



Presidents Editorial

I am really looking forward to welcoming many of you again to our annual conference, this year in Helsinki on May 7th. We chose the title "Abolish Barriers" and we hope that with your help, we can work towards abolishing some of the barriers that prevent libraries from achieving their potential. We have a great programme developed with our colleagues from NAPLE Forum and I think we will have some excellent discussions and a really positive outcome which will help us to carry forward EBLIDA's work on your behalf.



It's important to also come to Helsinki for the Annual Council Meeting in order to meet your EBLIDA colleagues and friends, and to vote on the proposed constitution changes. Don't forget that if you represent a Full Member of EBLIDA and can't attend then we need you to identify a proxy who can vote on your behalf.

We are all working hard behind the scenes to organize these coming events. Considering the recent air traffic problems caused by the volcanic eruptions in Iceland, we hope that everyone will be able to travel safely and get to Helsinki in time. And of course, we hope that our friends in Iceland remain safe.

We have a great few days planned and I really look forward to seeing you all there.

Gerald Leitner,
EBLIDA President

News Round-up

Google Book Settlement

As the world awaits news from the US Court on the Google Book Settlement, a new suit has been filed on April 7 by US photographers and illustrators who also claim copyright infringement. The American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP) has a [press release >>](#) giving details.



Meanwhile, Stanford University has renewed its agreement as a participating library and also [come out in support of the agreement >>](#).

There is no news as yet from France about any possible agreement with the BnF (National Library) though a report was published in January, the [Rapport Tessier >>](#), to which French organizations are responding.

Italy becomes the first country to sign a Google Book agreement - the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage has given Google permission to scan up to a million books published before 1868, and therefore out of copyright. The results will also be fed into Europeana—read more on [ARROW news >>](#)

At the European level, a [report on "Europeana—next steps" >>](#), by Helga Trüpel of the Committee for Culture and Education has been approved with suggestions (on pages 18-23) from the Committees for Industry, Research and Energy, and Legal Affairs. It will be carried forward as a [Motion for a European Parliament Resolution >>](#) and voted on this month. The report is also based on feedback received from the consultation last year to which EBLIDA responded.

Orphan Works in Europe

At the recent [Spanish EU Presidency event in Madrid >>](#) Tilman Lüder, Head of the European Commission's Copyright Unit, announced his current thinking for a solution to the 'orphan works problem': a diligent search defined on a country by country basis and backed up with a system of redress for re-appearing right holders (presumably equivalent to a licensing scheme). He claimed such a solution would be acceptable to other countries in Europe by the principle of mutual recognition, therefore allowing display of the material beyond each country's borders. He admitted that the schemes, which would be chosen particular to each country, would inevitably be complex and that there might be difficulties for some countries in accepting others' diligent search criteria. However, he said the proposal would force countries to find their own solution and

he therefore hoped to push legislation through quickly to create competition for the Google Book project.

The proposed solution has been formulated through discussions with stakeholders, including the November [hearing on Orphan Works >>](#), and evidence collected on how orphan works are currently being dealt with. He rejected the idea of a form of extended collective licensing scheme (as in the Nordic countries and Canada) saying that he believed avoiding diligent search was equivalent to the Google opt-out concept and therefore unacceptable to too many stakeholders. The idea of creating a new exception, though attractive, was not easy to pass politically following the controversy surrounding the last copyright Directive in 2001, and the refusal of many to consider new exceptions since then. An exception would also only apply in narrow circumstances, such as for education and research, and would therefore not allow competition for Google from commercial entities, nor for digitized collections that had a commercial sponsor obtaining remuneration from selling the resulting collection or adverts in connection with it.

He has published a [summary of the November hearing and subsequent discussions >>](#) and we await an official report of his recommendations.

IFLA conference registration announced

The website for the 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly is up and running with more information about the conference and satellite meetings. [Website >>](#). Early bird registration for the main conference ends on 7 May. Many EBLIDA members will attend.



