Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

Since I started as EBLIDA President in May 2012, I have been looking after the coordination of the work and have been following closely the current issues at stake for libraries.

First of all, I have the pleasure to tell you that the new EBLIDA website is online since July 2nd. Of course a new website is excellent news for everyone. I hope that you will find it convenient and easy to use. Not all of the content will be made available immediately, but most of the information is already online.

I trust that you will appreciate this new “image” of EBLIDA, and hope that you will find it useful and that you will participate in the future in its frequent updating. EBLIDA is determined to ensure easy circulation of information among its members and this website is a wonderful tool.

For that very reason, the website has also been designed to offer a log-in version (not yet accessible) that should offer additional information to members, shared work space for the expert groups and the Executive Committee.

Meanwhile Summer is approaching fast and if I’m not mistaken, I will be right in assuming that:

a) most of you will take some holidays;
b) some (most?) of you will attend the IFLA Conference in Helsinki in August.

To those of you who will take a summer break, I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday and a very relaxing time. I am already ready for the IFLA conference in Helsinki where I am very much looking forward to meeting all of you once again. Let me remind you that EBLIDA will be present during the Poster session since the Director will present EBLIDA e-books campaign on 13 and 14 August. Don’t miss this poster!

In order to respect the tradition, this Summer issue covers July and August. I wish you an enjoyable read while I am excited to come back to you with breaking new in 2 months time.

Enjoy the summer!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President
Europeana Newspaper project

The Europeana Newspapers project ([http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu/](http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu/)) is undertaking a survey of available digitised newspapers in Europe, aimed at institutions that are *not currently* part of the project. The survey has three purposes:

1) To get a clear idea of the extent of newspaper digitisation within Europe
3) To help locate 10 additional partners to join the project

Europeana would very much like to hear from institutions with newspaper collections in Europe. The survey consists of 13 short questions and should hopefully be straightforward to complete. It is available at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BQ28579](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BQ28579).

Europeana would appreciate responses to the survey by **July 31st**. Europeana will then follow this up with discussions about importing the relevant metadata so it can expose this via the channels mentioned in point 2 above.

The European Library and Arrow

An article of Julia Brungs and Friedel Grant (The European Library)

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**ARROW and ARROW Plus: Ultimate copyright management of books and images**

Copyright clearance has always been a sticky issue - until the ARROW\(^1\) system came along.

It makes rights information for literary works easy to retrieve, especially for “orphan works” – books for which the copyright information is unclear because no “parent” can be found.

Vast bodies of works are “orphans” and no digitisation can take place until this label is removed. Before ARROW's invention, tracking down rights information was a tedious and laborious process.

Now, according to ARROW Project Coordinator Paola Mazzucchi, ‘ARROW saves users up to 90% of the time - and therefore much of the cost - that an individual search would normally take.’

ARROW can also be combined with ARROW Plus technology, which addresses the rights attached to images and illustrations within books. Together, they are the solution to a huge copyright problem, and the key to making a huge mass of otherwise stagnant works available to the general public.

‘Depending on the sector concerned, estimates of the number of orphan works in cultural institutions vary from around 20% for films and slightly less for books, at the low end, to up to 90% for photography at the high end,’’ says Neelie Kroes, Vice President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda.

“That is a truly staggering figure, which shows up one of the massive difficulties in applying theory of copyright in practice.”

The ARROW system has already been initiated for works published in France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom. Developments to connect even more countries to the ARROW system are in progress.

The European Library\(^2\) is also working closely with ARROW. Its database, for example, is one tool which the ARROW system uses to identify a book and cluster it with all other books containing the same work.

For more information on ARROW and the ARROW Plus programmes, contact the Project Leader at Associazione Italiana Editori (AIE): [arrow@aie.it](mailto:arrow@aie.it) or (39) (02) 89-280-800, or visit [www.arrow-net.eu](http://www.arrow-net.eu).

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1: Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works towards Europeana, a project of a consortium of European national libraries, publishers and collective management organisations, also representing writers - working through their main European associations and a number of national organisations. Launched in November 2008 for 30 months.

