



President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,



First, I would like to wish you all a prosperous new year for 2013. Together with you and your colleagues, we will continue to fight for libraries in Europe with EBLIDA going from strength to strength.

In the December issue of 2012, I thanked several members for showing their strong desire to support even more of our actions by funding our European Campaign for eBooks and Communication activities. It was a wonderful Christmas present to EBLIDA!

It is my pleasure to announce that the good news continues thanks to the generous donation of the Austrian Library Association (BVOE) to the EBLIDA eBooks campaign.

By now, you should have received the renewal of membership invoice for 2013 and the official Invitation Letter to our 2013 Council and Conference. Preparation for EBLIDA's 21st Annual Council is ongoing, as well as the programme for the Conference *Ready? Read 'e': E-services in Libraries, from European thinking to local actions*. The goal of the conference will be to open the floor to inspiring speakers, who will interact with the audience to discuss the current challenges for libraries and show EBLIDA's next steps with its eBooks campaign.

Together with our Italian colleagues, we are working hard to develop the best possible Conference Programme and organise a Conference full of discussions, ideas, contributions, proposals and of course *sapor!* Information on the programme will be made available in the coming weeks on the website and in the newsletter.

Following-up on the last developments at the EU level in December regarding copyright, you will find more detailed information on page 2.

It is also my pleasure to announce that the EBLIDA-LIST has been reactivated. You will find more information on page 4.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that EBLIDA has recruited a Communication Officer that some of you probably already know: Sophie Felföldi. Sophie has provided us with a short biography which you can read on page 4.

I hope that you will all join me to welcome Sophie in the EBLIDA team.

Once again, I wish all a **Happy New Year!**

Enjoy reading!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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News round-up: E.U.

Ireland runs the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from January 1st to June 30th 2013



Uachtaránacht na hÉireann ar
Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh
Irish Presidency of the Council
of the European Union
eu2013.ie

While Ireland is running its 7th Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the country also celebrates its 40th year of EU membership.

In a critical moment for the European Union and as stated on the Irish Presidency website "[...] *As Presidency, Ireland is committed to delivering real and positive decisions to support Europe's economic recovery and social cohesion. Ireland looks forward to working together with other Member States, the EU institutions and stakeholders across the nine different Council formations that it will chair from January until June 2013 to deliver results for Europe's citizens.*"

The Irish Presidency prioritises work on economic stability, jobs and growths.

This means that the focus will be put on:

- ◆ the compact for growths and jobs as well as on Horizon 2020 (research and innovation Programme) especially on nanotechnology, photonics, advanced manufacturing, cloud computing and high-speed computing;
- ◆ new EU system for economic and budgetary coordination (known as European Semester) <http://tinyurl.com/amhsbwr>;
- ◆ EU Budget 2014-2020: reform of the common agricultural policy and fisheries policy, spending on research and innovation, funding for poorer EU regions and the Connecting Europe Facility (this link to the Digital Agenda: <http://tinyurl.com/ayyr6oe>).

Its principal project for 2013 and beyond is to restore prosperity in a fair and lasting way that is sustainable in the long term.

European Year of Citizens 2013

The EU Commission website announced that: "*The European Year of Citizens 2013 is dedicated to the rights that come with EU citizenship. Over this year, we will encourage dialogue between all levels of government, civil society and business at events and conferences around Europe to discuss those EU rights and build a vision of how the EU should be in 2020.*"



The Irish Presidency will officially open the European Year of Citizens in Dublin on 10 January 2013.

If you are interested in finding dedicated events for your country or contacting the organisers, you can search in the frequently updated agenda available at <http://europa.eu/citizens-2013/en/events/find-event>.

We wish that libraries in the European Union will be more visible in 2020 than they are today and hope that a library-friendly European legislation will be implemented.

From Licensing Europe to a review of the Copyright framework

On 18th of December 2012, the EU Commission released a communication on Content in the Digital Single Market. This communication calls for a stakeholder dialogue named "Licensing Europe". It will be organised in four parallel strands:

- ◆ Cross-border access and the portability of services;
- ◆ User-generated content and licensing for small-scale users of protected material;
- ◆ Audiovisual sector and cultural heritage institutions;
- ◆ Text and data mining;

An initial plenary meeting should be organised at the beginning of 2013, and the working groups established. Those groups should report back to the plenary at mid-term (June) and finally in the fourth quarter of 2013.

