

President's Editorial



Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to open the column of our latest EBLIDA Newsletter with some very good news: EBLIDA obtained a grant from the European Commission.

During our last Council meeting on 10 May 2012 in Copenhagen (Denmark), EBLIDA Director announced that application for the operating grant had not been successful. In late February EBLIDA was informed that while the operating grant was not successful, EBLIDA would nevertheless be on the reserve list and that if additional budget was made available, it might be granted at a later date.

Now we can officially announce that the EU Commission grants EBLIDA an amount of up to 46.457 € for its operating costs. A wonderful opportunity for us to strengthen our work done at the European level, disseminate information on libraries towards the politicians in Europe and raise awareness of all the stakeholders about the importance of libraries for a lively and open democracy. Hurrah for EBLIDA !

This positive vibe is a strong message showing that libraries **are** on the agenda. All of us are living through difficult times in this ever changing era. But libraries (and librarians) are long-distance runners, and together with EBLIDA we are improving the framework for libraries in Europe.

I returned from the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Helsinki (11-17 August 2012). I very much enjoyed seeing and meeting so many librarians from all over the world, exchanging ideas and discussing common issues and success stories. EBLIDA was very active in this context during the conference, thanks not only to the Poster on our European Campaign *E-books in libraries*, but also to the active participation of EBLIDA members at meetings, standing committees, sessions etc. EBLIDA was mentioned in different sessions, and its presence was even more visible in some standing committee meetings in which EBLIDA has been active, such as the Copyright and other legal matters.

EBLIDA has been actively coordinating with IFLA on the issue of e-books. It is good to see that our organisations are working well together to ensure a European as well as a worldwide presence for the benefits of the libraries.

Enjoy reading!



Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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News round-up: European Union

Proposed directive on collective management of copyright and related rights and multi-territorial licensing of rights in musical works for online uses in the internal market

On 11 July the EU Commission released a proposed directive aiming at "*modernise collecting societies and put in place incentives to promote their transparency and efficiency*". (read more at <http://tinyurl.com/d4cg6oe>). As stated on the EU Commission's press release, there are currently 250 collecting societies registered in the EU that generate up to 6 billion euro per year, an important market that needed regulation. This proposed directive is part of the strategy to establish a Single Market for Intellectual Property and as such needs to be analysed by our experts.

The directive is currently under analysis by Information sans Frontières in coordination with EBLIDA. Complete version of the directive is available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0372:FIN:EN:PDF>.

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News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

The Future of Information and Library Associations

On 8 and 9 August, the satellite conference of IFLA *The Future of Information and Library Associations*. took place in the National Library of the Netherlands (The Hague). The conference was co-organised by the IFLA-Management of Library Associations Section, the Nederlands Vereniging of Bibliotheecarissen (NVB) and The Hague World Library Capital.

Even though times are hard (financial crisis and transformation of the media market) and if "*it is difficult to make prediction, especially about the future*" (famous universal quotation that has many attributed authors!) Gerald Leitner (MLAS chair and EBLIDA EC member) underlined that "*library associations have to ensure that libraries remain vital services for the citizens and not museum of books!*".



Photo: Ans ter Woerds

48 participants shared experiences during 1,5 days and showed how vital library associations are the world over. It was highlighted that Library associations work for lobbying while librarians associations work for professional development and that cooperation between these associations is really important.



Photo Jean-Marie Reding

Klaus-Peter Böttger (EBLIDA President) took part in a panel discussion to close the 1,5 day conference. He underlined the need for coordination and cooperation to avoid double work thereby gaining efficiency, especially when working towards politicians. He praised the good cooperation between EBLIDA and IFLA both at European and International level.

He concluded the conference by affirming his confidence in the strength of library associations, and the importance of the European voice that EBLIDA represents.

Left to right: Klaus-Peter Böttger (EBLIDA President) and Ap de Vries (VOB Director)

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News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe



EBLIDA feedbacks from IFLA WLIC, 11-17 August 2012

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress and 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly grouped together about 4000 librarians from all over the world. A lot of EBLIDA members took part in it, and EBLIDA was involved in many sessions, meetings and other committees.

EBLIDA's Director focussed mainly on Legal Issues sessions as well as President's sessions (and President-elect sessions).