2: [http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org](http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org)
From DG INFSO to DG CONNECT

As of July 1st 2012, the Directorate General for Information Society shifts to Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology. This means that the unpronounceable DG INFSO is becoming DG CONNECT.

As Robert Madelin ... stated on the yet Information Society and Media DG webpage “[... ] Our new name better represents the range of topics where we are active, and our new structure better aligns the work of the DG with key EU policies for the coming decade: ensuring that digital technologies can help deliver the growth which the EU needs [...]”.

The mission statements of the DG is “[to] help to harness information & communications technologies in order to create jobs and generate economic growth; to provide better goods and services for all; and to build on the greater empowerment which digital technologies can bring in order to create a better world, now and for future generations.

To help achieve this, we:
1. Support the kind of high-quality research & innovation which delivers imaginative, practical and value-enhancing results;
2. Foster creativity through a European data value-chain in which anyone can share knowledge;
3. Promote greater use of, and public access to, digital goods and digital services, including “cloud” computing, in order to boost the European single market;
4. Ensure that those goods and services are more secure, that people can trust the rapidly evolving technologies which surround them, and that people have the right skills and confidence to use them as part of everyday life;
5. Work with partners globally to support an open Internet.

We live our values as a creative, responsible and open European Union public service. We work on the best available evidence, and we cooperate closely with all our stakeholders. Our procedures are fully transparent, and we assume accountability for our actions. We seek value for the taxpayer's money in all we do”.

Contacts will need to be updated. For instance, the current survey done by DG INFSO on libraries online across Europe should be (according to our latest information) taken over by Mr. Javier Hernandez-Ros, who appears in the new organisation chart as Director of Unit G.2 Creativity under Directorate G Media and Data.

EBLIDA will ensure to take contact with Mr. Hernandez-Ros.

News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe


The question of more flexible copyright regime in Europe is obviously a central question now on the agenda of the MEPs. Since the beginning of 2012, at least three events have been organised in the remits of the European Parliament regarding this question. EBLIDA participated in all of them and once as co-organiser.

The interesting point is that politicians of big parties such as the Socialist and Democrats are concerned with the questions related to intellectual property. It shows that the awareness begins to grow. The participated MEP’s were Sylvie Guillaume (France), Luigi Berlinguer (Italy) and Françoise Castex (France).

In her opening speech, Sylvie Guillaume highlighted that such events are held to help S&D group in its reflection regarding Intellectual property. She reminded the audience that “the Infosoc Directive of 2001 with its exhaustive list of Exceptions and Limitations to Copyright doesn’t seem fit for the Digital world, and that the question of copyright on
a tangible material was over. The question of how making copyright evolve is a critical one”. She stated that: “exceptions are weaker than a right. The design of copyright is not immutable. […] It should also take into account the question of sharing in non-commercial sphere”. Then Luigi Berlinguer (who strongly supported the WIPO Treaty for Visually Impaired Persons proposed by the World Blind Union and supported by the European Blind Union) informed the audience that “the Socialist and Democrats group is not for an enforcement of the legislation of copyright, and that the law can evolve. But we have to be clever in adapting to the change”.

High-level speakers such as Bernt Hugenholtz claimed once again for flexibility, and reminded the audience that the Wittem group is advocating for a European Copyright Code since April 2010 (http://www.copyrightcode.eu/). Rosa Maiello, representing EBLIDA-EGIL made an interesting presentation where she highlighted the fact that “… library services need clear, simple, and unambiguous juridical rules, not dependent on specific formats or technologies, and harmonised at European and international level”.

In its conclusion, Luigi Berlinguer insisted on two points:
- it is important to continue the pressure on European Institutions in order to achieve the necessary change. But this pressure has to be maintained especially in each individual country since we have to convince the Council that is representing the interest of the countries;
- Libraries are the place where you can access to books without buying for them. This should be expand to the digital world. It is necessary to change the copyright to adapt it to the digital era. Copyright should not be an obstacle to the diffusion of Culture.

Luigi Berlinguer stated that: “We are the Knowledge society, so we have to make it happen. We must invent new economic models. Fantasy will invent change. And Flexibility is Fantasy”.

