



President's Editorial

Summertime, and the movin' is easy... We've done it! As announced during the EBLIDA Council meeting in Malagà in May, the EBLIDA office has moved from the VOB's (Netherlands Public Library Association) offices in the central shopping area of The Hague to the KB—Koninklijke Bibliotheek (the Dutch Royal National Library). I would like to thank the VOB for its support and hosting during all those years and wish it success for its own move, planned in the coming years.

I would also like to thank the KB for its proposal to host the EBLIDA office. I am delighted that we are now neighbours with our partners IFLA, LIBER, SPARC-Europe and last, but not least, Europeana. Another positive point is that our new office is situated next to The Hague's Central Station and therefore offers easy connections by public transport to the main cities of Europe, and fast and direct access to Schiphol airport.

The move took place on the very last day of June and the unpacking is still ongoing, but our Secretariat is now settled on site and the administrative changes are almost done. The new coordinates are:

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You can retrieve our new coordinates on the bottom of the newsletter pages and on the EBLIDA website.



Summertime is usually a very calm period, since the European Commission and Parliament are almost closed. However, into mid-July EBLIDA has been very active working with the Stakeholders' group and the Copyright Unit of the Commission's DG Markt on the key guiding principles on Out of Commerce works. Thanks to the follow-up and commitment of our Expert Group on Information Law, and the united front of library organisations, an agreement between all the parties has been found. You will find a detailed report on page 4.

Meanwhile, the EU Commission launched two interesting open consultations. The first one is about more open access content (<http://tinyurl.com/5ugnc5e>), and the second one on a "Green Paper on the online distribution of audiovisual works in the European Union: opportunities and challenges towards a digital single market" http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2011/audiovisual_en.htm. You will find more information on these topics in this issue under News round-up.

But before concluding, I have to inform you of the departure of our Communication Manager (former Director) Joanne Yeomans on September 1st. Joanne announced to me at the beginning of July that she has been appointed as IFLA Professional Support Officer. EBLIDA will miss her but we will all keep in mind the work Joanne achieved especially in updating the Constitution and reorganising the communication tools such as the website and the newsletter. In a way her recruitment by IFLA is a recognition of the quality of the work EBLIDA is doing and it could help to strengthen our cooperation with them. Therefore I hope you will join me in thanking Joanne for her work and wishing her a bright future with IFLA. An office assistant opportunity is proposed and you will find the job advertisement on page 2, linked to the detailed job description on our website. I invite you all to circulate this information and to invite young librarians interested by international work to apply for it.

It is now time to conclude, and I would like to remind you to register for the two forthcoming events in which EBLIDA is participating: the 3rd European Congress on E-Inclusion 2011 'Transforming Access to Digital Europe in Public Libraries' (ECEI11) on 6 and 7 September in Brussels, and the 3rd LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on the Digitization of Library Material in Europe in The Hague from 5 to 7 October. It is also my pleasure to announce a new item at the end of this issue: EBLIDA who's who? Take a look on page 4..

I will attend the IFLA Conference in Puerto Rico and hope to meet some of you there. And for those who are staying in Europe, I wish you all a very pleasant end to the summer, and a joyful reading.

Gerald Leitner,
EBLIDA President

EBLIDA Job Vacancy

Searching for an ambitious junior library colleague who ideally has short experience in libraries or a library association and is at ease with communication tools, and is interested in entering the European library world and expanding their network of contacts.

The role is varied and challenging so the Director is keen to encourage good candidates of any background or level to discuss the possibilities of working together.

EBLIDA is looking to appoint the new Office Assistant at the latest from October 2011. **The deadline for applications is September 9th.** The post is based in The Hague in The Netherlands. Details of the vacancy including how to apply are at: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=vacancies>

We would be very grateful if you would circulate news of the vacancy on your mailing lists and publish the job advertisement in your media to reach the maximum number of people. Please also help to motivate potential young candidates and encourage them to apply for this exciting opportunity.

News round-up: E.U.

EU Commission Launches Consultation on Scientific Information in the Digital Age...

On July 15, the European Union published a press release entitled *Digital Agenda: more open access to scientific information - Commission seeks views*. It stated that "By the end of 2011 the European Commission intends to adopt a Communication on access to and preservation of scientific information. It will be accompanied by a Recommendation on actions to be implemented by EU Member States to improve access to scientific information". To produce the text of this Communication and associated recommendations, the European Commission launched a quick consultation on the topic at http://ec.europa.eu/research/consultations/scientific_information/consultation_en.htm.

