



President's Editorial

March has been a very busy month for EBLIDA with changes in the Executive committee Meeting in Florence (see below and short summary on page 2), follow up on the Stakeholder Dialogues that should come to an end in April and continuing preparation of the 19th EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference in a few weeks now.

But first of all I would like to inform EBLIDA members of the unanimously election of Glòria Pérez Salmerón as new Vice-President. Glòria is Director of the Spanish National Library (an EBLIDA member) and was previously President of FESABID (also an EBLIDA member). Therefore Glòria has a long experience within EBLIDA and I am deeply convinced that this experience along with her involvement in the Spanish Community of librarians will give a wonderful support to EBLIDA's positions. I thank her for assuming this important task and hope you will join me to wish Glòria a wonderful Vice-Presidency.

This offers me an excellent opportunity to remind you that the registration for the 19th annual conference in Màlaga is open and that you are most welcome to register as soon as possible as for the Annual Council. Information are available on EBLIDA's website.

At last, some changes happened also in the Secretariat as Claudia Forero's contract came to an end in the course of March and as Joanne Yeomans previous EBLIDA Director will come back in the course of April as part time Administrator. I hope you will join me in wishing Claudia all the best for the future and welcome back Joanne.

I'm leaving you now enjoying the reading of this last edition of our newsletter.

Gerald Leitner,
EBLIDA President

News round-up: E.U.

Report on the European Congress on E-Inclusion 2010: 'Delivering Digital Europe in Public Libraries' available online.

The European Congress on E-Inclusion 2010: 'Delivering Digital Europe in Public Libraries', organised by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union took place on 20th and 21st September 2010 at the Flemish Parliament in Brussels. It attracted 240 delegates over the two days representing 27 European countries, to hear from and participate in discussions with speakers from 14 nations.

Following the conference a formal report of the key findings were made to the European Commission (more information at www.ecei10.eu).

During the conference there were a number of key outcomes that made clear that if the Public Library wishes to play a role of importance in a Digital and inclusive Europe, it has to focus on the following themes:

1. The Public Library needs to make itself known to the public and underline its unique service proposition.
2. The role of the librarian is no longer (solely) that of collector (of books). He or she must take up the role of counselor who guides users and helps them in acquiring new skills.
3. The Public Library should not be afraid to form new partnerships, whose added value benefits not only the Public Library but its users as well.

According to our latest information the 3rd European Congress on E-inclusion is foreseen in September 2011, but still not confirmed. More information to come...

Tilman Lüder, Head of Copyright Unit at the European Commission to be replaced by Maria Martin-Prat

Information is now official, as of 16 April Maria Martin Prat will become Head of Copyright Unit at the European Commission. As reported on the German site Netzpolitik.org, before joining the European Commission she worked for the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), the record industry's lobby. She will now be responsible for a revision of the EU-directive 2004/48/EG on the enforcement of intellectual property rights and is very concerned on the increasing of copyright injuries.

5 Million Manuscripts, Films and Texts for Europeana

As reported a few weeks ago, the project called Europeana Libraries has been launched in the first week of February. Europeana Libraries is a 2-year project that will bring the digital collections of some of Europe's leading research libraries to Europeana. Funded by the European Commission's IST-PSP programme, Europeana Libraries will be the first cultural digitisation project to investigate full-text searching of the 5 million objects it adds to Europeana.

The *Europeana Libraries* project, in addition to the *European Library* that already offers the ability to freely search the digital resources and catalogues of 48 national libraries in Europe and develops a new portal with services targeted at academics and researchers in the social sciences and humanities spheres, is of first interest for the overall purpose of Europeana.eu to put Europe's cultural and scientific heritage online.

Official launch of The Hague – World Library Capital on April 14th

You are cordially invited to join and participate in the formal launch on Thursday 14 April 2011 of The Hague—World Library Capital, on the occasion of the IFLA Presidential Conference 'Libraries driving Access to knowledge', at the reception hosted by the municipality in the Hague Public Library, 18.00-19.00 hrs.

As announced previously *the intention of The Hague – World Library Capital is to create a network of all kinds of library organisations working on advocacy and development of libraries in an international context. The Hague is the unique city where so many of this unique organisations, and a range of dedicated libraries are located. Save the date!*

EBLIDA activities

Executive Committee Meeting, Florence, 17–18 March

The Committee met on 17-18 March in Florence and a short summary follows. After the unanimously election of Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, the end-of-year financial statement was examined; all is on schedule according to the budget but some membership fees were still outstanding. These outstanding fees were discussed in more detail as recommendations for member cancellations will need to be made to Council in 2012. A survey on doubtful debtors should be produced in order to get an overview on the topic. Reports were made of the activities of the Expert Groups and Director.

Following Director's report on his survey on operating grant from the European Commission, the Committee agreed to establish EBLIDA's as an advocacy network at EU level and to develop a knowledge and information centre. To benefit from more complete information the Director will meet a responsible of the Cultural Contact Point in the Netherlands on April 7.

The President, Gerald Leitner, updated the Committee on the collaboration with NAPLE and presented the programme of the 19th EBLIDA Annual Conference in Màlaga, a rich and attracting programme.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place in Màlaga, Spain on 25 May 2011.

4th Stakeholder Dialogue on Out-of-Commerce Work of March 25th followed by the Expert Group on Information Law—EGIL

One step forward, two steps backward, the current rhythm of the Stakeholder Dialogue on Out-of-Commerce Work threatens the chance to agree on a Memorandum of Understanding between all Stakeholders at the last meeting on April 8.

