development of the librarians at the public libraries in all municipalities of Sweden, and was granted €2.5 million per year from 2018 to 2020.
MARIT VESTLIE

Marit Vestlie is a Senior Adviser at the National Library Norway. She is a librarian with a wide range of responsibilities in the library community.

Marit’s academic interest has been bibliographical work and she has worked on a number of different aspects within metadata standards and production. For eight years, she was a member of IFLA’s Standing Committee on Cataloguing.

Throughout the years she has worked intensively with co-operation, on a national, a Nordic and international level to ensure development and innovation in the library sector. She has participated in several international projects such as the EUPEFG project and was Head of the Norwegian IFLA VLIC in 2005.

Over the past twenty years, she has been the leader of various organizations in the library including as director of the Department of Library Services at the National Library, Norway.

Currently she works as a project manager for The Nordic Library Project, funded by The Nordic Council of Ministry of Culture and organized and run by the National Libraries in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The National Library of Norway coordinates the project.

AFTERNOON SESSION CHAIR TON VAN VLIEMEREN

Ton van Vlimmeren has been the Director of the Public Library of Utrecht in the Netherlands since 2010. He also previously held this position from 1995 to 2004.

He trained and worked as a psychologist, a teacher, an educational consultant and Director of Public Education in Utrecht. He also acted as Director for the City of Utrecht in different roles such as Real Estate and Urban Planning, Districts and Civic Centres and Public Services.

Ton was Vice-President of the Dutch Library Association and member of the governmental steering committee for library innovation in the Netherlands.

He contributed in the International Libraries Network of the Bertelsmann Foundation, the Global Libraries program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Public Libraries 2020 program of the Reading and Writing Foundation.

He is President of the board of NBD/Biblion, the national Librarymedia supplier in the Netherlands and member of the board of the Pica Foundation that supports innovation in libraries. He has been President of EBLIDA since 2018.

JEAN-MARIE REDING

Jean-Marie works at the National Library of Luxembourg. Since 2015, he has been creating national authority records for the Virtual International Authority File (VIAF). He previously managed legal deposit for serials (2001-2012) and retro-catalogued of dead serials (2012 to 2015).

Jean-Marie was President of the Luxembourgish librarians’, archivists’ and documentalists’ association, ALBAD, from 2003 to 2016. Since 2016 he holds the position of Vice-President for European Affairs.

He was Secretary General of the national association for public libraries, ULBP, from 2007 to 2010 and has been a Board member since 2010. Since 2009, he has been President of the national fundraising organisation for public libraries, FëBlux.

Jean-Marie was a member of the national book council, Conseil National du Livre, from 2007 to 2016. Jean-Marie has also been as Executive Committee member of EBLIDA since May 2015.

GIUSEPPE VITIELLO

From 1989 to 2018 Giuseppe Vitiello served as Head of Unit, Programme Adviser and Expert in various international organisations: European Commission, Council of Europe, ISSN International Centre, EU-ISS and NATO Defense College.

Earlier in his career, he acted as Head of Research and Development, National Library in Florence and lectured at the Universities of Orléans and Toulouse.

He also held visiting positions at the Hochschule der Medien in Stuttgart and the University of Venice. Giuseppe is a member of AIB (Italian Library Association) and assisted AIB in various positions (programme coordinator, co-editor of the AIB Bulletin, AIB delegate with ASVIS). He has a Master’s in Political Science - international relations, and post-graduated diplomas in History (Paris, E.H.E.S.S.) and in Library Science (School of Administration, Rome).

Giuseppe is the author of six books and more than one hundred articles in library and information science and the history of culture.

STEFAN PARISE

Stefano Parise is the Director of the public library network of Milan and Deputy Director for Culture.

He started his professional career in 1988 as a children’s librarian. From 2006 to 2011 he was the General Director of “Fondazione Per Leggere”, a network coordinating 58 public libraries in a half million people’s area in the south west of Milan. From 2005 to 2008 he was the coordinator of Public Library National Committee of Italian Libraries Association (AIB).

From 2008 to 2011 Stefano served as member of the AIB governing board. In this role he was member of Italian executive committee for IFLA World Library and Information Congress held in Milan, August 2009. He was the President of Italian Library Association (AIB) between 2011 and 2014 and he is at present Vice-President of EBLIDA. As Director of the Milan public libraries, he represents his city in the EuroCities working group “Access to culture” and coordinates the activities of Milan as UNESCO Creative City for Literature.

His professional interests are focused on library policies, copyright and reading promotion.

FLORIANNE-MARIELLE JOB

As director of the Third-Place Puzzle in Thionville, France, Florianne-Marielle JOB currently oversees the activities and developments of the library, art centre and digital studio.

After studying political sciences, she started a career as a civil servant at the French Ministry of Finance in 2016. Wanting to contribute within society through the implementation of cultural public policies, she then trained as a library curator. Her background in social sciences and public finances lead her to specialise in the field of management and evaluation. She shares her research and findings through her blog aiming to help manager of cultural institutions in their daily activities.

Her keen interest in learning from experiences and good practices in libraries abroad lead her to enrol as an interpreter at the IRLA annual Congress and to volunteer as a moderator in the 2018 EBLIDA-NAPLE conference.
ANDERS SÖDERBACK
Anders Söderbäck is Head of the Digital Library at Stockholm Public Libraries.
He was previously responsible for IT and systems development at Stockholm University Library where he played an integral part in developing the library into a change-oriented organization with a big focus on open science. He has been involved in promoting open data and open source library systems on both national and international level, as well as writing one of the first Swedish collective licensing agreements to make available digitized research publications from Stockholm University.
Anders has also worked at the National Library of Sweden in coordination and strategy for the Swedish union catalogue Libris, as well as the Bibsam national licensing consortia. In 2008, he was part of the team that made Libris the first library union catalogue published as linked open data on the web.
Anders is a member of the EBLIDA Executive Board.

MARTIN BERENDSE
Martin Berendse was appointed Chief Executive of Public Library Amsterdam (OBA) in 2014, following a career in marketing consultancy, management of performing arts organizations, national cultural policy and archives management. He feels that all aspects of his previous activities now are combined in his position in the OBA, a network of libraries in and around Amsterdam, amongst which the central library of famous Dutch architect Jo Coenen.
Martin was President of the International Council on Archives (2010-2014), National Archivist of the Netherlands (2008-2014) and Head of Arts Department at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (1998-2007). Before this, he was a managing director of performing arts organizations (1990-1998) and a marketing consultant (1987-1990).
Martin studied Law in Utrecht (LLM) and Archival Science in Amsterdam (MA).

ILONA KISH
Ilona is a Library Avenger. As Director of Public Libraries 2030, she aims to create a stronger European library sector through EU advocacy and network building.
A former Secretary General of Culture Action, Ilona has extensive experience in EU advocacy and campaigning, as well as a thorough working knowledge of both the operational and political functions of EU institutions.