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The President’s Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

European parliament is processing copyright reform this spring. This is our last chance for a while to squeeze in a reference to e-lending. Or, to be precise, we want libraries to have a copyright exception, to enable e-lending. If the copyright legislation package does not acknowledge this exception, the future of e-lending will be up to publishers, who will decide themselves, one by one and country by country, under which terms e-lending is possible, if at all.

To make it clear: if there is no copyright exception for e-loans, publishers will decide the cost of e-lending and the availability of e-books in libraries by themselves. There will most certainly be big publishers who will deny e-lending of their material completely, and there will most likely be entire EU-countries, where e-lending will not be possible.
publishers do not want to have e-books in libraries at all. On the contrary, they claim that every e-loan cannibalises book sales, and is therefore malevolent.

EBLIDA’s main task, in co-operation with IFLA and PL2020, at the moment, is to deliver this message to as many MEP’s as possible before the final decision. And I am asking your help to do this. We are not very good at producing press releases in Slovakian or in Portuguese. Our local members manage that a lot better. During the parliament seasons MEP’s spend most of their time in Brussels or Strasburg, but their voters stay back home. Lobbying is often more effective, if you make sure that the voters receive the same message.

Do not hesitate to contact your MEP’s. The time to act is now.

According to the division of labour in Eblida, Vincent has been more active in Brussels, and I have been touring around to encourage our members to be politically active. In March I had the pleasure to visit Tullamore, and give a speech at the Irish Library Conference, and a few days later I met librarians in Athens, as I attended the IFLA president’s meeting in the fabulous new National Library of Greece.

There is the EBLIDA conference coming up, too, in Aarhus, Denmark on May 4th. It is not too late to book a flight and to register. The Danes have done wonderful job in organising the conference, and I am very curious to hear what, for example, Erin Simon, Product Counsel on the Knowledge team at Google, has to say about libraries and the future of the printed word.

Have a happy Easter break, and hope to see you in Aarhus!

Jukka Relander
EBLIDA President

INSIDE BRUSSELS

JURI committee votes to respect the spirit and the letter of the Marrakesh Treaty in Europe

On March 23rd, the Legal Affairs Committee (JURI) of the European Parliament, sent a strong and clear message to other European Union Institutions and Member States.
As the lead Committee on this dossier, the Legal Affairs Committee has a crucial role in the Parliament. Building on the opinions of three other Committees, MEPs rejected any attempts to allow Member States to propose or maintain barriers to access to information.

These could include obligations to make supplementary payments to publishers when making or sharing accessible format books, or a requirement to confirm that there are no such copies already available on the market.

The first would drain resources away from helping people with print disabilities, while the second could block cross-border sharing, given that libraries are not likely to ever be certain that books are not available.

For this reason, the European Library Community would like to congratulate the members of the JURI committee for their commitment towards a fairer Europe for all.

**Jukka Relander**, EBLIDA President, declared: “This result gives confidence and trust in the European Parliament as an institution that has the capacity to protect the interest of the many against the interest of a few. That is an important win in a long overdue dossier, but much more is needed to ensure that the 30+ million Visually Impaired People in Europe can at last enjoy reading as we all do.

**EBLIDA together with its partners will continue to mobilise its members to ensure that Europe’s Member States follow the same path. If we want to be proud of the European Union, we need a fair implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty that respects its spirit.”

The press release is accessible [here](#).

To be continued.

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**JURI Committee Draft Opinion on the Digital Single Market Directive on Copyright**

The [Draft Opinion](#) on copyright in the Digital Single Market from the Legal Affairs (JURI) Committee of the European Parliament was published on 08 March 2017. The Rapporteur of the draft opinion is MEP [Comodini Cachia](#).
The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) has now also been invited to submit an opinion. The committee appointed MEP Michal Boni (EPP, Poland) as rapporteur. No further information has been made available for the time being.

**Copyright reform briefing**

In the last issue of our newsletter, we informed you of the briefing created to help you out in your advocacy work.