The deadline on 9 September is very close and requires fast exchanges of information between EBLIDA members and with partner organizations. In order to provide a quick and relevant response to the EU, EBLIDA is working in close contact with LIBER, which as the representative of academic libraries has developed specific knowledge on Open Access, to work on a common position. Meanwhile EBLIDA's Expert Group on Information Law and the Executive Committee will exchange ideas to inspire the EBLIDA secretariat's answers to the consultation questions.

... and a Consultation on a Green Paper on the Online Distribution of Audiovisual Works in the European Union: Opportunities and Challenges Towards a Digital Single Market

As stated on the EU website (http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2011/audiovisual_en.htm) the objective of the Green Paper is to look "[...] at the ways in which the audiovisual sector is changing in response to technology developments and consumer expectations. [...] in particular whether the regulatory and legal framework poses barriers to the cross border availability of online services in the EU. The Green Paper focuses in particular on the copyright licensing framework, and discusses a number of regulatory approaches to licensing. In addition, it looks at the remuneration of authors and performers for the online use of their works; and deals with certain special uses of audiovisual works".

The complete green paper (<http://tinyurl.com/6yt47su>) is organized into three parts focusing respectively on rights clearance for the online distribution of audiovisual media services (section 2 and 3), audiovisual rights holders' remuneration for the online use of their works (section 4) and certain special uses of audiovisual works and beneficiaries of exceptions (section 5). Each section is followed by list of non-exhaustive questions.

As the consultation is open from 13 July to 18 November, EBLIDA's Expert Group on Information Law will tackle the issue in the coming weeks. As with other recent issues (for instance the Stakeholders Dialogue on Out of Commerce Works), this consultation shows the will of the European Commission to find solutions adapted to the digital era. As highlighted in the Green Paper the efficiencies implied by the Web crumble up in *technological barriers, complexity of copyright licensing processes, statutory and contractual provisions relating to release windows, lack of legal certainty for service providers, payment methods, consumer confidence and the prevalence of deep-seated cultural and linguistic differences*. Indeed, the European Commission seems keen to develop community tools to promote cross-border and pan-European licenses.

EBLIDA will respond to this consultation and keep its members informed of the evolution of the situation with regard to these issues.

News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

European Congress on E-Inclusion 2011 "Transforming Access to Digital Europe in Public Libraries"

EBLIDA is busy contributing to preparations for the European Congress on e-Inclusion (ECEI11) which will be held in Brussels on 6–7 September in association with Civic Agenda and Bibnet, among others. The event promises to be just as challenging and interesting as the two previous conferences where approximately 200 people from many different fields (not just librarians) met to discuss "Technology and Beyond in Public Libraries" and "Delivering Digital Europe in Public Libraries".

The wide range of people and representatives from the European Commission and European Parliament led to lively and stimulating debates and the same is expected this year. In addition, the first day of the conference will be hosted in the European Parliament, a critical spot to put Public Libraries on the top of the agenda of EU politicians, whilst the second day will take place in another important location, the Committee of the Regions.

As in the previous years the EBLIDA Director will intervene in one of the workshops, this year: **"Building a dialogue with Europe"** on September 7th at 14.00, and through it we hope to promote and discuss EBLIDA's Library Policy for Europe as a follow-up of our own conferences and to encourage support from MEPs and other representatives of the European Union.

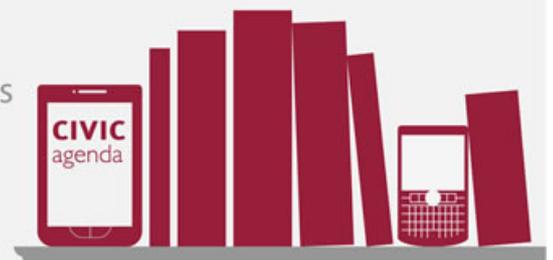
EBLIDA members have already received an invitation to register and as attendance is free it is highly recommended joining the event:

ECEI'11 (2011 European Congress on E-Inclusion)
"Transforming Access to Digital Europe in Public Libraries"
Brussels 6th–7th September 2011
<http://www.ecei11.eu/>

European Congress on E-Inclusion

Transforming Access to Digital Europe in Public Libraries

ECEI11 Brussels, 6-7 September 2011



EBLIDA activities

New EBLIDA Member: IE Library of Segovia (Spain)



We welcome the IE Library of Segovia (Spain) as a new Associate Member of EBLIDA.