Digital Assembly Brussels, 21-22 June 2012

The overall topic of the Assembly was Driving Digital growth by innovation and user empowerment. On day 1, the audience split in 8 workshops and discussed the topic from a specific angle. On Day 2, the participants converged in the EU Parliament for a one day exchange of information and report from workshops.

Libraries were for the first time visible with Paul-Andre Baran, Director Biblionet and Digital Champion for Romania who participated in the Panel discussion: Everybody online and empowered: the impact of online activism and the global citizens. He highlighted the fact that libraries have the capacity to deliver free access to online resources, information technology and digital skills training. Libraries help citizens to be online and support an inclusive digital society.

EBLIDA activities

New EBLIDA website goes live on 2nd July 2012

The new EBLIDA website is now live. The general layout and organisation has been changed with the goal being to deliver information more easily. Latest news items are more visible, the calendar directly accessible, and video are now embedded. Special pages for specific events can easily be created, and a dedicated page for the e-book campaign has been open. The map will be made available as of August, but you can already access to the list of members. The content has not been yet all transferred. Missing information will gradually be made available. In the course of the year, restricted area for registered members will be made available.

21st EBLIDA Council and Conference will be hosted in Milan (Italy)

It is now official, the 21st Annual Council of EBLIDA and 21st EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference will be held in Milan in May 2013. The topic and official dates still have to be agreed by the EC, but you can already mark the month and location in your calendar. Benvenuti a Milano!

EBLIDA office will be closed from 9 to 27 of July 2012

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Institute
The Netherlands Institute for Public Libraries/ SIOB, based in The Hague, has its origins in the Netherlands Public Library Association. Initiated by legislature this organisation was split in 2010 into three organisations. Besides SIOB, these are the branch organisation (the Netherlands Public Library Association, VOB) and Bibliotheek.nl (BNL), in charge of development of the digital infrastructure for public libraries in the Netherlands.

In order to develop a strong network of public libraries a national strategy seemed necessary to manage the changes which libraries face, caused by the developing digital technology, but certainly also by the threats of budget reductions within the library network. Commissioned and funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands Institute for Public Libraries (SIOB) develops this strategy and initiates and coordinates plans aimed at renewing and strengthening the library sector.

Situation
The public library network in the Netherlands comprises approximately 170 municipal library organisations with a total of 1000 branches and 11 library (service) organisations at the provincial level. The libraries serve a total of around 4 million members, close to 25% of the inhabitants in the Netherlands. Per year visits to physical libraries amount to around 74 million, loans to 100 million (figures 2010).

Strategy
Customers have new expectations of libraries, due to digital developments. Their needs are different than those of previous generations. The library sector will have to respond to these needs to attract visitors to both the digital and physical library. SIOB focuses on the development of the ‘integrated’ library as a cross-channel model, where the customer accesses the library through all available channels, under the condition that all these channels should be firmly connected and related.

For the development of the ‘digital library’ BNL creates a national digital infrastructure for public libraries which include a National Catalogue, search facilities, a data warehouse and a White Label website. At this moment negotiations with publishers should lead to the growth of e-content in the digital library, and we focus on the addition of ‘context’, to enhance and enrich this content. Facilities for co-creation by the library customers are foreseen.

For development of the physical library SIOB coordinates innovative plans originating at local or provincial level and ensures a national approach in execution of these plans. In this way every single local library can profit from the results of good ideas and developments presented to them by the national organisations.

All SIOB’s activities are supported by a research group, focusing on research into the position of the library sector in total, with its strengths and weaknesses, its threats and opportunities; it signals trends in the profession and the market.

…and SIOB does more

Representation
SIOB establishes (inter)national contacts by participating in networks such as FOBID - The Netherlands Library Forum, IFLA, EBLIDA, LIBER and recently NAPLE where we will be active in the area of business models for e-books.

Reading promotion and media literacy
Libraries need to take a claim in contributing towards reading promotion, media literacy and lifelong learning. In all those areas SIOB acts in close cooperation with partners in these fields, as the connector between initiatives taken at a local level resulting in national programs for libraries.

