



President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues.

In this period of austerity and budget cuts all over Europe, the threats to libraries, information services and archives are becoming more and more visible. However, politicians are so concerned with the economic situation that there is a danger that they will forget that libraries and other information services all over Europe continue to do their work. We all know that libraries are not visible enough. Therefore, in this period of turmoil, it is more important than ever to lobby for libraries and for solidarity to prevail.

Solidarity is indeed a key-word in this difficult time. And thanks to the collaborative work that we achieved with our partners in Information sans Frontières, EBLIDA itself have now a stronger position in Brussels to lobby for libraries. And indeed, EBLIDA is the tool that each of us need to fight for libraries. Since all the decisions that are taken at the European level have consequences at national and local level, EBLIDA is the only European organisation that offers the best possible way to express solidarity with all of your European colleagues by sharing information through its network and to show that we won't ever give-up!

But solidarity is indeed a matter of Money. And if, like me, you want EBLIDA to remain active, to improve its visibility and to become more powerful, then I invite you all to consider your membership as a political act for the future of the information sector in Europe; as a political act to show civil society and politicians that libraries are tools for the society; as a political act to show that libraries are a matter of democracy!

And speaking of democracy, it is my pleasure to announce to you that the chosen theme for the 20th Annual Conference of EBLIDA in Copenhagen (DK), 11 May 2012 is *Democracy development in a new online environment*. Together with our Danish partners, we are currently creating a lively conference with active workshops and discussions with the clear objective to issue proposals to present to the EU Commission and Parliament before the summer break.

This leaves me a few lines to inform you of some very important news: EBLIDA has a new office assistant: Majella Cunnane. Majella began to work in the office on Monday 21st November. She will work two days a week, and will be in charge of assisting the Director with the office work. I am sure you will join me to wish her a warm welcome at EBLIDA (see p. 4).

It is now time to wish you all an enjoyable read!

Gerald Leitner,
EBLIDA President

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News round-up: E.U.

Denmark to run the Presidency of Europe from December 1st 2011 to 31 May 2012

In the first half of 2012, Denmark will hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It is the seventh time Denmark holds the EU Presidency since joining the European Community in 1973.

Find out more at: <http://um.dk/en/politics-and-diplomacy/denmark-in-the-eu/the-danish-eu-presidency-2012/>

The Road Maps of the European Commission

In November, the European Commission published a series of road maps in different areas. Find here a selection of the areas in which EBLIDA is involved.

You can access all the road maps at http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/planned_ia_en.htm.

◆ "The Future Internet – Where Europe needs to go"

Find out more information at http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/docs/2012_infso_006_future_internet_en.pdf

◆ Legislative initiative on collective rights management.

Find out more information at http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/docs/2010_markt_019_collective_rights_en.pdf

◆ Proposal on a European Strategy for Internet Security

Find out more information at http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/docs/2012_infso_003_strategy_internet_security_en.pdf

Three days discussions on Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries at the WIPO SCCR— an update from IFLA

From 21 to 23 November, three days of discussions at WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related took place. EBLIDA is supportive of IFLA Treaty Proposal on Copyright Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries and Archives.

According to last IFLA's information, the three days were rather positive since 10 clusters have been defined and a work plan has been set-up for the next two to three months where written comments should be issued. To be continued...

Read more at <http://www.ifla.org/en/news/wipo-great-progress-at-library-and-archive-days>



NAPLE Sister Libraries programme

A few weeks ago NAPLE launched a Sister Libraries programme. The idea is to foster cooperation between libraries in different countries that are working on common themes.

The programme is open to:

- ◆ public libraries situated in Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Spain,
- ◆ public libraries that wish to find a partner library in another of the above mentioned countries in order to establish a cooperation programme.

It is a completely open programme where libraries can decide on the theme(s) that they wish to address.

However, you can find NAPLE suggestions of themes and activities <http://sisterlibrariesnaple.wordpress.com/activities/>

Find out more information at <http://sisterlibrariesnaple.wordpress.com/>

News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

Information sans Frontières

In the previous issue, you have read an article on the copyright alliance funded by Europeana, EBLIDA, JISC and LIBER. In order to ease the work of the lobbyists and to help them make their work visible, the steering committee decided to give a name, a logo and a website to the alliance.

The logo and the website are still under construction. They will provide basic information on what the alliance stands for. The discussion are still ongoing within the steering committee, and you will be informed via EBLIDA website about the new website in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile EBLIDA played a large part in relaying the campaign of lobbying to members of the Council of the European Union who should legislate on the Orphan Works Directive along with the Parliament.