The session *Cloud Computing: its impact on privacy, jurisdiction, security, lawful access, ownership and permanence of data — Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM)* defined in 3 interventions the threats and opportunities for libraries as well as private users of cloud computing. From the session it appeared that the role of civil society (including library associations) in monitoring the development of cloud computing and ensuring privacy of data and long-term access to documents is a perpetual work since no international legal instrument is foreseeable in the near future.

The session *Master of Contents or How to Win the Battle Over Freedom in Cyberspace? — Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) with Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM)* showed the growing privatisation of the Internet and the need to fight to ensure a public cyberspace. In addition, it is necessary to define digital civil rights and to find out where libraries could help. Meanwhile, copyright law is in a state of flux, and copyright enforcement and protection standards are fast tracked outside of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), exceptions get left behind. As Harald Müller stated in his comments, the role of library associations such as IFLA and EBLIDA is of first importance to monitor the development and influence the changes.

During the President's Theme Session, *Libraries Today and Tomorrow: a force for change in our transforming societies?* EBLIDA noted the intervention of Anna Troberg, President of the Pirate Party of Sweden who focussed on Digital Civil rights. She believes that "*librarians are everywhere and are needed everywhere to change things for the better*". The session is visible at <http://vimeo.com/47505634>

EBLIDA's Director took part in the President-Elect's Planning Session *Strong Libraries = Strong Societies: democratising access to knowledge through libraries*. He took part in the brainstorming session highlighting strengths and weaknesses of libraries, opportunities and new paths for the future. This was the first part of a work that will be continued in Singapore at the next IFLA WLIC.

The 78th IFLA WLIC ended with the General Assembly. In addition to the traditional annual report of IFLA and awards and medals, it was the time to discover the organiser of the IFLA WLIC 2014. And the winner is the city of Lyon (France).

EBLIDA activities

EBLIDA offices receives a visit from the Luxembourgish Librarians', Archivists' and Documentalists's Association (ALBAD)

Before attending the satellite IFLA conference *The Future of Information and Library Associations* held in the National Library of the Netherlands on 8 and 9 August 2012, ALBAD representatives Jean-Marie Reding (ALBAD President) and Bernard Linster (ALBAD member) took the opportunity to visit EBLIDA's office. They were happy to discuss the lobbying work with EBLIDA Director and Office Assistant and to exchange ideas on how to improve the situation of libraries in Europe.



ALBAD is great supporter of EBLIDA's work and the first EBLIDA member that made a donation for the European Campaign for e-books. ALBAD is also very much involved in lobbying in Luxembourg.

After their visit and to mark the friendship between the 2 organisations as well as to increase the European visibility of EBLIDA, ALBAD President offered 2 European Flags for the EBLIDA offices. A very useful and appropriate gift for EBLIDA.

From left to right: Bernard Linster (ALBAD member), Jean-Marie Reding (ALBAD President) and Vincent Bonnet (EBLIDA Director)

If you are interested and would like to know more about ALBAD and its actions, go to <http://www.albad.lu/>

EBLIDA activities

EBLIDA E-books Campaign at IFLA WLIC

As planned in the Work Programme 2012-2013, EBLIDA was present with a poster during the IFLA World Library and Information Conference in Helsinki (Finland) from 11 to 17 August.

The aims of the EBLIDA Poster were to spread the word to the worldwide librarian community, to exchange ideas and contacts, to see what is happening on other continents with the question of e-books as well as in Europe, and to benefit from others' experience, to inform about EBLIDA's mission and lobbying work.



From left to right: Harald Müller (EGIL member), Klaus-Peter Böttger (EBLIDA President), Ulrika Domelöf-Matsson and Lone Knakkegaard (Executive committee members)

With a 2 hour public presentation on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 August among no less than 160 other posters, and potentially 4000 participants, EBLIDA's European campaign *E-books in libraries* promoted the role of EBLIDA and informed our colleagues (especially European ones) of the importance to group together to fight for more rights for libraries with the question of e-books.

The poster gave the opportunity to Executive Committee members as well as to Expert group members of EBLIDA to meet and promote the campaign.

Each EBLIDA representative took an active part in the marketing of the poster by being present, spreading leaflets (available in English and in French) and discussing the purpose of the campaign with visitors.



