

## President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues.

By now, you should all have received a letter of invitation to EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference on 10 and 11 May 2012 in Copenhagen (Denmark) by post.

May 2012 will be a very special time for all of us since we will celebrate EBLIDA's twentieth anniversary.

I invite you all to join us for the Council Meeting on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, when the elections for a new Executive Committee and President will take place. This event only happens every three years and is of utmost importance for the future of the association. The more people who attend the more democratic the elections will be.

*Democracy Development in a New Media Environment* is the title of our Jubilee Conference on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. This 20th Conference of EBLIDA aims to draw the attention of the European Union both to the risks and threats at stake for libraries and their patrons, and therefore also to the citizens of Europe with the current situation in the volatile market of e-books in which libraries have very few rights.

Libraries have to find ways to create and ensure attractive services in this new media environment and ever changing market, while e-books will become increasingly relevant for libraries. But it appears that at the moment the acquisition policy may be decided by the publishers and not by the library, meaning a threat to access to information, and by extension to democracy. Therefore we need a change. It is time for library organisations to take action and to advocate for more rights in the increasing market of e-books before it is too late.

During the conference, EBLIDA will give you the word through active workshops where you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions and to work on possible solutions that might enable libraries to evolve in a balanced environment. The conference has been set up to provide the first steps to initiate a European wide campaign for libraries. You will find more details on page 3 and 4.

Following-up on my previous editorial, where I stated that EBLIDA was doing well thanks to the solidarity of its network, I would furthermore like to highlight that EBLIDA is also doing well thanks to its independence. And as you all know, independence comes with a price. Together with the letter of invitation, you should also have received the invoice for 2012. I thank you all in advance to take care of the payment of your invoice in the first weeks of January. I am deeply aware of the big effort it is for all of us to pay our membership fees despite the current economic situation, but I also know that you are all committed to the spirit of independence, freedom and solidarity that defines our organisation.

Lastly, together with the Secretariat, we would like to wish you and your families warmest Seasons Greetings, with happiness and health for 2012



Gerald Leitner,  
EBLIDA President

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## News round-up: E.U.

### International Copyright Deliberations: Library and Archive Groups Delighted by Conclusions on Copyright Limitations and Exceptions at WIPO

The 23rd session of the World Intellectual Property Organisation's Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) ended on 2nd December 2011. The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the International Council on Archives (ICA), Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL), the Canadian Library Association (CLA), the German Library Association (dbv), the Libraries and Archives Copyright Alliance (LACA) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA) welcome the significant progress made by WIPO Member States towards achieving a global set of copyright limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives.

SCCR/23 concluded with agreement for further discussion on a list of topics relating to libraries and archives which includes preservation, right of reproduction and supply of copies, legal deposit, library lending, parallel importation, cross-border uses, orphan works, retracted and withdrawn works, liability of libraries and archives, technological measures of protection, contracts, and the right to translate works. Member States have until the end of February 2012 to submit written comments to the WIPO Secretariat for inclusion in the document Provisional Working Document containing comments on and textual suggestions towards an appropriate international legal instrument (in whatever form) on exceptions and limitations for Libraries and Archives (SCCR/23/8 Prov.), which will be discussed at SCCR/24 in 2012.

Library and archives groups have been advocating for an international treaty so that WIPO Member States establish a set of basic, minimum limitations and exceptions for the benefit of libraries, archives, and their users in their national copyright laws. Currently, libraries operate under a patchwork of provisions that differ from country to country that often do not meet the needs of libraries especially in the global, digital environment. For the first time, the WIPO SCCR, the main body that shapes international copyright law, dedicated three extra days to discussion of limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives.

"The way WIPO Member States have engaged with library and archives issues has been very encouraging indeed" said IFLA President Ingrid Parent. "We feel that real progress was made during the SCCR that we hope will lead to an international solution to benefit libraries and archives, and their users, everywhere." [...].

