The President’s Editorial

The main task of Eblida is lobbying, even though the word itself sounds a bit dirty. Well, as a matter of fact it sounds more than that: ugly.

Think of big tobacco companies denying the simple fact that smoking is dangerous to your health. That is precisely what they did, and their paid spokesmen have spread the false facts around media and into the course of different layers of political decision making process.

For a couple of generations smokers were eager to buy the lies, to keep enjoying their daily doses of deadly smoke. In politics it is always easier to lean on a well spread hoax than unpopular scientific evidence.

Another case is climate change. A Finnish MEP excelled for several terms in Brussels in denying the vast scientific consensus of global warming due to human activity, until she lost her financial backbone and did not get elected. And why did she lose it? Simply because an increasing number of countries showed commitment to the Paris Agreement on the edge of last European elections, and there was no point in paying for lies the media had ceased to believe. I know this, since I have met
Now *that* is dirty lobbying.

We believe our cause is more noble than that of oil or tobacco companies. We are lobbying for people's rights to digital content: the fundamental civil rights required for full citizenship in the information society.

And furthermore, we are not paying for politicians to lie for our cause, we are trying to keep them on the track of truth in spite of the gigantic false information machinery in different (and wealthy) interest groups around the honey pot of copyright reform.

Let's keep it that way. Truth is enough, but only if we manage to attract the media with our viewpoints, and get the citizens alerted that their fundamental rights are at stake.

This is the fundamental task of European library associations right now.

Yours sincerely,

**Jukka Relander**
EBLIDA President

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**INSIDE BRUSSELS**

**Copyright reform: Disastrous or worse? Summer highlights**

Over the summer and up until last week, lots has happened on the Copyright reform front! Firstly, the ITRE Committee voted an Opinion on the DSM Directive Proposal on 12th of July and re-issued a new one containing some changes on 01st of August.

Secondly, several documents were leaked over the past days. On 31 August, a document containing the compromise proposals from the Estonian Council Presidency on Articles 1, 2 and 10 to 16 was leaked on Statewatch offering each time 2 options for art. 11 and 13.

**On 5 September**, a document tabled by a series of Member States and raising a set of questions addressed to the Council's Legal Services on Article 13, and its accompanying Recitals (38 and 39), of the Directive on Copyright in the Digital
You can read several blog posts from partners [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

This succession of leaks demonstrates the tensions between the EU institutions and some Member-States. It adds another layer of complexity to the already heavy lobbying from corporate stakeholders of all kinds.

With this tense backdrop, EBLIDA joined an international coalition to halt potentially harmful copyright reform as you can read [here](#).

EBLIDA created a Copyright Reform webpage that you can access at [http://www.eblida.org/copyright-reform/](http://www.eblida.org/copyright-reform/).

The webpage contains key information on the current situation and will be updated as the process evolves. It gathers the positions developed over the past months together with the Library and Cultural Heritage Coalition and provides background information on specific articles on the Copyright Directive as well as means to contact MEPs.

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**Better Regulation for Copyright: Academics Meet Policy Makers**

The event was organised by MEP Julia Reda (Greens/EFA, Germany) on **6 September** (15h-18h30) in the European Parliament in Brussels. The event was streamed live and is available as a [recording](#). Please see the full programme [here](#) and the proceedings [here](#).

Julia Reda opened the session by announcing that shadows meeting started on Tuesday 5 September, and discussions about the text will take place at Council’s working party meetings during the week from 11 to 14 September.

Ms. Reda mentioned the leaked document from the Presidency of the EU proposing new wording for article 11 and 13 (and potentially harmful for the latter) and the leak by an alliance of Member States that question the legality of the proposed text of article 13 (see article above).

She then opened the floor to Commissioner Mariya Gabriel (Bulgaria) for a Keynote speech. Ms Gabriel mainly reminded the audience with the already known Commission position to strike the right balance between right holders and users.

The event was organised in three distinct debates (you can find the name of the speakers in [here](#)).
3. Copyright on data, referring to some extent to the art. 3 on Text and Data Mining.

Each panel welcomed academics with opposing views, namely those in favour, and those not in favour.