Adapted reading for the blind and visually impaired
The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science commissioned a special task to SIOB: to develop the field of adapted reading for the blind and visually impaired. Our aim is that the reach of the service for this special group is extended and fully embedded in the regular public library service. Focus is on providing digitally based audio products.

Maria Heijne Director SIOB
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August 9 – 10, IFLAcamp
Place: Håmeenlinna, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group
http://npsig.wordpress.com/iflacam/

August 9 – 10, Libraries: the Amazing Gateway to Knowledge and Power!
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Africa Section
http://www.ifafrica.org/en/node/6594

August 9 – 11, IFLA Satellite & ARLIS/Norden Conference and Annual Meeting:
Meeting: Art now! Contemporary Art Resources in Library Context
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Art Libraries Section
http://www.arlisnorden.org/

August 10, Knowledge Management Theory in Action: how to plan, apply, and assess knowledge management in libraries
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Knowledge Management Section
http://www.arpalazio.net/ifla2012/

August 10, Future of Health Information
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section

August 10, The Homeless and the Libraries - the Right to Information and Knowledge For All
Place: Tallinn, Estonia
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Library Services to People with Special Needs Satellite Program
https://library.wpunj.edu/library/IFLA/

August 11 – 16, 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly: "Libraries Now! - Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering"
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
http://www.ifla.org/ifla78

August 13, Public Face of Special Collections
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Standing Committee for Rare Books and Special Collections of Documentary Heritage
http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78

August 16 – 17, 9th Annual Document Academy Conference (DOCAM’12)
Place: London, ON
Sponsor/Organizer: Document Academy
http://thedocumentacademy.org/?q=node/25

August 17 – 18, Beyond libraries - subject metadata in the digital environment and semantic web
Place: Tallinn, Estonia
Sponsor/Organizer: IFLA Classification and Indexing Section
http://www.niiib.ee/tallinnsatellite

Place: Sigtuna, Sweden
Sponsor/Organizer: Uppsala University, Department of Informatics and Media
http://iris.im.uu.se/

August 18 – 20, 8th International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science (CoLIS8)
Place: Copenhagen, Denmark
Sponsor/Organizer: Royal School of Library and Information Science
http://www.ibv.dk/english/colis8/

August 20 – 24, 1st International Workshop on Security Ontologies and Taxonomies (SecOnT 2012)
Place: Prague, Czech Republic
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee

August 21 – 24, Ticer International Summer School on Digital Libraries
Place: Tilburg, Netherlands
Sponsor/Organizer: Tilburg Innovation Centre for Electronic Resources (Ticer)
http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/ticer/2012/

Place: Nijmegen, Netherlands
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
http://iix2012.org/

August 27, 6th International Workshop on Business Intelligence for the Real Time Enterprise (BIRTE 2012)
Place: Istanbul, Turkey
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee

August 27 – 28, 4th International Workshop on Acquisition, Representation and Reasoning with Contextualized Knowledge (ARCOE-12)
Place: Montpellier, France
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
http://www.arcoe.org/2012/

August 27 – 29, 5th International Conference on the Applications of Digital Information and Web Technologies (ICADIWT 2012)
Place: Nicosia, Cyprus
Sponsor/Organizer: Digital Information Research Foundation (DIRF)
http://www.dirf.org/diwf/

August 27 – 31, 38th International Conference on Very Large Databases
Place: Prato, Italy
Sponsor/Organizer: Monash University Faculty of Information Technology
http://infotech.monash.edu/research/ISD2012/index.php

August 29 – 31, 21st International Conference on Information Systems Development (ISD2012)
Place: Budapest, Hungary
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
http://www.vldb2012.org/

August 30 – September 3, 2nd International Conference on Integrated Information (IC-ININFO 2012)
Place: Bangkok, Thailand
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
http://www.icinfo.net/

August 31, 1st International Workshop on Multimedia Databases and Data Engineering (MDDE’12)
Place: Istanbul, Turkey
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee

EBLIDA office closure

EBLIDA office will be closed from 4 to 27 of July 2012. EBLIDA Secretariat wishes you a happy Summer break and is looking forward to meet you at the IFLA Conference in Helsinki in August.

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