The briefing is accessible here and the timeline contained therein has been updated on April 7 to reflect the current activities and deadlines known to us.

We hope that this information is helping you navigate the intricate web of Copyright Reform discussions.

**IPR, Technology Transfer and Open Science. Challenges and opportunities.**

On 9th of March, the European Commission organised a workshop on IPR, Technology Transfer and Open Science. Challenges and opportunities to address the issue of the “delicate interplay between ensuring protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and fostering knowledge circulation”.

Starting from the idea that Open Science does not mean ‘free science’, the participants discussed the approaches to striking a good balance between protected data and open access to information.

It is to be noted though, that the Council of the European Union adopted last year an Open Science agenda as highlighted in the EBLIDA press release of 9 June 2016 that notably seeks to complete the switch to Open Access, but also to bring European research into the Open Science era.
Meeting of the EU School Policy Networks on the review of the Key Competences Framework (4-5 April, Brussels)

EBLIDA Director attended a Meeting of the EU School Policy Networks on the review of the Key Competences Framework on 4 and 5 April in Brussels).

The event revolved around the need for an update of the 2006 EU Commission Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning. 140 participants from all over Europe and from different literacy networks participated and exchanged on ways to review it.

During the different workshops, EBLIDA Director underlined the need to include libraries as a partner for lifelong learning activities and literacy issues, referred to the recent (2016) UNESCO Policy Brief on Literacy, Libraries and the Sustainable Development Goals, and also mentioned the need to relate to copyright issue, such as for instance the Panorama exception and the illustration for teaching currently under discussion in the Copyright in the DSM Directive.

The Review of the 2006 Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning can be done by answering the public consultation. The consultation period started on 22nd February 2017 and ends by 19th May 2017. Anybody is welcome to answer to it.
EUROPE and Worldwide

Visit from the Member of European Parliament in the Public Library of Bremen - Barbara Lison meets Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski

On Friday, March 10th, the Polish Member of the European Parliament, Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski, visited the Bremen Public Library. Director, Barbara Lison, welcomed him in the Central Library.

Prof. Krasnodębski, who also has a professorship at the University of Bremen, wanted to be informed about the wide range of services offered by a modern public library.

He was impressed by the high number of visitors of all age groups and from many countries.

The effect of a library as a learning and communication place was particularly important to him. He paid special attention to the fact that there were many learning tandems in the library, where Bremer and Bremerinnen communicated with refugees.

Prof. Krasnodębski is a member of the EU Parliament and sits in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as well as in the Committee on Culture and Education and in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs as Deputy Member.

In these functions, he is also responsible for European library matters.

A Copyright fit for the Digital Age: momentum building

On 15th March at the European Parliament in Strasbourg (France), Library and Cultural Heritage Institution’s experts and MEPs set out a path towards a Copyright
With crucial deadlines approaching for the European Union’s Copyright Reform Package, participants asserted the need for an ambitious response to the challenges faced by libraries in the digital age. If we succeed, Europe’s over 100 million library users will benefit from rules that foster creativity and innovation, support improved access to knowledge and Europe’s diverse cultural heritage.

MEP Therese Comodini Cachia opened the session, highlighting the crucial role that libraries play in building strong local communities and a vibrant and inclusive European culture. She underlined her ambitious approach to the Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market, by increasing the number of beneficiaries to the exception on Text and Data Mining. She recognised the importance of empowering cultural heritage institutions to digitise content and making it available so that all can benefit. She declared herself a proud member of the MEP Library Lovers Group and encouraged other MEPs to join.

Experts underlined the need for a change to allow on the premises access to digital works, e-lending, document supply and mass digitisation of out of commerce works. The MEPs present engaged strongly indicating their support for the work of libraries.

MEP Catherine Stihler concluded that Europe needs a better legal framework for libraries and that she would continue to encourage her colleagues to join her in this. She finally congratulated the speakers and organisers for their great work.