In brief, Art 11, further extends publishers' rights beyond what they already have (according to some of the speakers, they already have all the rights, so there is no need for further extension).

Art 13 imposes filtering technologies to be put in place to control what can and can't be accessible (i.e. unreliable and costly technologies + high risk of censorship). Both articles could have an extensive and deadly impact on Open Access repositories and Open Science policies ironically in complete opposition to the EU agenda for Open Access and Open Science that was approved in May 2016 under the Dutch Presidency.

We would like to take this opportunity to direct you to a short educational video on Copyright made by C4C available [here](#) and [here](#).

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**EBLIDA response to Public Consultation on the evaluation of the Database Directive 96/9/EC**

**Background** [Excerpt from the EU Commission website](#)

The Commission launched a public consultation on the application and impact of the Database Directive 96/9/EU on legal protection of databases. The Directive offers a two-tier protection of databases:

1. Copyright protection of databases which are considered 'original'
2. Sui generis protection of databases on which major investments have been made.

In the ongoing ex-post evaluation the Commission is assessing whether the Directive still fulfils its policy goals and is fit-for-purpose in a digital, data-driven economy. The results of the consultation will feed into a Staff Working Document describing the Commission's findings.

**Objective of the consultation**

The main objectives of the consultation are to collect up-to-date information on:

1. The evolution of the market related to databases
2. The use and the impact of copyright and sui generis protection regimes on database makers and users.
EBLIDA’s response
In line with its advocacy work, EBLIDA’s response notably calls for a withdrawal of the sui generis right and an harmonisation of the directive’s limitations and exceptions as well as their protection from override by contract terms and Technological Protection Measures (TPMs).
Read the full EBLIDA response to the Public Consultation on the Database directive [PDF].

Generation Code 2017 – Smart Cities, Smart Citizens, Smart Libraries
This year again, PL2020 offers us an opportunity to go live with MEPs at the Generation Code event of 17 & 18 October in Brussels. The theme is Smart Cities, Smart Citizens, Smart Libraries.
We will report back on the activities in our November issue.

School Libraries and Libraries and Education on the spot
The European Union School Education Gateway undertakes a short poll until 30th September on School libraries addressing the following issues:

- Do you think that school libraries are becoming increasingly irrelevant in a digital age?
- Or is the need for school libraries and the services provided by librarians even greater now than before?

More information is available here.

The poll is accessible in the 23 official languages of the EU at this address: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/school_libraries.

As well as this poll, our colleagues from Public Libraries 2020 published a short article.
Public libraries: Transforming educational paradigms underlines the role
range of different learning activities.

A must read at:

Last but not least, Guy Daines, Chair of EBLIDA Literacies published a blog post Upskilling Pathways: A role for Europe’s Libraries on 8 September, UNESCO International Literacy day.

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EUROPE and WORLDWIDE

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IFLA global vision discussion

Throughout the summer, and especially during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Wrocław, you will have heard about the IFLA Global Vision discussion and the ongoing voting process.

Find below the official information from IFLA on the Global Vision webpages:

The challenges facing the library field from ever-increasing globalisation can only be met and overcome by an inclusive, global response from a united library field.

IFLA’s Global Vision discussion brings together thousands of representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a connected library field can meet the challenges of the future.

IFLA launches and facilitates this global discussion through a series of high-level meetings and workshops in different parts of the world following the kick-off event in Athens, Greece. Representatives from 140 countries engaged in the discussions during six regional meetings organised by IFLA: in Washington D.C., Yaoundé, Alexandria, Buenos Aires, Singapore and Madrid. The workshops focused on how to strengthen ties within the library field, helped identify future challenges and opportunities for the library field, and prioritising actions that the library environment
Numerous meetings and online threads under #IfiaGlobalVision led by librarians from all over the world are building on the momentum started in Athens. They are focused on a set of questions designed through a collaborative process, e.g. What are the core values of libraries? What are libraries exceptionally good at? What are the main challenges for libraries? What would be the characteristics of a united library field? The meetings follow a similar format and resource packages supporting the organisation, facilitation and promotion of the Global Vision discussions are available under Join us! webpage. In order to further facilitate discussion, an online voting platform based on the outcomes of the regional meetings will be available on this website following its launch in August during IFLA's World Library and Information Congress in Wroclaw, Poland. The platform will include the same set of questions used in the regional and self-facilitated meetings and the survey answer options will be based on the outcome of the regional meetings in six continents.

