



President's Editorial

As spring comes, library conferences are blooming, and April sees the beginning of the conference season with EBLIDA's participation in the IFLA Presidential Meeting in The Hague on April 14 to 15. The event was entitled *Library driving access to knowledge* and I represented EBLIDA with the presentation *A library policy to safeguard Human Rights*.

This meeting offered a perfect opportunity to promote EBLIDA's role and core mission of lobbying at the European level and to remind our partners that EBLIDA is fighting daily to build a strong European library community. It was also the timely moment to invite our partners to work together in planning a lobbying presence in Brussels to strengthen libraries' position in Europe. The event gave the opportunity to network with colleagues to informally share and discuss libraries' situation in Europe and to invite them to our annual conference *One profession, One Future?* in Màlaga in May.

Taking advantage of this meeting, our Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL) met in The Hague on April 12 in order to assess current copyright issues and to meet on April 13 with the IFLA Committee on Legal Matters (CLM) for sharing common information on copyright.

April has also seen EBLIDA at the forefront of the Out-of-Commerce stakeholders' dialogues at the EU Commission (see page 3).

We are entering the last weeks before our annual Council and Conference and I hope that most of you are already registered to attend. It is the most important EBLIDA event of the year, and we have worked hard to put together a very informative and useful conference on current library concerns. Our Spanish colleagues have arranged a wonderful social programme on Saturday May 28 in Granada. If some of you are lacking some information, please refer to the last page of this newsletter or go to our dedicated [conference web page >>](#) and don't hesitate to contact EBLIDA's secretariat if you have any questions: they are working in close contact with the Spanish colleagues to make this a successful event.

I hope to meet you all in a few weeks under Màlaga's sun. Enjoy reading the newsletter.

Gerald Leitner,
EBLIDA President

19th EBLIDA's annual Council and Conference Malaga (Spain), 26-27 May 2011



REGISTRATION OPEN !

Considering that the union of talents exceeds their simple addition your attendance at EBLIDA's Annual Council & Conference in Màlaga is of the highest importance!

Attending EBLIDA's Annual Council & Conference is the best way to take an active part in building a strong and united European library community.

Join us and register now at

<http://www.fesabid.org/en/malaga2011/registration>

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News round-up: E.U.

Cycling for libraries, 28 May—7 June 2011 Copenhagen to Berlin by bicycle: First international meeting on wheels!



One month before the *Tour de France*, librarians are welcome to join the 'unconference' *Cycling for Libraries*. As stated on the website: Cycling for libraries supports physical and mental well-being of library professionals, grassroots networking, and internationalism and — last but not least — the crucial role of libraries for society and for intellectual and scientific education in general. *Cycling for Libraries* also supports environmental values and an ecological way of life. Many values inherited from librarianship are present here: openness, liberalism, access to information, lifelong learning and innovativeness. Librarianship is also by its very nature humanist, internationalist, cross-boundary and concrete.

The event starts at the Danish National Library courtyard, and it ends at the 100th *Deutsche Bibliothekartag!* The German Library Conference which takes place from 7 to 10 June 2011 under the slogan "Libraries for the Future – Future for the Libraries".

More information on <http://www.cyclingforlibraries.org/>.

Joint register of lobbyists for European Parliament and European Commission

The Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) of the European Parliament voted unanimously on 19 April to create a joint European Parliament-Commission register for lobbyists. It aims to offer greater transparency to citizens thanks to this one-stop-shop and should also facilitate registration. However, despite the fact that most members of the European Parliament would like this registration to be mandatory, it will remain voluntary, even if strong incentives for registration are planned.

Read more about the proposal "Backing for EP/Commission joint register of lobbyists and other interest groups" at <http://tinyurl.com/63jqpbx>.

Festival of Europe—European Parliament Open Days 2011

In Brussels and Luxemburg on Saturday 7 May and in Strasbourg on Sunday 8 May, the European Parliament welcomes any visitor interested in discovering the "engine-room of Europe".

The Festival of Europe marks the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration of 1950. Robert Schuman laid the keystone for European construction with these words: "*Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity.*" A few years later, Robert Schuman became the first president of the European Parliament.



More information at <http://tinyurl.com/3spmsd3>.

European Network of Cultural Administration Training Centers (ENCATC) publishes White Paper: "Relationship between Museums and Municipalities"

According to the information provided by the Network of European Museums (an EBLIDA peer organisation for Museums), the White Paper on the "*Relationship between Museums and Municipalities in Europe*" is the main outcome of the European Policy Analysis Group "Museums and Municipalities", initiated by ENCATC.

The document, accessible at <http://www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=189>, could be a source of inspiration for EBLIDA's work to obtain a White Paper on a Library policy for Europe (see also the speech of Gerald Leitner on page 4).

First Digital Assembly organized by the Information Society DG of the European Commission, June 16-17

In order to promote and involve stakeholders in helping to build the content of the Digital Agenda for Europe, the Information Society Directorate General organises its first Digital Agenda Assembly on 16 and 17 June 2011.

