EBLIDA NEWS

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President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

Activities are accelerating for the EU institutions with the launch of the stakeholders Dialogues on the 4th of February (see p.2). At the same time, Commissioner Vassiliou (in charge of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth) called for joint action with UNESCO to reduce the number of young people and adults lacking basic reading and writing skills [...] at an event in the European Parliament on 22nd of January (see p.2). EBLIDA participated in these events that challenge the ways libraries in Europe work.

Meanwhile, together with our NAPLE and Italian colleagues of the Italian Library Association (AIB) we are busily preparing for the 21st EBLIDA-NAPLE conference in Milan on 15th of May 2013. I invite you to have a look at the programme overview (subject to minor changes) on page 3. NAPLE Chair Maria-Antonia Carrato-Mena and myself wrote a joint editorial to invite you all:

" At the 20th EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference in Copenhagen (Denmark) one year ago, the European Campaign for eBooks in Libraries was launched.

A year from now, elections will take place all over Europe to renew the Members of the European Parliament, and the European Commission representatives will change.

Ahead of these events, we should take this opportunity to increase our campaign to raise awareness about the needs of libraries for a brighter future both in the physical and digital environment.

The Conference on Wednesday the 15th of May will address the issue of e-services in libraries and how European thinking can be translated into local actions.

Libraries all over Europe demonstrate the ability to create and ensure attractive services. National libraries make digitised collections available through online services. University libraries deliver access to e-resources to their students while Public libraries provide access to a broad range of online resources and continue the fight to acquire the right to make eBooks available to their patrons just as they are used with printed books and other media.

However, these questions continue to be challenged by national borders and real European accessibility is missing.

Together with you while keeping in mind the eBooks campaign as a symbol to raise awareness towards politicians and the public, we will spend the day exchanging ideas, discussing potential solutions, improvement and building a utopia that should come true.

The conference is taking place in Milan. In praxis the conference is organised by the Italian Library Association AIB together with EBLIDA and NAPLE-forum with the support of the City of Milan".

Enjoy reading!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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Licenses for Europe, Act I, scene 1

It's official: the Stakeholders Dialogue Licences for Europe will open on 4th of February 2013 in Brussels. It will begin at 12.00 with a one hour plenary meeting featuring Michel Barnier (Commissioner for Internal Market and Services) as first speaker, Neelie Kroes (Vice-President of the EU Commission, Commissioner for the Digital Agenda) as second speaker, and Androulla Vassiliou (Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth) as third speaker.

The plenary will be followed by four working groups taking place from 14.30 to 17.30. As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, the topics covered will be:
♦ Cross-border access and the portability of services;
♦ User-generated content and licensing for small-scale users of protected material;
♦ Audiovisual sector and cultural heritage institutions;
♦ Text and data mining for scientific research purposes;

Although the registration conditions have been a little vague, EBLIDA registered in working groups 1, 3 and 4 as participant or observer. Other NGO representing libraries, the public interest or non commercial interest have registered and coordination and cooperation is on its way.

The process under which the EU commission builds this dialogue has already created some tensions between non-commercial organisations (about 20) and commercial organisations or association representing them (about 148).

Although the Commission is seeking *"[...] to review and to modernise the EU copyright legislative Framework"* the stakeholder dialogues might have a pre-emptive agenda since *" [...] the assigned objective [is to] delivering by the end of 2013 practical industry led solutions to these issues, without prejudice to further public policy action, including legislative reform, as appropriate. Under the name of "Licensing Europe", this process will seek to tap the potential and explore the possible limits of innovative licensing and technological solutions in making EU copyright law and practice fit for the digital age"* (cf. http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/copyright/licensing-europe/index_en.htm).

EBLIDA is already in contact with the EU Commission about the stakeholders dialogue and will ensure active participation.

In the next issue we will keep you informed of the development of the dialogue.

For 1 in 5 Europeans, the world is hard to read

On 22nd of January, Marietje Schaacke (Member of the European Parliament) organised a public presentation of the report of the EU high-level Group on Literacy in the library of the European Parliament.

This report is the result of 18 months of public consultations (in which EBLIDA participated) and has been delivered in September (see EBLIDA Newsletter 2012-10). It states than 1 in 5 Europeans has reading difficulties and calls on all stakeholders to take action at every stage of life.

Speakers were Androulla Vassiliou (Commissioner in charge of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth), Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands (Chair of the EU High-level Group), Mr. Kristian Schmidt (Director at DG Human Society Development and DG Sustainable Growth and Development), Dr. Mmantsetsa Marope (UNESCO Director Division Basic Learning and Skills Development).

All speakers agreed that Literacy and Education are basic human rights, and that literacy skills are at the basis of learning, but that action should be undertaken now.

Following the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (see http://tinyurl.com/ba79crv) earlier in October 2012, related to education, culture, science and technology, maritime policy and freedom of expression, both institutions clearly show their determination to tackle the literacy issue. The presence of both Ms Vassiliou and Ms Marope shows that this issue matters deeply to the EU and to UNESCO.

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Commissioner Vassiliou stated during her speech that this report was a wake-up call for all of us. EBLIDA was pleased to learn that the political will is present and that cross-cooperation between DG's in the Commission should lead to funding for 2 main purposes:

♦ the constitution of a European Network of Literacy Organisations, and
♦ The launch of a yearly Europe Loves Reading week.