Read more at <http://www.ifla.org/en/node/6062>

## News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

### Public Hearing Publishing on the Move (Brussels, 30th November 2011)

On November 30th, EBLIDA Director attended the Public Hearing *Publishing on the move* (<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-publishing-move>) at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels. As officially stated in the communication email received: "*The hearing is part of the preparation of an own-initiative opinion on the current situation and the changes in the book publishing in the digitalization era. It aims to examine the impact of the digital transition in the book publishing sector, to highlight challenges such as the legal framework regarding the protection of intellectual property rights and to end up with strong recommendations and directions for further improvement of the situation taking into consideration the interests of different stakeholders*".

EBLIDA and LIBER have had the opportunity to express differing opinions that those of the publishers and booksellers and have been asked to send facts, figures and arguments to the study group.

A subsequent hearing will be held in Brussels on the 8th of February 2012. EBLIDA director requested an invitation to follow-up on the previous discussion and transmit the study groups the above-mentioned information.

### EBLIDA Campaign for Eastern Countries of Europe

EBLIDA aims to represent all the member states of the Council of Europe. With this goal, on December 14th, EBLIDA launched a call upon its library colleagues from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Liechtenstein, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco, the Russian Federation and San Marino to become member of EBLIDA.

If you are in contact with library organisations of the mentioned countries, please forward them the link to the eblida website and give their coordinates to EBLIDA secretariat at [eblida@eblida.org](mailto:eblida@eblida.org).



# EBLIDA activities: 20th Anniversary of EBLIDA

## Welcome in Copenhagen!

Why Copenhagen?

For a few years now, EBLIDA's Annual Conference has linked to a national event. This year, as EBLIDA is fostering its lobbying position at a European level, the Executive Committee has decided to hold its conference in Denmark because of the Danish Presidency of the European Union from 01 January to 31 June 2012. This is regarded as a good opportunity to draw the attention of politicians to the situation of libraries in Europe.

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## 20th Annual Council:

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Council Meeting including elections**

Location: The Royal Library, the Karen Blixen Meeting Room

Time: 13-18 (incl. coffee)

**Reception**

Location: The Black Diamond, The Royal Library

Host: Director Erland Kolding Nielsen

Time: evening

Tour of the Royal Library: 18h00 -19h00



The Royal Library (The Black Diamond)  
©: The Royal Library: The National Library of Denmark and Copenhagen University Library

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**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**2012 Conference**

**"Democracy development in a new media environment"**

Conference registration: 9.00 – 10.00

Conference: 09.30 – 17.00 (lunch/coffee included)

Location : IDA Meeting Hall, Kalvebod Brygge 33-35, Cph.

Fee: 85 EUR before March 15<sup>th</sup> and 95 EUR thereafter.

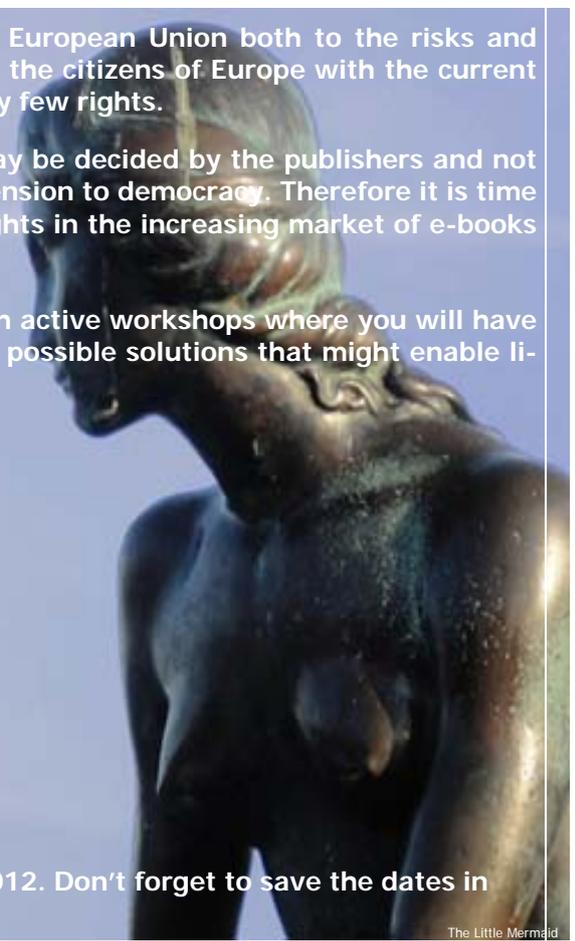
**Conference Dinner 2012**

20.00 - Main building of the unique Carlsberg Museum

*Optional – Fee: 40 EUR*

Some tips and encouragement

The final programme and invitation will reach you early in January 2012. Don't forget to save the dates in your agenda!