The IE Library is part of the Instituto de Empresa (Company Institute) University which is a worldwide network of Business Schools. It strives to meet the needs of both teachers and students by giving them access to services and resources which give way to creation and knowledge. The IE Library works in a way that ensures the development of its academic community according to the demands of excellence and innovation stipulated by the European Higher Education Area.

The IE Library provides a complete set of tools for its community including an online Library search engine, podcasts, RSS feeds, a library social network to support teaching, learning and research, a Facebook profile, YouTube and Flickr sites with content from events, interviews and conferences, an Online Librarian Support Service, and has developed its library catalogue, which contains books, databases, ebooks, press, and multimedia files, to be specialised on Architecture, Communication, Biology, Art History, Psychology, Tourism and Business Administration.

You can discover more on their website : <http://library.ie.edu/newsite/en/ielibrary.html>

EBLIDA activities

Last Stakeholder Dialogue on Out-of-Commerce Works, July 11th

A stakeholder dialogue on Out of Commerce Works has been taking place since November 16th, 2010, organised by the Copyright Unit of the European Commission's Directorate General Internal Market and Services (DG Markt). Seven meetings have led to the writing of a "Memorandum of Understanding on Key Guiding Principles on the Digitisation and Making Available of Out-of-Commerce Works". After agreeing by email at the start of August, it is hoped that all the stakeholders will sign the memorandum.

A united library front has been built upon mutual understanding, common interest and strong cooperation, with Harald von Hielmcrone (chair of EBLIDA's Expert Group on Information Law) as spokesperson. Experience of making compromises during previous consultations encouraged the library organisations to remain firm on their positions and call for European legal back-up, especially with regards to legal certainty in the cross-border context.

The main discussions were on the introductory recitals and stakeholders agreed on 11 recitals which took into consideration the library organisations' comments.

Participants then agreed on the following definition: [...] *a work is out of commerce, when the whole work, in all its versions and manifestations is no longer commercially available in customary channels of commerce, regardless of the existence of tangible copies of the work in libraries and among the public (including through second hand bookshops or antiquarian bookshops). The method for the determination of commercial availability of a work depends on the specific availability of bibliographic data infrastructure and therefore should be agreed upon in the country of first publication of the work.*

They also agreed on the three following principles:

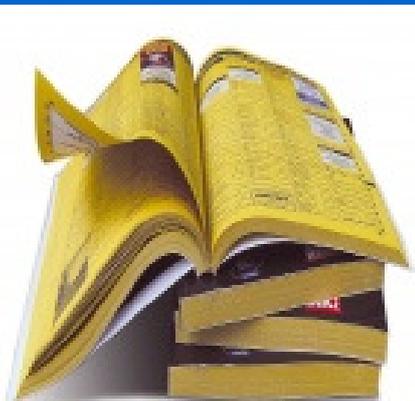
Principle No. 1 – Voluntary Agreements on Out-of-Commerce works

Principle No. 2 – Practical Implementation of Collective Agreements

Principle No. 3 – Cross Border Access to Digital Libraries

These principles are shaping a general framework of use.

The next step will be the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding by official representatives of the organisations involved in the process. The ceremony should take place in the second half of September in Brussels in the presence of Commissioner Barnier.



EBLIDA who's who?

As the network is growing, 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 :

ALBAD



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Associatioun vun de Lëtzebuurger
Bibliothekären, Archivisten
an Dokumentalisten

Luxemburgischer Verband der Bibliothekare, Archivare und Dokumentare
Luxembourgish Librarians', Archivists' and Documentalists' Association
Association Luxembourgeoise des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes

founded the 16th december 1991

The Association:

The Luxembourgish Librarians', Archivists' and Documentalists' Association (ALBAD - www.albad.lu) is a small and relatively new organisation, founded in 1991. It has 100 individual and institutional members and no full-time staff. ALBAD has been affiliated to IFLA since 2003, to EBLIDA since 2009 and to ICA since 2011. Its only source of finance is membership fees which raises only €2.000 per year.



Source: www.luxembourg.lu.

Situation:

As one of the ten small states of Europe with less than 1 million inhabitants (Luxembourg has a population of approximately 500,000), librarianship in the country is heavily influenced by trends from abroad. For example the new, public library law passed in 2010 was largely copied from neighbouring countries rather than being adapted to the national needs.