Conclusions from this conversation along with voting data will then be gathered and analysed by IFLA. This unique material will provide a basis for the IFLA Global Vision report which will be published in early 2018. Based on the report, the library field will develop concrete work plans on how to put our collective vision of the future into practice.

We firmly believe that only a unified and connected library field will be able to fulfil one of the true potentials of libraries: to build literate, informed and participative societies.

Together we create the future. Join us!

To further engage with the project, you can check the information available here.

To make your voice count, you have to vote on the platform that is accessible in 15 languages before 30 September at the latest.

Some IFLA members (that are often EBLIDA members as well) such as the Nordic Library Associations took position on the need for such a discussion to take place while underlining their take on the discussion and the critical importance of freedom of expression and access to information.

If, as we do, you believe that the global discussion could be a pathway to an improved Copyright regime for libraries globally, please be sure to answer accordingly.

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Feedback on IFLA WLIC
This year the IFLA WLIC Libraries. Solidarity. Society took place in Wroclaw, Poland from the 19 to the 25 of August.

In the title, Solidarity was a direct reference to the grass-root Solidarnosc movement of the 80’s and 90’s, as was referred to during the Opening Ceremony.

This year, EBLIDA was well represented with almost half of the EC members present in Wroclaw.

Jukka Relander (EBLIDA President), Barbara Lison (EBLIDA Vice-President, President of BID and now IFLA Governing Board member), Jean-Marie Reding (EBLIDA Treasurer and Vice-President of the Luxembourgish Library Association), Steen Bording Andersen (EBLIDA EC member and President of the Danish Library Association), Alicia Selles Carrot (EBLIDA EC member and President of the Institute of Catalanian Librarians and Documentalists), and Vincent Bonnet (EBLIDA Director).

This offers plenty of opportunities throughout IFLA WLIC to network also on behalf of EBLIDA.

Find below an overview of activities relevant to EBLIDA throughout the congress, and mostly when the association was highly visible on stage.

Please note highlights from IFLA WLIC are available here.

Sunday 20 August 2017

- **Session 085, IFLA Strategic Partners’ Meeting - IFLA**

Business Meeting by invitation only.
Jukka Relander, EBLIDA President participated in the meeting, representing the association within the international audience.

A quick overview of the opening ceremony including all official speeches and an interesting keynote speech by Prof. Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski: *Where Were You Going, Poland?* on the history of Poland and how it has always been (quote) “so rudely interrupted” by external factors is available here.

Monday, 21 August 2017

- **Session 096, Marrakesh - The Road to Implementation - Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities**
Vincent Bonnet, EBLIDA Director presented *The Marrakesh Treaty for Visually Impaired People: A Focus on (Public) Libraries in Europe.*

On the same day, Vincent Bonnet participated at an informal 2h30 meeting organised by Victoria Owen (IFLA GB) with the help of Teresa Hackett (EIFL) on the *Implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty – Providing Guidance to Librarians.* The aim was to develop an easy to read guide for librarians on the actual effect on the Marrakesh Treaty, and to ensure a full exploitation of what the Treaty offers. During the meeting, discussions ensued on the process, the reviewers, the workflow and practitioners. Volunteers put themselves forward with the objective to have a draft version ready by December 2017.

- **Session 119, Breaking News – Burning Issues and Emerging Challenges in Copyright - Copyright and other Legal Matters**

Vincent Bonnet presented *The Court of Justice of the European Union Ruling on E-Lending, and its Impact in Europe and Beyond.*

**Tuesday, 22 August 2017**

- **Preparing EBLIDA Annual Conference – Strasbourg 2018**

EBLIDA President and Director met with NAPLE representatives Tine Vind (NAPLE Chair), Anders Cato (NAPLE Secretary) and Mikkel Christoffersen (NAPLE e-book working group) to prepare the upcoming EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference in Strasbourg in May 2018.