The Little Mermaid  
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# EBLIDA activities: 20th Anniversary of EBLIDA

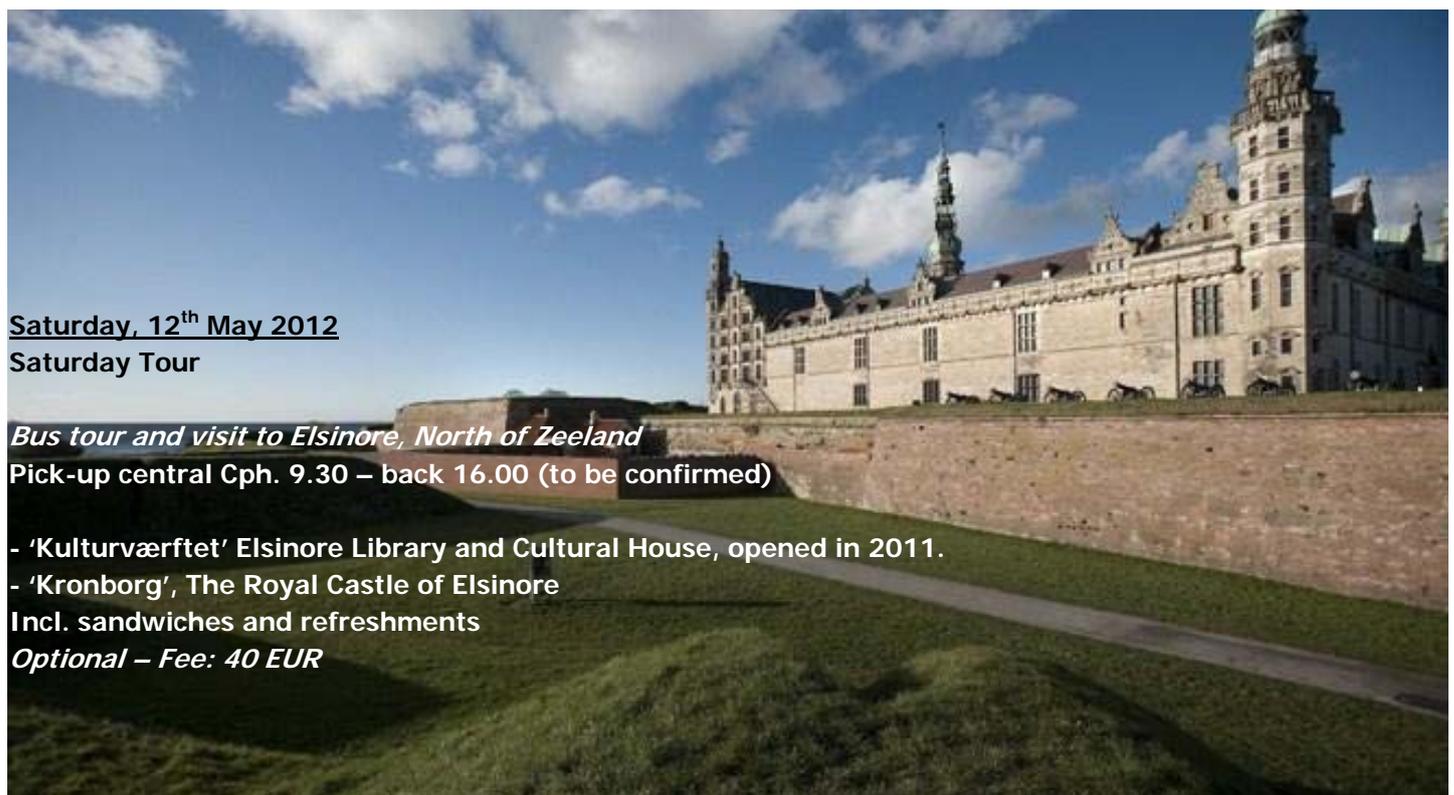
In order to effectively plan your trip to Copenhagen and to ensure you have an inexpensive and centrally located hotel, we strongly encourage you **to book your hotel room as soon as possible!** Due to the EU-chairmanship, other congresses and the start of the tourist season, hotels in Copenhagen are busy in May.