Jean-Marie Reding on behalf of the EBLIDA Executive Committee, declared that: “Copyright remains a challenge for our institutions and for European citizens. And we, librarians and Cultural Heritage professionals, are fully committed to a balanced and effective reform. Libraries have been amongst the most enthusiastic in seizing the opportunities provided by digital technology in the 21st century. We need a legal framework that is fit for purpose and benefits all of Europe’s library users”.

We are happy to relay the information of Europeana on the #AllezLiterature campaign. Europeana is celebrating World Poetry Day with a month long social media salute to poetry from across Europe started on International Poetry Day 21st March.

This is the second phase of #AllezLiterature - our 2017 campaign that focuses on Europe’s Libraries and Archives and aims to demonstrate the value of text in today’s visual world, highlighting words in all their forms and languages.

The aim is to show, especially on social media, the power of poetry as fun, moving, and connected to our lives. It showcases poems nominated by libraries across Europe for the campaign – they are either existing content on Europeana or are provided specifically.

Since 21st March, Europeana invited the public to:

- Experience poems in new ways - from YouTube recitals to Punk band covers
- Listen to and share poetry ‘playlists’ with recordings found on Europeana
- Join the #WW1 Poetry Transcribathon and transcribe, tag and annotate handwritten poems by soldiers and nurses from the First World War
- Share favourite quotes from and about poems with the hashtag #AllezLiterature

Europeana press release can be found here.
Europeana Pro blog here.
The #AllezLiterature campaign page on europeana.eu is here.
Ready-made #AllezLiterature Twitter templates can be downloaded from WeTransfer here or found on Pinterest here.

We will be using the hashtags #AllezLiterature and #WorldPoetryDay.

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The Open Library – Technics and Strategy for sharing
biggest library event in Italy welcoming up to 2000 librarians from all over the country for 2 very busy days of reflection on libraries. The theme this year was the *Open Library, technics and strategy for sharing.*

The *rich programme* (only available in Italian) underlines cutting edge reflection on the situation libraries are facing and how they react to and grasp the current issues especially regarding their new roles in today’s society. To some extent it resonates with our coming conference Let’s Rethink to take place in a few weeks in Dokk1, Aarhus, Denmark.

EBLIDA Director gave a presentation on Thursday 16 March on [European Policies for the Open Libraries](https://www.eblida.org/) and Friday 17 March participated at a round table on the CJEU judgment on e-lending of November 2016 together with several Italian colleagues.

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**Inside EBLIDA**

**Reminder: Next EBLIDA NAPLE Annual Council and Conference, 3–4 May 2017**

Our next Conference is nearly here. If you haven’t registered yet, please do so and book your hotel since because Aarhus is the European Capital for Culture
Second Keynote Speaker announced
The Danish Library Association had the opportunity to invite a second speaker, Henrik Good Hovgaard.

Henrik’s vision for the future is to develop a global network of foresight by spreading Future Navigator’s methods worldwide. The motivation is to give people direction, tools and a constructive perspective: “My fortune is made when I can give the next generation – my daughters’ generation – the perspective in which they believe that they can change the world, while simultaneously having the tools to do so.”

More to discover on Future Navigator website.

Information on all the other speakers is accessible here: http://conferencemanager.events/eblida2017/speakers-moderators.html

Standard registration fee (17 March to 1st May):

- EBLIDA or NAPLE Members: 130 €
- Non Members: 150 €

We hope you will join us in Aarhus to rethink together as well as to participate at the Annual Council meeting of EBLIDA or NAPLE General Assembly on Wednesday 3rd May.
April
18 – 19 April
2017 Virtual Symposium on Information & Technology in the Arts & Humanities
Online Event

19 – 23 April
Tempo di Libri Milano
Milan, Italy

20 – 22 April
Restoration & Conservation 2017 International Conference
Lviv, Ukraine

20 – 23 April
Budapest 24th International Book Festival
Budapest, Hungary

26 – 30 April
31st Geneva Book and Press Fair
Geneva, Switzerland

May
3 – 4 May
25th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting & EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference
Aarhus, Denmark

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