Recently available is the [programme >>](#) with more details to follow shortly.

Communia final conference

The Communia project reaches its original end-date in August this year (though it now has permission to extend for six months) and will hold a final conference in Torino, Italy.



University and Cyberspace
Reshaping Knowledge Institutions for the Networked Age
28-30 June 2010, Torino, Italy

The programme and further details including registration are expected soon on the [website >>](#)

Open books project: user needs report

The OAPEN project has published a report: "[Digital Monographs in Humanities and Social Sciences: Report on User Needs](#)" which considers the needs and desires of four key 'users': scholars, publishers, academic libraries and funding agencies, in relation to the publishing of open access ebooks.

OAPEN is a 30-month eContentplus project (started in September 2008) to develop and implement an Open Access (OA) publication model for peer reviewed academic books in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS). The project, which is the first of its kind, aims to achieve a sustainable European approach to improve the quantity, visibility and usability of high-quality OA content and foster the creation of new content by developing future-oriented publishing solutions, including an online library dedicated to HSS, and new business models.

UK Digital Economy Bill fails to address Orphan Works

The UK government has passed its Digital Economy Bill which makes changes to law to take account of digital media. It became law as the Digital Economy Act 2010 on April 8. The absence of full debate on the bill was a matter of controversy and there was also some strong opposition, however, it was finally rushed through so that it could be passed before the elections for the new government in May.

Like the French HADOPI law, the UK law will now mean that individuals accused of digital copyright infringement will have their internet connections suspended without the opportunity to be heard before a court (in the so-called "three-strikes"). This is potentially worrying for internet intermediaries such as libraries and universities.

Up until the last minute there was also a clause, supported by the UK's library community, which created a solution for orphan works. It would have enabled libraries to take out an extended collective license authorizing them for digitization or other copying of books for which the copyright owner was un-locatable. The clause would have enabled a system similar to that already existing in the Nordic countries. Unfortunately, it was removed despite support from libraries and publishers. It is thought that opposition came mainly from photographers.

There are adaptations to the Public Lending that Right mean that the scheme will now be expanded to ebooks and audio books. The definition of "lending", however, excludes the sending of files electronically outside the library.

You can read the act and details of how the bill progressed through Parliament on the [UK Parliament website for the Digital Economy Bill >>](#)

Lux becomes President of German Umbrella Association

Former IFLA-President Prof. Dr. Claudia Lux has been elected as the new President of BID, the German umbrella association of library associations. BID is an active member of EBLIDA. Prof. Lux took up the office from 1 April 2010. She is the successor to Barbara Lison, who many know from her time as Vice-President on the EBLIDA Executive Committee and Chair of the Expert Group on Culture and Information Society.

Prof. Lux gave her inaugural speech during the Book Fair at the Annual Congress in Leipzig. She emphasized the importance of lobbying to give the library sector more political weight. The strategic goals of BID should be realized on all political levels. Information literacy is top of her agenda for the beginning of her term.

EBLIDA News



Abolish barriers: the role of libraries in an evolving Europe. EBLIDA-NAPLE annual conference, Helsinki

18th EBLIDA Council Meeting for Member

Thursday 6th May 14:00 – 18:00

Parliament of Finland, in the Parliament Annex Little Parliament,
Address: Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki, Finland.

Participation in the EBLIDA Dinner in the evening is €35.

The Council this year is asked to vote on proposed changes to the constitution. Reports will be made of work carried out during the past year and the Council will be asked to approve plans for the coming year and strategic period. The meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet and make contacts with other EBLIDA members.

EBLIDA-NAPLE Annual Conference:

Abolish Barriers: the role of libraries in an evolving Europe.

Friday 7th May 9:00 – 18:00

Parliament of Finland, in the Parliament Annex Little Parliament,
Address: Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki, Finland.