It aims to:

- Assess progress to date on delivery towards the Digital Agenda's goals and actions and seek ways to improve delivery;
- Identify challenges ahead for the implementation of the Digital Agenda and for the information society in general;
- Mobilize stakeholders' actions to make further progress and address challenges.

More information at http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/daa/index_en.htm

5th Stakeholder Dialogue on Out-of-Commerce Works, April 8th, followed by the Expert Group on Information Law—EGIL

An unpredictable fifth meeting of stakeholders on the issue of out-of-commerce works took place on Friday 8 April in Brussels... The goal of this presumed last meeting was to come to an agreement establishing key guiding principles on digitization and making available of 'Out-of Commerce' works.

The text on which stakeholders are working (and as reported in the previous Newsletter), is based on a preamble and the three following principles:

Principle No 1 – Voluntary collective agreements should govern use of out of commerce works

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

Principle No 3 – Cross border access should be possible to Digital Libraries.

Although participants agreed on almost all the content of the two first principles during the previous meeting on 25 March, the third principle remained the crux of the matter.

For his last session as chairman and Head of Copyright Unit, Tilman Lüder had planned to come up with a proposal which would solve the issue. However, he surprised all participants with his presentation of the cross-border issue by unexpectedly describing it as an "insoluble" problem in the current situation. EBLIDA EGIL Chair, Harald von Hielmcrone, representing libraries, had asked several times during the course of the meetings that it not be left until the end because of its difficulty.

Indeed without a solution for cross-border access to Digital libraries, it becomes difficult to achieve Europeana for example.

The cross-border issue has to be seen together with the Orphan Work Directive that the European Commission is preparing. This directive aims to solve the problem of the clearance of rights [after a diligent search for the right holder in the country of first publication, a work will be recognized as Orphan if there was no positive result, and therefore can be freely used in all other member-states], but the problem is that nobody yet knows the exact content of this directive.

As for Out-of-Commerce Works, the problem concerns:

1/ works that are not represented by a collecting society. If Right holders have given a mandate to a Collecting Society, then works can be licensed all over the EU, but most authors are not linked to collecting societies.

2/ and therefore the need for individual right clearance (which is unbearable for libraries because of the costs).

The overall idea was to find a solution to the Out-of-Commerce Work (OoC) problem that also covers Orphan Works (OW) and can be used all over the EU.

During lunch, nobody was able to see any possible outcome to this meeting.

Tilman Lüder didn't attend the last afternoon part of the meeting because of other commitments so his assistants decided to browse through the principles and to try to find an agreement on the content and wording of the principles.

Stakeholders agreed on most of the issues concerning the first two principles and decided to meet again before the officially scheduled next meeting (which will be held on June 14 in Brussels) in a working group of three representatives of publishers, authors and right holders and three representatives of libraries. It will be in charge of working on an understandable and readable version of these key-principles. The working group will also attempt to find an agreement on the third principle to be presented at the last discussion. The final goal of the meeting on 14 June is to come to an agreement on these key guiding principles in order to enable large-scale digitization processes.

This working group is currently working on a draft proposal before having its first meeting in London on May 6. But still the common path is not that easy to find.

Therefore the June meeting that will be chaired by Maria Martin-Prat de Abreu, new Head of Copyright Unit (whom most of you will have the opportunity to meet during the EBLIDA Conference on 27 May), could be another meeting but not the last one. Despite some divergences between Stakeholders, we hope to be on the way to find a compromise.

Short Report on EGIL's Meeting in the Hague, 12 April 2011

On the 12th of April EGIL met in The Hague. The date was set in order to coordinate with the IFLA CLM mid-term meeting, the IFLA Presidential Address which would take place during the following days, and to invite Paul Whitney, member of

IFLA's Governing Board, to attend the EGIL meeting and join the discussions.

A large proportion of the meeting was devoted to discussions about the Stakeholder Dialogue Meetings concerning Out of Commerce works (reported on page 3). There had been different opinions and priorities among the members of EGIL as to how the problems should be solved, and it was important to have in-depth discussions to reach a common position.

Developments at WIPO were also discussed: 2011 will be an important year for libraries at WIPO because proposals for a Treaty for the Reading-Disabled and a Treaty on Exceptions and Limitations are on the agenda. Even though it has been agreed that IFLA will take the leading role for library associations at WIPO, EBLIDA has a responsibility in relation to the EU representation and in this special year it would be good if EBLIDA, through EGIL, could take a more active role.

Other important issues were discussed:

- the proposed extension to the term of protection for producers and performing artists of recorded music, which is currently with the European Parliament; a compromise seems to be emerging for an extension to protection of 70 years after the recording,
- continuing debate at European level on copyright enforcement, the Hadopi / graduated response / 3 strikes legislation,
- new issues for EGIL's agenda: E-lending (lending of e-books) and data mining.

The next EGIL meeting will be in October in Poland to coincide with the Polish EU Presidency.