It is interesting to note that in parallel the EU Commission "[...] *will complete its on-going review of the EU copyright framework [...] with a view to a decision in 2014 whether to table the resulting legislative reform proposals. The following elements will be addressed: territoriality in the Internal Market; harmonisation, limitations and exceptions to copyright in the digital age; fragmentation of the EU copyright market; and how to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of enforcement while underpinning its legitimacy in the wider context of copyright reform.*"

The document is available at http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/copyright/licensing-europe/index_en.htm.

EBLIDA is already in contact with the EU Commission for the stakeholders dialogue and will ensure active participation.

EBLIDA activities

EBLIDA, partner of Next Library, International Library Conference in Aarhus, Denmark, 16 -19 June 2013

The logo for Next Library, featuring the text "next library" in white lowercase letters on an orange square background with a folded corner effect.

RE-IMAGINATION – CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

Meet, share, learn and co-create – join the Next Library Conference 2013 - an international event for open-minded librarians and decision makers.

The overall purpose for Next Library 2013 is to inspire public libraries to re-imagination, civic engagement and collaborative innovation with the perspective of supporting equal access to technology, learning and active citizenship for all.

The program is in progress and will be a mixture of a structured programme with a few excellent keynote speakers and at least 15 interactive parallel sessions, poster presentations, energizers, surprises and social events.

Including of course an engaging Get2Gether and the fabulous Networking Dinner Party at Varna Mansion, which often tends to turn into a garden party.

Optional events: Site visits to libraries and cultural institutions in Denmark and Aarhus and a post-un-conference day. You are all invited to join and participate in shaping the programme!

Submit your suggestions on www.nextlibrary.net or www.facebook.dk/nextlibrary

Registration is open.

Next library 2013 is organized by Aarhus Public Libraries in co-operation with conference partners and sponsors: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, EBLIDA, Danish Library Association and Danish Agency for Culture /'Tilskud og Støtte til internationale bibliotekskonferencer I Danmark'. DBC a/s is Main Sponsor for Next Library 2013.

Looking forward to seeing you in Aarhus!

Welcome to our new EBLIDA team mate: Sophie Felföldi



In November EBLIDA launched a recruitment process for a Communication Officer. The application time was short, but the secretariat received various proposals, and invited 3 candidates for an interview in mid December.

We are very happy to introduce our new EBLIDA team mate to you and to hand over to her for a short introduction:

“ First of all, Happy New Year to you all!

I am very pleased to join the EBLIDA team as a Freelance Communications Officer.

I am Dutch of Hungarian origin and I presently live in Cyprus. I have a deep understanding of the importance of literacy, libraries and access to information and a passion for reading.

I had the good fortune to work for IFLA, a member- based international library organization in The Hague for the past 20 years in different capacities: Personal Assistant to the Secretary General, Office Manager and Web/IT Manager. I therefore have a fairly broad range of experience and knowledge that make my skills transferable and useful to many segments of an organization such as EBLIDA.

While at IFLA, as the Web/IT Manager my first substantial project was the migration of IFLA’s website from the National Library in Canada and the IFLA/FAIFE website in Denmark to INIST in France. I was also the owner/moderator of more than 70 discussion lists, responsible for the design, development, maintenance of the organization’s website.

In 2007, I was given the opportunity to relocate with my spouse to Cyprus and continued to work on with IFLA on a freelance basis.

As I write this short bio, and after just a few Skype calls with the EBLIDA team I have the distinct feeling that EBLIDA’s people are very committed, friendly and enthusiastic. I look forward to working with this great team and to provide the support to the Members they need.

You can reach me at: sophie.felfoldi@eblida.org or by Skype at: sophiefelfoldi”.

EBLIDA activities

Re-activation of the EBLIDA-LIST

EBLIDA-LIST is a discussion list intended to foster communications between EBLIDA, its membership and members of the European library community. The goal in re-establishing this list is to facilitate information exchange as well as professional communication and development within the EBLIDA community.

Main goals:

- to aid in the distribution of EBLIDA related information and newsletter
- to exchange views and enhance direct involvement of members and non-members
- to inform EBLIDA members and all interested people on news & updates on EU developments
- to disseminate Position Papers & Statements in response to proposals of legislation & policy guidelines to the broader European library community

We encourage anyone interested in the goals and activities of EBLIDA - individuals and organisations, Members of EBLIDA and non Members - to participate. Anyone may send messages to the list, however EBLIDA-List is a moderated list and unrelated (misdirected or error) or inappropriate messages (spam) will not be distributed.