EBLIDA Director also met with Franck Hurinville (President of the International French Committee Library and Documentation, CFIBD) to also discuss opportunities for partnerships in organising EBLIDA in Strasbourg.

- **European Copyright Reform**

We took the opportunity to hold a meeting on Copyright reform with EBLIDA members and non-members.

About 15 participants gathered for a meeting with EBLIDA Director and IFLA Policy and Research Officer, Ariadna Matas.

The session was a follow-up of the e-mail sent to all EBLIDA members on 14 August entitled *EBLIDA needs YOU to doorstep your JURI MEPs in their constituencies, the week of 18-22 September.* An overview was given of the situation regarding copyright reform, and the steps forward. It was also a call for action to members so that activities also take place at national level and help influence policy making in the European Union.
(Senior Lecturer in Educational Development, City University of London) and Chris Morrison (Copyright and Licensing Compliance Officer, University of Kent) who have formed UK Copyright Literacy, a must read blog https://copyrightliteracy.org/ that can also be followed on twitter @UKCopyrightLit.

Together they developed an innovative way to teach copyright for non-specialists that includes 'Copyright The Card Game' and 'The Publishing Trap' – a board game which helps researchers understand the implications of their publishing choices. The next day at the session on Models for Copyright Education in Information Literacy Programs (see article below), we had the chance to quickly experiment with the games. A great opportunity to be plugged into copyright as in real life.

You will have a chance to read more about this in the near future.

Wednesday, 23 August 2017

EBLIDA Director participated in a full day off-site session where he presented: Copyright Basics: Impact of Copyright Reform in Europe on Librarians’ Daily Lives.

- Session 184, Models for Copyright Education in Information Literacy Programs - Copyright and Other Legal Matters with Information Literacy

You can access the full programme here.

The purpose of this day-long event is to discuss models for education on copyright, licensing, and other legal matters within the scope of information literacy programs. The session will focus on effective teaching methods of the full range of copyright and licensing issues for libraries, research and publication, and education: exclusive rights, copyright duration, limitations and exceptions, digital copyright, licensing in the digital environment, applications of the law nationally, the international copyright system, and the legal framework for open access licensing. The offsite session will be devoted to methodologies for providing a comprehensive knowledge of the legal landscape for copyright, licensing, and related legal and policy matters in libraries and universities.

E BLIDA President and Director participated at the General Assembly on Wednesday. The key information from the General Assembly comes from the fact that IFLA has received a major grant of $31 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation under the winding down of the Global Libraries programme. This grant should be dedicated over the next 10 years to developing the Global Vision programme, the library map of the world, activities in relation to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and major gathering of IFLA members worldwide. More information on the programmes available on the IFLA website.

Thursday, 24 August 2017

Several interesting sessions were organised, and the second part of the General Assembly saw the farewell of President Donna Scheeder and the welcoming of Gloria Pérez-Salmerón, both moving to new positions. A round of applause was
year term.

Usually, the closing ceremony is a must attend event with the announcement of the next IFLA in 2 year time. It was a deep disappointment for a majority of the attendants to see that the 2019 host hasn’t been selected yet! The 3 candidates so far are Doha (Qatar), Athens (Greece) and Copenhagen (Denmark).

The new IFLA Governing Board members were also greeted, as well as the people who received awards for their different activities.

Friday, 25 August 2017
Library visits were organised such as the brand new library of the Central Station of Wroclaw, and then it was time to head home.

Inside EBLIDA

Greetings to our new Members since January 2017

We are delighted to announce to you that already this year, we have welcomed 8 new associate members as follows:

3 German members:
Münchner Stadtbibliothek / Munich City Library [www.muenchen-stadtbibliothek.de](http://www.muenchen-stadtbibliothek.de)
Stadtbibliothek Duisburg / Duisburg City Library [https://www2.duisburg.de/stadtbib/](https://www2.duisburg.de/stadtbib/)

1 Danish member:
Viborg Bibliotekerne [http://www.viborgbib.dk](http://www.viborgbib.dk)

1 French member:

1 Italian member:

1 Norwegian member:
Oslo and Akerhus University of Applied Sciences, Learning Centre and Library [http://www.hioa.no/eng/Learning-Centre-and-Library](http://www.hioa.no/eng/Learning-Centre-and-Library)
Reminder - Announcement of 26th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting & EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference in STRASBOURG (France) from 30 to 31 May 2017

Here we are! After consultation with potential hosts, the EBLIDA Executive Committee took a final decision on the hosting of the next EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference. It will be held in Strasbourg (France) on 30 and 31 May 2018. The EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting will be held on 29 May, and the EBLIDA Annual Council on the morning of 30 May.