From left to right: Bruno Duarte Eiras and Ulrika Domelöf-Matsson (Executive committee members) and Vincent Bonnet (EBLIDA Director)

During the 2 days of presentation, EBLIDA Director had discussions with librarians from all over the world. He discussed in detail with librarians from Finland, Serbia, Croatia and the Baltic countries about the question of the availability of e-books in different languages. Indeed, all the librarians of these countries emphasised the scarcity of e-books in their own languages. This is seen as a real lack in terms of equality of access to information. Meanwhile, some also explained that they have direct contact with publishers in these countries to discuss the question of e-books and their availability in libraries. They now have to ensure that the agreement reached are in the best interests of libraries. This is where EBLIDA can also help.



From left to right: Vincent Bonnet (EBLIDA director) and Gerald Leitner (Executive Committee member and chair of the E-books task force)

Through active participation and promotion, EBLIDA had a high visibility throughout the conference. The Director received a lot of positive comments and supports from the visitors.

Between the official opening of the poster session on 13 August at 12.00 and the last days of the conference Thursday 16 August, about 480 leaflets were distributed (450 in English and 30 in French). The leaflets (now available on the website at : <http://www.eblida.org/e-books-in-libraries.html> - scroll down the page) offer an overview of the EBLIDA campaign with the context, the position paper, the timeline and a donation form. You are most welcome to use them at your convenience.

EGCIS meeting in Helsinki

The IFLA WLIC was a good opportunity for the ECGIS Expert group to set up short and accurate meetings. The Expert Group on Culture and Information Society met on Thursday 16 August and focussed on a narrow agenda envisaging the best way to participate in the European Conference on Information Literacy that will be held in Istanbul (Turkey) from 23-25 October 2013. This meeting was an excellent way to share ideas and draft some proposals that will then be forwarded to EBLIDA Executive Committee.

EBLIDA partner of next Library

Following the EBLIDA conference in Copenhagen, EBLIDA is a partner for the Next Library event that will take place from 16 to 19 June 2013 in Aarhus (Denmark). The overall purpose is to inspire public libraries to reimagination, civic engagement and collaborative innovation.

Find out more information at <http://www.nextlibrary.net/>





EBLIDA who's who?

As the network evolves, 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 :

The Finnish Research Library Association



Suomen Tieteellinen Kirjastoseura

Finlands Vetenskapliga Bibliotekssamfund

Finnish Research Library Association



The Finnish Research Library Association (FRLA) promotes the role of libraries in research and education. The Association was established in 1929 and has 700 members, some institutional but mostly personal members. The FRLA's members come mainly from three sectors: from university libraries, from libraries of universities of applied sciences and from special libraries. However, the FRLA has also members who act, for example, as researchers in different institutions or as librarians in town or municipal libraries.

As an organisation, the FRLA is based on voluntary work and strong co-operational support from the Finnish research and higher education library community. The FRLA is a member of the Finnish Federation of Learned Societies, a national co-operative body for learned societies in Finland. The FRLA is involved in national Council for Library Associations, which meets regularly, issues statements and undertakes other kinds of common projects. Recently, the Council for Library Associations together with the juridical issues working group of the FRLA has been active in the e-book and copyright debate. The FRLA also functions in the Minerva group, which consists of Finnish library associations and trade unions. The common goal of all the actors is a strong image for library professionals, better salaries and the accessibility of high quality library services to everyone.

A global challenge for libraries is digitalization. For example, over 70 percent of the purchasing budget of university libraries is nowadays used for e-journals and e-books. The pressing question is how can libraries compete with other information providers and be able to demonstrate the added-value they create. Libraries and librarians are challenged, for example, in the media. Librarians need to be able to show why we still need libraries at the age of Amazon and Google.

Libraries in Finland are based on the welfare state model, which has been facing grave challenges in the recent years. An aging population (combined with a low birth rate) and the fluctuations of an export-driven economy are causes for the on-going renovation of the public sector and related legislation. Finnish public sector has to be adjusted to the economic realities and to the fact that the proportion of the workforce in the population will decline. The restructuring of higher education is affecting the situation of research and university libraries. The next challenge will be a possible downshifting of students enrolled in higher education institutions. This will probably affect the funding and structure of higher-education libraries.

The FRLA aims to raise awareness on library and information issues, lobbying especially for higher education and special libraries in Finland. The FRLA issues statements, sponsors initiatives and makes propositions. In addition, the FRLA arranges regular training events and seminars for library and information professionals in various subject areas. The aim is that through acting in the FRLA library and information professionals are able to strengthen their sense of identity as well as to build and enrich their social networks at national and international levels. The Association collaborates with related organisations internationally. The FRLA is a member of EBLIDA, IFLA, LIBER, and the UK Serials Group.