Please note that hotel bookings are made on a personal basis and may be done via several hotel booking websites (such as hotels.com, booking.com, hoteltravel.com). The Danish organisers have kindly identified a number of hotels located near the city centre and the meeting places. They are included on the next page as is the preliminary programme information.

## Hotels and Hostels in Copenhagen

See meeting places and relevant hotels and hostels - <http://kortlink.dk/a74w>

<b>City Hotel Nebo</b>	<a href="http://www.nebo.dk/?lang=en">http://www.nebo.dk/?lang=en</a> Next to CS
<b>DANHOSTEL Copenhagen City</b>	<a href="http://www.danhostel.dk/content/us/hostel_details?HostelId=144">http://www.danhostel.dk/content/us/hostel_details?HostelId=144</a> 5-10 min from the Central Station and in between the meeting places. (great location, several bedded rooms also used as private rooms).
<b>First Hotel Vesterbro</b>	<a href="http://www.firsthotels.com/en/Our-hotels/Denmark/Copenhagen/First-Hotel-Vesterbro/">http://www.firsthotels.com/en/Our-hotels/Denmark/Copenhagen/First-Hotel-Vesterbro/</a> 10 min from the central station.
<b>Hotel CABINN City</b>	<a href="http://www.cabinn.com/hoteller-i-koebenhavn/city/hotel-cabinn-city.html">http://www.cabinn.com/hoteller-i-koebenhavn/city/hotel-cabinn-city.html</a> 5 min from the Central Station and in between the meeting places CABINN Hotels offer discount accommodation at centrally located and modern hotels in Copenhagen.
<b>Hotel Danmark</b>	<a href="http://www.hotel-danmark.dk/uk-index.php">http://www.hotel-danmark.dk/uk-index.php</a> close to the City Hall Square and in the between the meeting places.
<b>Scandic Copenhagen</b>	<a href="http://www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Denmark/Copenhagen/Hotels/Scandic-Copenhagen/">http://www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Denmark/Copenhagen/Hotels/Scandic-Copenhagen/</a> 5-10 min from the central station, next to the lakes.
<b>Scandic Palace Hotel</b>	<a href="http://www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Denmark/Copenhagen/Hotels/Scandic-Palace-Hotel/">http://www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Denmark/Copenhagen/Hotels/Scandic-Palace-Hotel/</a> Next to the Town Hall.
<b>Radisson Blu Royal Hotel</b>	<a href="http://www.radissonblu.com/royalhotel-copenhagen">http://www.radissonblu.com/royalhotel-copenhagen</a> Five star between central station and City Hall.



**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Saturday Tour**

*Bus tour and visit to Elsinore, North of Zealand*

**Pick-up central Cph. 9.30 – back 16.00 (to be confirmed)**

- 'Kulturværftet' Elsinore Library and Cultural House, opened in 2011.

- 'Kronborg', The Royal Castle of Elsinore

**Incl. sandwiches and refreshments**

**Optional – Fee: 40 EUR**



## EBLIDA who's who?

As the network is growing, and as new members enter into 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 :

### Bibliothèque Publique d'Information (Public Reference Library), Paris, France



Located in the Centre Pompidou, the Bpi (Bibliothèque publique d'information) is a general reference library funded by the French Ministry of Culture. It is therefore an "administrative public body", which has its own budget and staff, but whose President is the President of the Centre Pompidou.

The Bpi is a kind of "box in the box": it has its own entrance, slightly different opening hours, and a different mission to its encyclopaedic public library.