Social events around Helsinki will take place on the 8th May for those who wish to stay.
€75 for EBLIDA or NAPLE members, €130 for non-members; evening dinner included in the fee.



Helsinki street view

Full details of the programme, social events, and registration (until 26 April) are found on the [conference website >>](#)

The conference follows up on last year's event in Vienna where the idea for a library policy for Europe was raised. This second conference intends to take this idea further by discussing what potential libraries have for developing Europe's digital agenda and what are the barriers. Europe is changing but it is not always clear to policy makers that libraries are changing too. It's important that we demonstrate that our profession and our libraries can react to the problems identified by the European Union such as poverty, inclusion, competitiveness, and employment. And we need to clearly show what barriers prevent us from doing so, and how they can be removed.

EBLIDA Expert groups

EGIL and EGCIS Expert Groups will meet in Helsinki on 6 May 2010 before the Annual Council Meeting.

New members

Zagreb City Libraries have become an Associate Members of EBLIDA.

They are a modern and well-organized network of public libraries. The central library is the City Library of Zagreb, the oldest library in the network, founded in 1907. Thanks to its rich collections and wide range of services it accomplishes its

basic function, drawn in the Rules of Procedure dated from 1908: "Zagreb City Library is a free, public and modern library, founded and settled for all citizens of Zagreb..."

Zagreb City Libraries is a network based on traditional services as well as on modern information and communication technology. They enable every Zagreb City resident and membership card holder to borrow books and other materials in each of the 42 libraries as well as at the 73 mobile library stations.

Since 1997 Zagreb City Libraries have been developing the network information system ZaKi. Today it is implemented in more than 150 libraries in Croatia. In order to make information about its programs, collections and resources available to the public via Internet, Zagreb City Libraries have been developing and maintaining the web site www.kgz.hr since 2001.

Zagreb City Libraries are members of International Professional Associations: IFLA, IAML, IASL, IRA and IBBY. Their Director is Davorka Bastić.

Events and Dates

Events in May-June

Further details in EBLIDA's calendar of European events:
www.eblida.org/index.php?page=european-events

Joint Technical Symposium (JTS) 2010: Digital Challenges and Digital Opportunities in Audiovisual Archiving
2—4 May 2010: Oslo, Norway

May 6-7, 2010
18th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting and Conference,
Helsinki, Finland.
More details on the [web page >>](#)

WSIS Forum 2010 (World Summit on the Information Society)
10—14 May 2010: Geneva, Switzerland

E-Books and E-Content 2010: Data as Content
11 May 2010: London, UK

Media Literacy and Digital Cultures: Euro-Iberoamerican Congress ATEI
13—14 May 2010: Sevilla, Spain

Spanish Presidency of the EU event: Meeting of the national authorities on archives in the European Union Member States - EBNA
18—19 May 2010: Madrid, Spain

Transcending Boundaries in Europe in the Period of the Belle Epoque: Organizing Knowledge, Mobilizing Networks, and Effecting Social Change
20—21 May 2010: Mons, Belgium

Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA) 2010
24—28 May 2010: Zadar, Croatia

2nd Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML2010)
25—28 May 2010: Chania, Crete, Greece

WITSA (World Information Technology and Services Alliance)'s 17th World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT2010)
25—27 May 2010: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

4th LIBER Conference Librarians Group, "Meeting with manuscripts, today and tomorrow"
26—28 May 2010: Rome, Italy

4th International Conference on: Preservation and Conservation Issues in Digital Printing and Digital Photography
27—28 May 2010: London, UK

IS&T Archiving Conference
1—4 June 2010: The Hague, Netherlands

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) Annual Conference
7—9 June 2010: Glasgow, Scotland

The 34th ELAG conference "Meeting New User Expectations"
9—11 June 2010: Helsinki, Finland

ELPUB 2010 - Publishing in the Networked World: Transforming the Nature of Communication, 14th International Conference on Electronic Publishing
16—18 June 2010: Helsinki, Finland

InSITE 2010: Informing Science and IT Education Joint Conference
17—24 June 2010: Southern Italy

The International Conference on Information Society (i-Society 2010)
28—30 June 2010: London, UK

Final COMMUNIA conference
28—30 June 2010: Torino, Italy

39th LIBER Annual Conference - Re-Inventing the Library
29 June—2 July 2010: Aarhus, Denmark

Funding Calls and Deadlines

New calls and those with a deadline in May-June. The details are listed in order of their deadline date.