The Key-guiding principles on the Digitisation and Making Available of Out-of-Commerce Works are based on a preamble and the three following principles:

Principle No 1 – Voluntary Collective agreements on out of commerce works

Principle No 2 – Collective agreements to be extended to not-represented rights holders

Principle No 3 – Cross border access to Digital Libraries

The dialogue of March 25th has showed usual divergent positions between publishers and library representatives. Nevertheless, participants agreed on the two first principles before the end of the meeting which was quite encouraging for the last meeting. The situation is complicated as some issues that were agreed on last time have been reworded by EPC-FEP-STM and IFRRO. The time to agree on common positions is very short.

All Stakeholders should send a common wording of the principles to Tilman Lüder for Wednesday 6. But such a result seems difficult to achieve as some participants change the content of what was agreed before.

More information to come in the next issue.

Preparation of the 3rd LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitisation of Library Material in Europe, The Hague, National Library, 5-7 October 2011.

The third LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitisation of Library Material in Europe is on tracks now. The programme committee set up the website available at: <http://indico.eblida.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=22>.

EBLIDA Expert Group on Digitisation and Online Access and LIBER committee have jointly drafted a programme that will last on four half-days offering a session each dedicated to a specific topic.

User experience (5th October afternoon) will offer the audience opportunity to access 4 speeches and discussions plus a breakout sessions at the end of the day to get direct inputs of the public.

After the report on breakout sessions of the previous day, *Business Models* (6th October morning) will combine 3 speeches and discussion with 4 case studies given a broad overview fact and figures on the topic.

Reuse of Metadata (6th October afternoon) will be discussed through 4 speeches and breakout sessions.

Workflow (7th October morning) will conclude this workshop. After introducing the day by breakout sessions report of the previous day, the main topic will be discussed through case studies.

A full and exciting programme which you are most welcome to participate by applying to the Call for papers that is currently online and will close on April 15th (except last minute extra time). The registration form should be available from April 15th at the same address. You are most welcome to register early for making this Workshop a success.

EBLIDA's Director meeting with Elsevier

At the invitation of Michiel Kolman, SVP Global Academic Relations at Elsevier, Vincent Bonnet participated in an exploration meeting with Elsevier on March 1st. The idea was to introduce Dr. Alicia Wise, Director of Open Access at Elsevier and to explore further strengthening of the Elsevier-EBLIDA collaboration. The company that already supports IFLA and LIBER, is an EBLIDA sponsor since 2010 and would like to strengthening its support to EBLIDA.

Vincent Bonnet presented Elsevier the new Sponsor packages draft proposal before exchanging on different issues such as the way sponsors could be more involved in the life of the organisation.

Alicia Wise gave news on latest developments on VIP (Visually Impaired People) issues and informed of the latest development on Open Access with Elsevier's *Universal Access*, access to [quoting Alicia Wise] *high-quality content through sustainable business model for bridging the gap in developed countries*. Meanwhile, Elsevier launched the beta-version of the *Deep DYVE* project (<http://www.deepdyve.com/>) for lending e-books through online search tools with different free options concentrating on academic contents.

This first contact were quite informative and Elsevier showed a great interest to get more involved in EBLIDA. Vincent Bonnet insisted on the fact that EBLIDA is lobbying for all kind of libraries in Europe, including Public Libraries, and that the better help Elsevier could provide to develop a fruitful partnership would be to become a Gold Sponsor. He also advertised on the 19th EBLIDA Annual Conference in Màlaga on May 27th, and next year celebration of EBLIDA's 20th anniversary, a good opportunity to invite sponsors to show a stronger support. To be continued...

EGIL's Meeting in the Hague, April 12

As planned a few months ago, EGIL will meet on April 12 in The Hague to review on Stakeholder Dialogue, Orphan Work Directive, Comité des Sages report and other topics. It will also be a great opportunity to discuss WIPO issue as most of the participants will also attend the IFLA CLM committee meeting the day after. In addition to group together the Expert group, the idea is also to strengthen and coordinate the work with IFLA CLM committee and to go towards a united front of library positions at the International and European level in order to achieve positive outcomes for libraries.

In the meantime EGIL will continue to communicate by email and monthly phone meetings to move forward with their discussions on positions. The group is keeping track of communication and announcements from the Commission on copyright and digitization issues and will continue to respond as and when needed.

Events in April—May

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

EGIL Expert Group Meeting (members only)
Date: 12 April 2011
The Hague, The Netherlands

2nd IFLA Presidential Meeting
Libraries driving access to knowledge: action for Europe
Date: 14 April 2011 to 15 April 2011
The Hague, Netherlands

Public Access to Information? Challenges to Information Gatekeepers
Date: 14 April 2011
London, UK

CeDEM11 (Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government)
Date: 5 May 2011 to 06 May 2011
Krems, Austria

World of Health IT (WoHIT) 2011 Conference and Exhibition
Date: 10 May 2011 to 13 May 2011
Budapest, Hungary

WSIS Forum 2011
Date: 16 May 2011 to 20 May 2011
Geneva, Switzerland

3rd QQML 2011 International Conference
Date: 24 May 2011 to 27 May 2011
Athens Greece

European Library Automation Group (ELAG)
Date: 24 May 2011 to 27 May 2011
Prague, Czech Republic

19th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting
Date: 26 May 2011 to 27 May 2011
Malaga, Spain

Funding Calls and Deadlines

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

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 [FACEA 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.

EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting
Málaga, Spain.
Wednesday, 25th May 2011

19th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting and Conference.
Málaga, Spain.
Wednesday 25 — Friday 27 May 2011

"One profession, one future?"

EBLIDA-NAPLE conference in association with FESABID, Spanish Federation of Societies of Archivists, Librarians, Documentalists and Museology

26th : 19th EBLIDA Council Meeting.
27th : Conference "One profession, one future?" (in English with simultaneous Spanish translation).
25th—26th : FESABID convention (Spanish language).



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