10 000 sq. meter large, the library is located on 3 levels, offers 353 000 books, 11572 French and foreign newspapers and magazines (among them 8874 electronic periodicals), 2403 tutorials, 18 366 CDs and 3339 documentary films (digitised or accessible on PCs through a robot), 2134 seats in the library, 440 PCs providing access to the general catalog, databases, digitized and e-resources - the Bpi is currently installing a "one search engine"; 64 PCs providing free access to Internet (45mn sessions), an important self-learning area. The opening hours are extensive (307 days a year, 62h per week, (11-22 pm on weekends and 12-22 pm on weekdays except Tuesdays when the whole building is closed). There are 244 members of staff – mainly qualified librarians and civil servants. 1 480 000 visitors (an average of 4 800 visitors a day), and 1 210 000 visits on the website, 10 800 answers by mail, phone or through "Bibliosésame" (Ask a librarian) per year.



As a National Public Library, the Bpi provides services to French Public Libraries and aims at developing cooperation between libraries on a national level:

- ◆ a catalog of 1400 documentary films, whose rights have been purchased by the Bpi for French public libraries, which can be reproduced on DVD or downloaded on the libraries' servers
- ◆ a catalog of e-resources (Carel) which have been selected by the Bpi in cooperation with different public libraries. Carel works with producers and publishers in order to adapt e-resources to the needs of libraries and users in public libraries
- ◆ Bibliosésame, a cooperative "Ask a librarian" service, managed by the Bpi together with 20 French public libraries
- ◆ Alphabib, a network hosted and animated by the Bpi in order to develop services to disabled people, which provide information and training sessions (25 libraries cooperating)

Last, but not least, the Bpi takes part in IFLA (6 sections, and 4 members of standing committees) and EBLIDA, in an effort to increase its involvement and also trying to involve more French public libraries in international cooperation. It's obvious that libraries need to network, to exchange ideas and experiences, to put libraries on the political agenda and to do lobbying to influence institutions on an international level (EU, WIPO...) in order to ensure free access to information.

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<http://www.cartes-de-france.fr/index.html>

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# Events and Dates

## Events in January–February 2012

### January 2012

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

Date: 13 January 2012

Belfast, United Kingdom

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

BOBCATSSS 2012 Conference: "information in e-motion"

Date: 23rd to 25th January 2012 .

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/>

### February 2012

Handheld Librarian Online Conference VI: Mobile Solutions for Libraries That Work

Date: February 1

Place: Online only

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

System Workshop: Circulation & Subscription Systems

Date: February 3

Stockholm, Sweden

<http://www.ifra.com/website/ifraevent.nsf/wuis/7B73EEBF97DB9EBCC12578F00023AF99?OpenDocument&CS&E&>

ALPSP Digital Strategy

Date: 9 February 2012

London, UK

[http://www.alpsp.org/ngen\\_public/article.asp?id=228&did=47&aid=353161&st=&oid=-1](http://www.alpsp.org/ngen_public/article.asp?id=228&did=47&aid=353161&st=&oid=-1)

8th Italian Research Conference on Digital Libraries (IRCDL 2012)

Date: February 9 – 10

Bari, Italy

<http://193.204.187.249/~stefano/IRCDL2012/>

3rd IUI Workshop on Semantic Models for Adaptive Interactive Systems (SEMAIS 2012)

Date: February 14

Lisbon, Portugal

<http://semais.org/>

6th International Workshop on Value Modeling and Business Ontology (VMBO 2012)

Date: February 20 – 21

Vienna, Austria

<http://vmbo2012.isis.tuwien.ac.at/>

Search Engine Strategies (SES) London 2012

February 20 – 24

Date: London, UK

<http://sesconference.com/london/>

International Vilnius Book Fair/Baltic Book Fair

Date: February 23 – 26

Vilnius, Lithuania

<http://www.litexpo.lt/>

## 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](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](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](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](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](http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm)

Language Actions. See at

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm)

ICT Actions. See at

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943_en.htm)

Jean Monnet Actions. See at

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc1943\\_en.htm](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

#### Correction

Correction in issue 11: The Danish Presidency was wrongly stated as lasting from December 2011 to May 2012. It is, of course, as stated in this issue, from January to June 2012.

We apologize for this error which escaped our proof-reading .