Further details of these and all open calls can be found on EBLIDA's **Funding and Project Opportunities page:** <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=funding-and-project-opportunities>

IFLA Action for Development through Libraries (ALP) Programme: Projects

Deadline: 1 May 2010

€45,000 is provided for small projects in 2010. The maximum provided per project in 2010 is €12,000.

The types of projects that ALP supports include:

- ◆ One-off workshops and training activities, delivering existing IFLA's policy-based training materials
- ◆ Workshops and training where new training packages and content based on ALP focal areas will be delivered and made available to IFLA
- ◆ Longer-term capacity building activities and training designed to support the development of the sector in a country, for example through the Building Strong Library Associations Programme.

ALP supports projects in training and development in developing countries and emerging economies with an emphasis on capacity building and train-the-trainer or cascading delivery. ALP does not support projects that are intended for the purchase of equipment, scholarships or in-service training. ALP does not pay fees to staff or consultants for a project.

For more information and application forms see the [web-site >>](#)

IFLA Researcher-Librarian Partnership

Deadline 3 May 2010.

The Researcher-Librarian Partnership is a new initiative of IFLA's Library Theory and Research Section for 2010.

Research skill and knowledge are the essential tool kit for ensuring that libraries and librarians continue to effectively and efficiently meet the evolving needs of the clients and communities they serve. The Researcher-Librarian Partnership is a mentoring Program that will provide the opportunity for new professionals to develop and refine their skill, knowledge and confidence in conducting research.

The Partnership is open to practising librarians who have no more than seven years of professional experience in the library and information science sector at the time of application. Participants will be selected to reflect the range and diversity of the organization and institutions

that represent the IFLA membership.

The purpose of the Partnership is to provide the opportunity for recipients to receive expert coaching and guidance as they undertake a research project on a selected library or information issue.

Up to six recipients will be selected to take part in the Partnership in 2010. The successful recipients will be matched with a mentor who has experience in conducting research.

The application form and further details are available on [the website >>](#)

CIP ICT-PSP 2010 Call for Proposals

Deadline: 1 June 2010

Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), ICT-PSP (The Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme) 2010 Call for Proposals.

This, the 4th call of the ICT-PSP, was announced on 21 January 2010. Deadline for applications is 1 June 2010. [Details of call >>](#)

An Information Day on the call was held in Brussels on 14 January, 2010. One of the six themes of the call is on Digital Libraries, another on e-health. [More information and presentations from the event are found on the ICT-PSP website >>](#)

EUR 30 million are available to fund projects responding to six different objectives under theme 2: Digital Libraries.

Three objectives relate to Europeana:

- 2.1: Coordinating Europeana
- 2.2: Enhancing/Aggregating content in Europeana
- 2.3: Digitising content for Europeana

Three more objectives relate to further actions in the wider area of digital libraries:

- 2.4: Access to European Rights Information / Registry of Orphan Works
- 2.5: Open access to scientific information
- 2.6: Statistics on cultural heritage digitisation activities

A specific [Information Day for the theme Digital Libraries was held in Luxembourg on 4 February 2010 >>](#)

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Lifelong Learning Programme: Calls announced related to vocational education and training (VET)

Deadline: 16 July 2010.

Three new calls under the Lifelong Learning Programme which are related to vocational education and training.

More details on the [EBLIDA funding website >>](#)