"A Library Policy for Europe to Safeguard Human Rights": EBLIDA President's Speech at the IFLA Presidential Meeting in The Hague, 14 April 2011



The theme of the second IFLA Presidential Meeting was *Libraries Access to Knowledge: Action for Europe*. On this occasion, EBLIDA's President, Gerald Leitner, presented a speech on *A Library Policy for Europe to Safeguard Human Rights*.

During his speech, he highlighted the fact that even though Europe is seen as a continent of wealth and freedom, the reality is more complicated. Big differences in literacy, and social and political education still exist between countries and within countries.

He also stressed the fact that current changes in the media and information structure reveal the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'; that people coming to live in Europe from outside the continent, such as refugees, are in an even weaker position than the European 'have-nots', and that political tensions and radicalisation can arise from this.

Libraries have always been seen as places of education open to every member of the community. Libraries in Europe could more easily achieve their mission of education if a Library Policy across all of Europe existed. However, differences between national laws and legislation prevent European harmonization on this.

Gerald Leitner highlighted the fact that a European Library Directive was unlikely to be passed, and that it is therefore better [...] *to concentrate our lobbying activities on a White Paper that describes the role of libraries in the European Knowledge Society and recommends and encourages the member states to act on behalf of the libraries.*

EBLIDA and NAPLE already began to work together on a Library Policy for Europe, but he concluded his speech by calling [...] *all relevant library organisations in Europe [to] work together on such a paper, propose it together and promote it together. EBLIDA is ready to enter into a cooperation of this kind. I hope, that in cooperation with our partners, we can formulate a common vision and arrive at a "Library Policy for Europe" for the benefit of our institutions and the citizens of Europe.*

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

There is now an extended deadline for the call for papers of the third LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitisation of Library Material in Europe until 27 May 2011. As a result, the Programme Committee has decided to postpone registration to June.

3rd LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitization of Library Material in Europe

5-7 October 2011

Koninklijke Bibliotheek

More information about the workshop and call for papers at: <http://indico.eblida.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=22>.

Events in May—June

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

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

3rd World Copyright Summit: Creating value in the digital economy
Date: 7 June 2011 to 08 June 2011
Brussels, Belgium

InSITE 2011: Informing Science & IT Education
Date: 18 June 2011 to 23 June 2011
Novi Sad, Serbia

Next Library
Date: 19 June 2011 to 21 June 2011
Aarhus, Denmark

i3 conference: Information: Interaction and Impact
Date: 20 June 2011 to 23 June 2011
Aberdeen, UK

WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (22nd session)
Date: 20 June 2011 to 24 June 2011
Geneva, Switzerland

CERN Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI7)
Date: 22 June 2011 to 24 June 2011
Geneva, Switzerland

57th Annual Conference of the French Librarian Association (ABF)
Date: 23 June 2011 to 25 June 2011
Lille, France

International Conference on Information Society (i-Society 2011)
Date: 27 June 2011 to 29 June 2011
London, UK

6th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice conference - EBLIP6
Date: 27 June 2011 to 30 June 2011
Manchester, UK

European Commission: 3rd Annual Internet of Things Europe 2011: Bridging the divide between policy and reality
Date: 28 June 2011 to 29 June 2011
Brussels, Belgium

LIBER 40th Annual General Conference
Date: 29 June 2011 to 02 July 2011
Barcelona, 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.

Everything you always wanted to know about 19th EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference in Màlaga, Spain.

The [19th EBLIDA Council Meeting](#) will take place in the Palacio de Ferias y Congresos in Màlaga, Spain, on Thursday 26th May 2011 followed by the [Annual Conference](#) on Friday 27th May at the same venue.

Programme (all details at <http://tinyurl.com/3sfs6mc>)

The following gives an overview of the programme of events. Items in bold are open to all EBLIDA members but require registration. Please go to the FESABID website of the conference to register.

For Members who will attend only the Council meeting but not the Conference, thank you to inform EBLIDA's Secretariat.

-  Wednesday 25th May (12:00 - 16:00): EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting (by invitation only).
-  Thursday 26th May (10:00 - 12:00): EBLIDA Expert Group meetings (by invitation only).
-  **Thursday 26th May (13:00 - 18:00): EBLIDA Council Meeting followed by FESABID dinner at 20:00 (FESABID Dinner at the [Museo Picasso](#) is included in the Conference registration fee).**
-  **Friday 27th May (full day): EBLIDA-NAPLE Annual Conference: [One Profession, One Future?](#)**
See the conference website for the agenda and registration form. All are welcome.
-  **Friday 27th May EBLIDA Dinner will take place at MARIANO RESTAURANT on Friday at 20.30, Plaza del Carbón 2, 29015, Málaga. Have a look on the menu at <http://tinyurl.com/62efzjg>.**
-  **Saturday 28th May (full day): Social event. Trip to Granada. Register via the conference site with the registration form.**

IT IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER!



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