One of the main roles of the FRLA is to act as a publisher and provider of communication arenas. The journal *Signum* is issued bimonthly, six times per year. The main language of *Signum* is Finnish, but in connection with various international events and seminars, an international issue of *Signum* appears in English. *Signum* is both a print journal and an e-journal available open-access on the Web. *Signum* deals with important professional issues in higher-education and special library communities. It includes interviews, conference reports, literature reviews and even research papers based on empirical data. In the recent years, the FRLA has aimed to strengthen its presence on the Web by renewing its website and utilising social media (e.g., Facebook). Traditionally, most of the communications have gone through an e-mail list, which is nowadays quite seldom used.

The working groups of the FRLA are important both in sharing latest expertise and organising seminars. These groups can be temporary or more permanent by nature. There are groups for art and special libraries as well as for retired senior librarians and library assistants. The theme based working groups of the FRLA are Collections, Information literacy, Interlibrary loans / resource sharing, International relations, Journals / electronic materials, Juridical issues and Services for researchers.



Kimmo Tuominen
FRLA president



Anne Lehto
FRLA vice president



Leena Toivonen
FRLA member of the Eblida EC

Events and Dates

September 2012

September 3 – 7, 11th International Workshop on **Web Semantics and Information Processing (WebS 2012)**

Place: Vienna, Austria

URL: <http://www.faw.jku.at/woess/webs/webs.html>

September 3 – 7, 15th International Conference on **Text, Speech and Dialogue (TSD 2012)**

Place: Brno, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.tsdconference.org/tsd2012/>

September 5 – 7, 8th International Conference on **Semantic Systems (I-SEMANTICS 2012)**

Place: Graz, Austria

URL: <http://i-semantics.tugraz.at/>

September 9 – 12, International Symposium on **Multimedia Applications and Processing (MMAP'2012)**

Place: Wroclaw, Poland

URL: <http://www.fedcsis.org/mmap>

September 9 – 12, 4th International Symposium on **Web Services (WSS 2012)**

URL: <http://www.fedcsis.org/wss>

September 10 – 11, Cataloguing and Indexing Group (CIG) Biennial Conference 2012: "The value of cataloguing"

Place: Sheffield, UK

URL: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/special-interest-groups/cataloguing-indexing/events/pages/the-value-of-cataloguing--cig-conference-2012.aspx>

September 11 – 13, ALPSP Intl Conference 2012

Place: Sutton Coldfield, UK

URL: http://www.alpsp.org/ngen_public/article.asp?aid=353171

September 12 – 14, 1st Global Thematic IASC Conference on the **Knowledge Commons**

Place: Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

URL: <http://biogov.uclouvain.be/iasc/index.php>

September 17, 1st ADBIS workshop on **Social Data Processing**

Place: Poznan, Poland

URL: <http://adbis.cs.put.poznan.pl/index.php>

September 17, Information Meeting on the **Role and Responsibility of Internet Intermediaries in the Field of Trademarks**

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

URL: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2012/sct_info_net_ge_12/index.html

September 17 – 20, CLEF 2012 Conference and Labs of the **Evaluation Forum: Information Access Evaluation meets Multilinguality, Multimodality, and Visual Analytics**

Place: Rome, Italy

URL: <http://clef2012.org/>

September 17 – 22, Open Knowledge Festival: "Open Knowledge in Action"

Place: Helsinki, Finland

URL: <http://okfestival.org/>

September 18 – 20, 2nd SPRUCE Digital Preservation

Mashup

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://sprucelondon.eventbrite.co.uk/>

September 19 – 20, **Semantic Tech & Business Conference (SEMTECH 2012) – London**

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://semtechbizuk2012.semanticweb.com/?c=stnvsww>

URL: <http://www.confenis2012.be/>

September 19 – 21, 4th Conference on **Open Access Scholarly Publishing (COASP 2012)**

Place: Budapest, Hungary

URL: <http://oaspa.org/conference/>

September 20 – 21, **Internet, Politics, Policy 2012: Big Data, Big Challenges?**

Place: Oxford, UK

URL: <http://microsites.oii.ox.ac.uk/ipp2012/welcome>

September 21, 1st Workshop on **Distributional Data Semantics (DiDaS 2012)**

Place: Palermo, Italy

URL: <http://didas.org/>

September 23 – 27, International Conference on **Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries 2012 (TPDL)**