EBLIDA response to the European Commission's Green Paper on the online distribution of audiovisual works in the European Union: opportunities and challenges towards a digital single market.

On 16 November 2011, EBLIDA sent its response to the Green Paper on the online distribution of audio visual works. Even if the focus of the green paper is on the commercial online service for audio visual Works, EBLIDA highlighted some points of interests for libraries and cultural Heritage Institutions. EBLIDA points out that

- the multiplicity of copyright regimes in the various Member States is an obstacle,
- technology cannot solve clearance issues,
- harmonizing copyright in the EU would be advantageous provided that the exceptions and limitations to copyright are made mandatory, rather than optional, in all Member States.

The section of special interest to EBLIDA is Section 5.1, 'Film heritage institutions'. EBLIDA considers that the section takes too narrow a view and that it should also include libraries and archives.

EBLIDA states that there is an urgent need for a collective licensing mechanism that would make it possible to clear rights in a simple and effective way.

EBLIDA also requests of the Commission that it considers how it might remove constraints of in situ consultation that runs counter to the dynamic educational and cultural infrastructure which is essential for the smart, sustainable and inclusive growth embodied in the Commission's Europe 2020 Strategy.

Extended version available at [http://www.eblida.org/uploads/EBLIDA_response_Green%20Paper%20on%20the%](http://www.eblida.org/uploads/EBLIDA_response_Green%20Paper%20on%20the%20)

EBLIDA activities

Evaluation of the 3rd LIBER-EBLIDA workshop from 05 to 07 October in the National Library of the Netherlands in The Hague.

Some information issued from the 21 questions of the evaluation form: Participants: 72.– Appraisers: 19 (25%).

The general opinion on the workshop is as follows: • Very Good: 58 % • Good : 37 % • Fair: 5 % • Poor: 0 %
In general attendants found the workshop of the right duration (89%) and would like it to remain the same in the future (79%).

However considering whether it should be linked to a major event (such as the LIBER conference or EBLIDA conference), the answer is more balanced with 47 % yes and 53 % no.

What attendants very much appreciated was the size of the event and the active breakout sessions that encourage discussions, sharing of opinion, and strengthen the links between the people.

Contrary to what was been announced in the previous newsletter, presentations are available online at <http://indico.eblida.org/conferenceOtherViews.py?view=standard&confId=22>.

EBLIDA activities

Executive Committee Meeting in Stockholm, 7-8 November 2011



Executive Committee members are “ Library Lovers”.

Indeed, after one and a half busy days meetings during which the EBLIDA work programme was discussed, as well as membership status and planning of the next conference, EC members have met a group of Swedish representatives in the marvellous offices of the Swedish Library Association (it's worth a visit!).

EBLIDA EC members had the pleasure of meeting Inga Lunden (President of the Swedish Library Association, and member of IFLA governing board), Niclas Lindberg (Secretary General of the Swedish Library Association), Kjell Nilsson (member of EGIL), Ulrika Domellof-Mattsson (Library of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency) and Eva Hemmungs Wirtén (Professor of Information Science at the University of Uppsala).

The one and half hour meeting included through lively discussions on topics of common interest such as copyright, e-books and lobbying in Brussels. The participants were happy to share information over their respective organisation and to now-know each other better. A fruitful meeting that might lead to a closer cooperation.

NVB Jaarcongres—a collective booth of EBLIDA, IFLA and FOBID



The annual Conference of the National Association of Librarians in the Netherlands was held on 17 November 2011. It provided the opportunity to show to Dutch librarians and information specialists the different level on which library organisation work.

Ingeborg Verheul (IFLA), Vincent Bonnet (EBLIDA) and Marian Koren (FOBID) took pleasure in showing the connections between national, european and international networks, and to show the swift cooperation between them.

It also gave the opportunity to promote the “We Are More” campaign and to collect more than 120 signatures for the manifesto. An experience to meditate for a future lobbying campaign of EBLIDA?

Introducing Majella Cunnane, new Office Assistant

Majella Cunnane is Irish, but has been living and working in The Hague since 1992. She was educated in Ireland and The Netherlands and speaks both English and Dutch fluently. She followed a business and language study and later a diploma in business administration. Her working background is in higher level administrative service roles in corporate business. She is glad to be given the opportunity to combine her new challenge of working 2 days a week at EBLIDA with being a mother to 3 young sons, and not forgetting wife to her Irish husband, Gearoid! Majella is happy to work for EBLIDA especially since she is very interested in and supportive of the aims and missions of the association.