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Web interface and archive: <http://sympa.kaapeli.fi/sympa/info/ebldata-list>

Submission address: ebldata-list@sympa.kaapeli.fi

Moderator: Sophie Felfoldi

If you need help with your subscription, please contact the moderator at sophie.felfoldi@ebldata.org

The eBooks corner

First answer from the Federation of European Publishers

After its meeting on December 6th, the EBLIDA eBooks Task Force received a response from the Federation of European Publishers (FEP) on the EBLIDA key-principles.

If FEP agrees to open a dialogue as proposed by EBLIDA, it unfortunately doesn't consider the key-principles as such, but calls on another approach.

However EBLIDA is interested in learning first of all with which principles FEP agrees and where they think further discussion is needed. Only after we receive a direct response to the key principles will it be possible to proceed with clarity and transparency.

FEP was informed of the above by letter at the beginning of January.

First results of the survey on eBooks in Europe

In mid-November, EBLIDA Survey on E-book lending has been sent to targeted contacts across Europe.

The idea is to get one contact-person per country, who will then feed the survey every 3 months in order for EBLIDA to collect information and data to be used later on.

9 contacts have been identified, and EBLIDA is continuing its work of identification while polishing the survey in order to collect exploitable results for the next EBLIDA Council and Conference on 14th and 15th May in Milan.

To be continued...

EBLIDA at the MLAS Seminar in London

Thanks to the close cooperation between IFLA MLAS and EBLIDA and the invitation received from MLAS chair Gerald Leitner, EBLIDA will take part in the MLAS seminar in London on 21st February 2013:

E-Books in Libraries: A Global Question of Survival? An IFLA MLAS Seminar on the Challenges in Front of Us

EBLIDA President will have the opportunity to present the situation in Europe with regards to eBooks while EBLIDA Director will present the EBLIDA eBooks campaign.

If you want to know what is going on worldwide regarding e-books come and join us!

Information and registration should be made available online as of week 3 on the IFLA website (www.ifla.org) and on the EBLIDA website at www.eblida.org.



EBLIDA who's who?

As the network evolves, and as new members enter EBLIDA's community, the EBLIDA newsletter has decided to open its columns to members wishing to introduce themselves to others. The idea is to get to know each other better, to discover more about our association-colleagues, and to strengthen our links and cooperation. And why not to open up discussions, to launch proposals, and to create partnerships?

This month, EBLIDA opens its columns to : **Hrvatsko knjižničarsko društvo / Croatian Library Association**

Association

Croatian Library Association (CLA) is a non-governmental, non profit, national umbrella association of 16 Croatian regional library associations. CLA operates on a voluntary basis, dedicated to the principles of high professional performance, development and preservation of intellectual freedom, and protection of basic democratic principles of the wider social community. CLA believes in the right to knowledge and uninhibited access to information to all.

CLA has approximately 1,500 members: one third of people who work in libraries in Croatia are its members.

CLA is financed partly by the Croatian Ministry of Culture, and partly through its membership fees, its own activities, external project funds, and sponsors.

The 2012-budget amounted to 1 million HRK (around 135.000,00 EUR).

Activities

The activities of CLA include: library legislation, professional development and lifelong education, conferences and workshops (in 2012, 12 conferences and workshops were organized) publishing (in 2012, 4 issues of the journal "Vjesnik bibliotekara Hrvatske", 3 issues of the CLA newsletter, and 6 books – among which IFLA guidelines, conference proceedings, and a monographic book – were published), as well as international cooperation.

Situation

Due to global economic crisis, severe cuts in the State budget, visible shift towards commercial orientation, and changing legislation, the overall situation in Croatia has become increasingly unfavorable towards libraries. Sore points include: lack of stable financing of libraries, lack of national strategy for library development, and insufficient influence of libraries on decision makers.

Strategy

CLA is dedicated to activities leading to promotion and recognition of libraries as information, education and cultural centres, as places of social inclusion, and as an accompanying factor in personal development. Since 2010, CLA has been running the campaign *I have the right to know, I'm entitled to a library*, aiming to influence the perception of libraries in the Croatian society.

Current strategic activities of the CLA include promoting interests and values of the library profession, free access to information and intellectual freedom, lifelong learning and professional development.