Place: Paphos, Cyprus

URL: <http://www.tpd12012.org/>

September 24 – 26, 4th International M-Libraries Conference 2012: "From margin to mainstream: mobile technologies transforming lives and libraries"

Place: Milton Keynes, UK

URL: <http://m-libraries.org/>

September 27, 2nd International Workshop on **Semantic Digital Archives (SDA)**

Place: Paphos, Cyprus

URL: <http://sda2012.dke-research.de/>

September 27, **To Measure or Not to Measure: Driving Usage to Content - Marketing, Measurement and Metrics**

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=305>

September 27 – 30, **Göteborg Book Fair**

Place: Göteborg, Sweden

URL: <http://www.bok-bibliotek.se/en/the-book-fair/welcome/>

October 2012

October 1 – 3, **Emerging Technologies in Academic Libraries (EMTACL '12)**

Place: Trondheim, Norway

URL: <http://www.ntnu.no/ub/emtacl/>

October 3 – 5, **Library 2012 Worldwide Virtual Conference**

Place: Online only

URL: <http://www.library20.com/>

October 3 – 5, **30th International Book Fair LIBER**

Place: Barcelona, Spain

URL: <http://www.liber.es>

Events and Dates

October 4 – 7, 4th International Conference on Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management (IC3K)

Place: Barcelona, Spain

URL: <http://www.ic3k.org/>

October 5 – 6, 6th International BAM Conference: European Guidelines for Cooperation of Libraries, Archives and Museums: Knowledge Management

Place: Sarajevo and Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

URL: <http://www.bam.ba/index.php/en/konferencija-bam/46-bam-konferencije/134-bam-2012>

October 8 – 12, 13th International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference (ISMIR 2012)

Place: Porto, Portugal

URL: <http://ismir2012.ismir.net/>

October 9, STM Frankfurt Conference 2012

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

URL: <http://www.stm-assoc.org/events/frankfurt-conference-2012/>

October 9, Tools of Change for Publishers (TOC) Frankfurt Conference 2012

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

URL: <http://tocfrankfurt.com/>

October 9 – 11, Innovation in Information Infrastructures (III) Workshop 2012

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

URL: <http://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/about/school-events?a=44968>

October 9 – 11, Europeana Conference/6th National Congress of Spanish Public Libraries: Public Libraries: individual memory, global heritage

Place: Burgos, Spain

URL: http://www.mcu.es/bibliotecas/novedades/2012/novedades_02.html

October 10 – 14, Frankfurt Book Fair

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

URL: www.book-fair.com/en/fbf/

October 17, 3rd Annual Ebook Summit, The Digital Shift: Libraries, Ebooks and Beyond

Place: Online only

URL: <http://www.thedigitalshift.com/events/ebooks-and-beyond/>

October 17 – 19, PASIG 11th international meeting

Place: Dublin, Ireland

URL: <http://www.asis.org/Pasig/events/2012/PASIGDublin2012.html>

October 18 – 20, 11th National Congress of Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists of Portugal: Integração, acesso e valor social

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://www.bad.pt/11congresso/>

October 18 – 19, Information Literacy - training models and best practices

Place: Varna, Bulgaria

October 18 – 21, 13th Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

Place: Manchester, UK

URL: <http://ir13.aoir.org/>

October 23, 5th Annual International Society of Managing and Technical Editors (ISMTE) European Conference

Place: Oxford, UK

URL: http://www.ismte.org/2012_Conferences

October 23 – 30, 56th International Belgrade Book Fair

Place: Belgrade, Serbia

URL: http://belgradefair.rs/active/en/home/details/_params/sajam_id/33381.html

October 24 – 25, 10th International Workshop on Adaptive Multimedia Retrieval (AMR 2012)

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

URL: <http://amr.dke-research.de/amr2012/>

October 25 – 28, Helsinki Book Fair 2012

Place: Helsinki, Finland

URL: www.helsinkibookfair.fi

October 29 – 31, World Publishing Expo (IFRA Expo) 2012

Place: Madrid, Spain

URL: <https://www.ifra.com/website/onlinereg.nsf/webregistration?openform&AI&E&Events&O-29OCT12-D&>

October 30 – 31, Internet Librarian International 2012

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2012/>

**EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting
Lisbon, Portugal.
Friday 19 October 2012**

Taking the opportunity of the 11th National Congress of BAD, the Executive Committee of EBLIDA will take place on 19 October in the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian in Lisbon (Portugal).



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