As there are no higher educational establishments in Luxembourg which could train librarians, our librarians have to study abroad, primarily in Germany (Cologne) and Belgium (Liège). The majority of library staff are therefore trained internally.

As many of the institutions are run by one person, it can be difficult to work effectively together.

Strategy:

As ALBAD's activities are frequently hindered by a lack of funding, our current strategy is consistent with one of the "three pillars" of ALBAD's constitution, the "society pillar", namely lobbying.

Having been deeply involved in the creation of eight public libraries between the years 2000-2010 and the creation in 2007 of the public libraries' association (ULBP - www.ulbp.lu), ALBAD founded a fundraising organisation (FEB) at the end of 2009. Its aim is to support on a purely financial basis public libraries which are no longer able to receive state funding due to the effects of the library legislation introduced in 2010.

FEB is a long term fund for public libraries, exclusively controlled by fully qualified librarians, whose scope is to provide secure long term funding to weather future economic crises more effectively than we have managed during the present crisis. The progress so far is promising.



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Jean-Marie Reding and Nadine Abel from ALBAD

Europe:

As the national association of a founder member of the European Community, ALBAD was honoured to join EBLIDA in 2009. For small countries without a critical mass of specialists, EBLIDA is *the* organisation of which to be a member. By participating in the annual meeting and conferences it brings us into contact with the leading experts in our profession and keeps us abreast with the latest developments and challenges facing our institutions. In addition, having the support of EBLIDA when acting in the name of ALBAD, gives our organisation an enhanced authority and respect.

Jean-Marie Reding
ALBAD-President (since 2003)

Events and Dates

Events in August–October

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

77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly
13–18 August 2011
San Juan, Puerto Rico

15th IEEE International EDOC Conference (EDOC 2011)
29 August 2011 to 02 September 2011
Helsinki, Finland

3rd European Congress on E-Inclusion: Transforming Access to Digital Europe in Public Libraries (ECEI11)
6 September 2011 to 07 September 2011
Brussels, Belgium

Classification & Ontology - International UDC Seminar 2011
Date: 19 September 2011 to 20 September 2011
The Hague, The Netherlands

9th International PLR (Public Lending Right) Conference
22 September 2011 to 24 September 2011
Brussels, Belgium

3rd WIPO Symposium of Intellectual Property Authorities
22 September 2011 to 23 September 2011
Geneva, Switzerland

International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries 2011 (ECDL)
25 September 2011 to 29 September 2011
Berlin, Germany

EuropeanaTech Conference
4 October 2011 to 05 October 2011
Vienna, Austria

5th International Symposium on Intelligent Distributed Computing - IDC'2011
5 October 2011 to 07 October 2011
Delft, The Netherlands

European Conference on Innovation for Digital Inclusion
5 October 2011 to 07 October 2011
Gdansk, Poland

3rd LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitization of Library Material in Europe
5 October 2011 to 07 October 2011
The Hague, Netherlands

Frankfurt Book Fair 2011
12 October 2011 to 16 October 2011
Summary: Frankfurt Am Main, Germany

IFRRO World Congress 2011 and the 40th AGM
27 October 2011
Ljubljana, Slovenia

Funding Calls and Deadlines

New calls and those with a deadline in September listed in order of their deadline date. See the [EBLIDA funding pages >>](#) for more details.



Funding opportunities managed by Education, Audiovisual and Culture European Agency (EACEA)

**** NEW ****

Support for Organisations active at European level in the field of Culture (Strand 2)

Deadline: 15 September 2011

Strand 2 Annual operating grant for organisations active at European level in the field of Culture:

- a) Ambassadors
- b) Advocacy Networks
- c) Platforms

Programme Guide and application accessible at http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2011/call_strand_2_2011_en.php

Deadline for application: 15/09/2011 at 12.00

EU LLP (Lifelong Learning Programme) Call for proposals 2011: EAC/49/10

Various deadlines from 14 January to 14 October 2011.

The Grundtvig sub-programme is of particular interest to public libraries as it deals with adult education and lifelong learning. Other sub-programmes dealing with schools, higher education and academic training may also be of interest as well as the key actions. Application forms and full details will be available on the [EACEA page >>](#)

The full text of the 'LLP General Call for proposals 2011-2013 — Strategic Priorities', together with the 'LLP Programme Guide 2011' and other information can be found on the [LLP website >>](#)

The level of grants awarded and the duration of projects vary depending on factors such as the type of project and the number of countries involved.