CLA is also striving to outline specific standards and strategies for the development of all library types and the entire library system in Croatia.

Europe

CLA is proud of its cooperation with IFLA (in 2012, 7 CLA representatives were active in IFLA's sections and committees) and EBLIDA. Our thanks go to EBLIDA professionals, who came to Croatia and spoke at CLA conferences, and especially to Mr. Klaus-Peter Böttger, president of EBLIDA, who opened the CLA 38th General Conference and Assembly, held in September 2012 in Osijek, with the highly acclaimed presentation *Access to e-books – chances and limits : the challenge for libraries*.

CLA is interested in developing long-term activities and joint projects, based on collaboration and networking of library professionals, in the region of South Eastern Europe (in 2012, CLA completed the project *Regional cooperation : challenge and opportunity*, supported by IFLA/Action for Development through Libraries Programme, with Mrs. Winnie Vitzansky as IFLA trainer).

In 2012, CLA cooperated with the Association of Information Professionals – Librarians, Archivists and Museologists (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Slovenian Library Association, Serbian Library Association, Hungarian Library Association, and with/within the South East European Association of Law and Related Libraries (SEALL).



Map of Croatia.

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Basic facts

Land area: 56.594 km²

Population: 4.3 mil.

GDP per capita: 10.203 EUR

Total number of libraries (in 2010): 1.731



Marijana Mišetić,
President of the Croatian
Library Association



Nevia Raos,
Secretary of the Croatian
Library Association

Events and Dates

January 2013

January 14 – 16, 8th International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC): "Infrastructure, Intelligence, Innovation: driving the Data Science agenda"

Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands

URL: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc13>

January 21, Supporting and enhancing your repository

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.rsp.ac.uk/events/supporting-and-enhancing-your-repository/>

January 23 – 25, 21st BOBCATSSS Conference: From Collections to Connections: Turning Libraries "Inside-Out"

Place: Ankara, Turkey

URL: <http://bobcatsss.net/>

January 29 – 30, Academic Publishing in Europe (APE) 8: "The Funding of Publishing. Changes and Consequences for Science and Society"

Place: Berlin, Germany

URL: <http://www.ape2013.eu/index.html>

January 31 – February 1, 9th Italian Research Conference on Digital Libraries (IRCDL 2013)

Place: Rome, Italy

URL: <http://www.dis.uniroma1.it/~ircdl13/>

February 2013

February 1, Open Access Workshop: Guiding Principles and Practical Action for Learned Societies

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=348>

February 4 – 8, PROMISE Winter School 2013 on Bridging between Information Retrieval and Databases

Place: Bressanone, Italy

URL: <http://www.promise-noe.eu/events>

February 4 – 8, 6th ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining

Place: Rome, Italy

URL: <http://www.wsdm2013.org/>

February 5, Open access research and the future for academic publishing

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/event.php?eid=515>

February 18 – 21, Search Engine Strategies (SES) London

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://sesconference.com/london/>

February 21, MLAS seminar

Place: London

February 21 – 24, Vilnius Book Fair

Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

URL: <http://www.litexpo.lt/en/main/fairs?ID=27977&x=14&y=11>

February 25 – 26, 2013 Annual Conference of the Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.subscription-agents.org/latest-news/press-releases/asa-annual-conference-2013>

February 25 – 26, Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries Annual Conference

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://subscription-agents.org/conferences/forthcoming-conferences>

February 28, Ignore your authors at your peril. Strategies and tactics for building a strong author-focused proposition

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=343>

February 28 – March 1, Edinburgh City Libraries - It's Time for the Future (EDGE2013): "Rising to the Challenge – Delivering value through Innovation & Partnership"

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

URL: <http://edgeconference.co.uk/>

February 28 – March 1, International Conference on Wirtschaftsinformatik (Business Information Systems) (WI2013)

Place: Leipzig, Germany

URL: <http://www.wi2013.de/>

March 2013

March 7 – 11, Brussels Book Fair

Place: Brussels, Belgium

URL: <http://www.flb.be/>

March 13 – 15, 5th Global Conference: Digital Memories

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/digital-memories/call-for-papers/>

March 14 – 17, Leipzig Book Fair

Place: Leipzig, Germany

URL: <http://www.leipziger-buchmesse.de/>



!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

**21st EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference Milan (Italy), 14th–15th May 2013
More information soon!**

The Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 13th of May 2013