The programme is a work in progress and you will be informed when a first draft is ready.

26th EBLIDA Annual Council 30 May 2018
EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference, 30 and 31 May 2018 "Libraries bridging borders"

The title of the conference is "Libraries bridging borders", a theme that suits Strasbourg perfectly, in itself an international city right at the heart of Europe.

Conference Concept:
Europe is at a crossroads in its history. Over the past couple of years, political tensions have risen among the citizens of Europe and globally. Governments throughout Europe have been taking various steps and measures to open or close down their borders to refugees. Meanwhile, terrorism has had a huge impact throughout the continent, challenging the free circulation of people in the EU. At the same time, the mass digitisation of our world, and the advancement of the sharing economy is impacting the way citizens access culture and challenges the notion of borders itself.
As Prime Minister Jüri Ratas (Estonia) mentioned in a declaration in February 2017 before Estonia took over the Presidency of the Council of the EU, “Striving towards a seamless physical and digital connectivity is in the interest of the whole European Union as economic success cannot be separated from the free movement of goods, services, people, capital, and knowledge”.

Libraries and librarians are increasingly working in a cross-border environment, be it related to countries, disciplines, preservation, knowledge, copyright or any of the issues in relation to free access to information. For free movement of knowledge to happen, we need libraries bridging borders.

Strasbourg, an international city hosting many European institutions such as the European Parliament, the Council of Europe or the European Court of Human Rights, is the perfect choice for our annual conference.

Strasbourg is also part of the European Campus (EUCOR) “created against the backdrop of longstanding cooperation between the universities on the Upper Rhine. In 1989 they teamed up to form an international network called Eucor (European Confederation of Universities on the Upper Rhine). By establishing the European Campus, the five universities aim to take this cross-border cooperation in research and teaching to a new level in order to gain a key advantage in the international competition for the best minds and ideas”. Read more.

The city also shares a border with Germany, and developed strong links with the city of Kehl, reachable by the same public transport system in only 25 minutes.

Strasbourg hosts an amazing network of public libraries, world class university libraries and a unique National and University Library, as well as a national school for training head civil servants with a dedicated 18 month training course for future head librarians (INET), fab labs, etc.

The city is very accessible and boasts a good public transport system, as well as also offering amazing architectural treasures, such as the cathedral and the city centre (the Island), which is on UNESCO’s World Heritage list.

The city also lies at the heart of the Alsace and has a lot to offer in terms of gastronomy.

We invite you to check out the tourist information desk to learn more about the city.

NOTE: Because the conference will be hosted at the same time as a European Parliament Plenary Session, we recommend that you book your hotel room as soon as possible.
EBLIDA-LIST is a general mailing list intended to foster communications between EBLIDA, its membership and members of the European library community. The goal is to facilitate information exchange as well as professional communication and development within the EBLIDA community. Subscribe now!

Events and Dates

September

11 – 14
Amsterdam, Netherlands
SEMANTICS 2017 - The Linked Data Conference 13th International Conference on Semantic Systems

12 -15
Linz, Austria
33rd Austrian Library Conference

14- 15
London, United Kingdom
17 - 21
Berlin, Germany
International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (IASA) 48th Annual Conference

18 - 21
Saint-Malo, France
5th European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL 2017)

18 - 21
Thessaloniki, Greece
International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (TPDL) 2017

21 - 22
Helsinki, Finland
RESHAPE 2017 – People and Spaces

28 - 30
Stockholm, Sweden
Euro IA Summit: "Adaption and Designing for Change"

28 - 1 October
Göteborg, Sweden
Göteborg Book Fair

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Pistoia, Italy
Italy - National Libraries Day - Bibliopride 2017