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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 :



BIBLIOTEKARSKO DRUŠTVO SRBIJE / SERBIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Association: The Serbian Library Association (SLA) is the oldest and the largest professional organization of librarians aiming to promote and improve library profession as well as to protect the integrity of the professional staff in library and information services.



SLA counts over 1500 members, librarians of all types of libraries. It was established on December 14th 1947 as Society of Library Workers of Serbia in Belgrade and changed its name in 1992 into Serbian Library Association. The association has not been on hold during the period 1997/2004 due to socio-political circumstances and has been re-launched in 2004. The supreme governing body of SLA is the General Assembly (110 members). The other governing bodies are: Executive Board (15), Supervisory Board (3), the President, the Vice president and the Secretary.

The main aims of SLA are to promote the importance of library, freedom of information and speech, to develop libraries as promoters of knowledge and information literacy and to preserve our cultural heritage.

The professional activities are realized through our representative offices (25) and commissions and sections.

The Serbian Library Association publishes Bibliotekar (Librarian), the main scientific and professional journal of Librarianship and Information Science. SLA also publishes translations of international statements, manifestos, standards and guidelines, conference proceedings on International Conference that is held once a year.

SLA celebrates December 14th as National Librarians Day when three awards are given annually as recognition of continuous and outstanding efforts and dedication to profession. Librarians may be nominated by all members and professional bodies of the Association.

SLA is a member of several international organizations such as IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and EBLIDA (European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations).

SLA collaborates with similar organizations in the region (Croatian Library Association, Association of Hungarian Librarians...) and with national institutes for culture (Goethe Institute, Belgrade). SLA is also an active partner in some international projects, such as: Transparency, Good Governance and Freedom of Corruption (IFLA), E-Ombudsman in libraries, etc.

In order to make the activities of the Association public, the association has been developed website (now under construction) but we also use social media as Facebook, Twitter and blog of commissions.

Our main goal in the future will be establishing cooperation with relevant international organizations within the fields of education, culture and promoting the role of libraries in the knowledge society.



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Events and Dates

Events from late November 2011 to January 2012

Late November 2011

Semantic Web in Libraries (SWIB11)

Date: November 28 – 30

Hamburg, Germany

<http://swib.org/swib11/>

Online Information (exhibition, seminars and conference)

Date: 29 November 2011 to 01 December 2011

Summary: London, UK

<http://www.online-information.co.uk/>

"Non / Fiction" - 13th Moscow International Book Fair of high-quality fiction and non-fiction

Date: November 30 – December 4

Moscow, Russia

<http://www.moscowbookfair.ru/>

December 2011

7th International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC11): "Public? Private? Personal? Navigating the open data landscape"

Date: December 5 – 7

Bristol, UK

<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc11/>

Digital Strategies for Heritage (DISH) 2011 Conference

Date: December 6 – 9

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

<http://www.dish2011.nl/>

4th International Semantic Web Applications and Tools for Life Sciences (SWAT4LS) Workshop

Date: December 7 – 9

London, United Kingdom

<http://www.swat4ls.org/workshops/london2011/>

Library Journal Virtual Technology Summit, Power to the Patron: From Systems to Services.

Place: Online only

Date: December 8

<http://www.thedigitalshift.com/events/tech-summit/>

INEX 2011 Workshop

Date: December 12 – 14

Place: Saarbrücken, Germany

<https://inex.mmci.uni-saarland.de/schedule/workshop.jsp>

January 2012

Collaboration, Authorship and the Renaissance: Early Modern and Postmodern Perspectives

13 January 2012

Summary: Belfast, United Kingdom

<http://www.collaboration2012.tumblr.com>

BOBCATSSS 2012 Conference: "information in e-motion" 23rd to 25th January 2012 .

Summary: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

<http://www.bobcatsss2012.org/>

PROMISE Winter School 2012 on Information Retrieval meets Information Visualization

Date: January 23 – 27

Zinal, Switzerland

<http://www.promise-noe.eu/events/winter-school-2012/>

DREaM Project (Developing Research Excellence and Methods) Workshop 2

Date: January 30

London, United Kingdom

<http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/>

Funding Calls and Deadlines

See the [EBLIDA funding pages >>](#) for more details.

Lifelong Learning Programme - Call for proposals 2012

Comenius programme is for school education. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Erasmus is for higher education. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Leonardo da Vinci is vocational training. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Grundtvig is for Adult Education. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Policy Co-operation and Innovation in Lifelong Learning Actions. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Language Actions. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

ICT Actions. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Dissemination and Exploitation Actions.

See at http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

Jean Monnet Actions. See at

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm

IFLA Sister Libraries for Children's and Young Adult's Reading

Date: no end date announced

Partnership opportunities