Although the campaign *Europe loves reading* was launched in 2011 (see http://tinyurl.com/b3dd3dj), the Commissioner would like it to now become an annual event lasting for a full week each time.
EBLIDA's Director is in contact with the Commissioner services to investigate further steps, actions and participation in the campaign.

As for the European Network of Literacy Organisation, EBLIDA has also shown interest in being involved.

Commissioner Vassiliou wrapped up the event by reminded the audience that 1% of the EU budget goes to culture, education citizenship, while 50% goes to agriculture. Therefore, Europe itself can not achieve much without the support of local representatives and their actions at local level.

21st EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference

Program Overview

Day 1 - Tuesday May 14th 2013

EBLIDA Council Meeting (for EBLIDA members only)
Time: 13-18 (incl. coffee)
Place: Biblioteca Sormani – Sala del Grechetto (Grechetto's room), Corso di Porta Vittoria 6, Milan

Reception
20.00 - La Dolce Vita, via Bergamini 11, Milan (the reception is included in the conference fee)

Day 2 – Wednesday May 15th 2013

2013 Conference: "Ready? Read 'e'. E-services in Libraries, from European thinking to local Actions"
Conference registration: 8.30 – 9.30
Conference: 9.30 – 16.30 (lunch/coffee included)
Place: Royal Palace, Piazza del Duomo, 12, Milan.

Early registration fee (before March, 31th)
- EBLIDA or NAPLE or AIB members: 60 euros
- non members: 70 euros

Standard registration fee (from April, 1st):
- EBLIDA or NAPLE or AIB members: 75 euros
- non members: 85 euros

Conference Dinner
20.30 – L'Osteria del binari, 20144 Milano - Via Tortona, 3
http://osteriadelbinari.com/
Optional – Fee: 40 EUR

Day 3 – Thursday May 16th 2013

Cultural morning in Milan: visit of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana and the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana (http://www.ambrosiana.eu/jsp/index.jsp) *Optional – Free*

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21st EBLIDA-NAPLE conference programme

EBLIDA – NAPLE
21th annual Conference

MILAN 15th May 2013

Ready? Read 'e'.
E-services in Libraries,
from European thinking
to local Actions

REGISTRATION OPENS
ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2013

GO TO
http://www.aib.it/
attivita/eblida2013/

08.30 Registration and Coffee

09.30 Official welcome by Italy as host – Mr. Stefano Parise, President, AIB

09.35 Ms. Maria Antonia Mena, NAPLE-FORUM President

09.40 Official representative of the City of Milan (TBC)

10.00   SESSION 1 – Ready? Read 'e'. E-services in libraries

10.00 Introduction to the overall day
        Klaus-Peter Böttger, EBLIDA President

10.10 State of play of EBLIDA eBooks campaign
        Gerald Leitner, EBLIDA Chair of the eBooks task force

10.20 Keynote Speech 1
        Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou (tbc), Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth

10.35 Keynote Speech 2
        Luigi Berlinguer, Member of EU Parliament

        10.50   Coffee break

11.20 Introduction to the theme by the Day theme-keeper
Gino Roncaglia, Senior Research Fellow at Tuscia University, Viterbo, Italy

11.40 Panel Discussion: Androulla Vassiliou (tbc), Luigi Berlinguer, Gino Roncaglia, Elaine Fulton (NAPLE forum), Gerald Leitner and Klaus-Peter Böttger.

        12.30   Lunch – compliments of the host country

13.45   Session 2 – From European thinking to local actions (3 parallel interactive breakout sessions):

The Spirit of Europe	Actions in Europe	Local is critical
Speaker: Paolo Rumiz (Travel Writer) Moderator: Aldo Pirola, EBLIDA EC	Speaker: Mercedes Giovinazzo (President of Culture Action Europe) Moderator: tbc	Speaker: Nathalie Vallet (Prof. University of Antwerpen, Belgium) Moderator: Jan Braeckman (NAPLE)

        15.00   Coffee break

15.30   Session 3 – What's next?
Plenum reports from each workshop by the moderators

16.00 Wrap up by Gino Roncaglia

16.20 Conclusion and next steps by EBLIDA President

16.30 End of conference – see you tonight!

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Gino Roncaglia, speaker at the 21st EBLIDA-NAPLE conference in Milan

Gino Roncaglia started his professional career in 1983 as a research librarian at the Historical Archives of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, working at the first Italian project of digitisation of historical records and documents. Since 1996 he is senior research fellow and appointed professor of Digital Humanities and of Multimedia Tools for the Sharing of Knowledge at Tuscia University (Viterbo), where he also leads a post-graduate course on the future of the book and a master course on e-Learning.

His research interests include two main fields:

1. History of late medieval and modern logic. His latest work in this field, co-authored with Mirella Capozzi, is the section on Renaissance Logic in Oxford University Press' reference work The Development of Modern Logic, edited by Leila Haaparanta; he also authored many papers published on leading Italian and international journals and the book Palaestra Rationis – Discussioni su natura della copula e modalità nella filosofia «Scolastica» tedesca del XVII secolo;

2. Digital humanities, e-learning, open access, digital publishing. His latest book in this field is devoted to e-books and the future of reading (La quarta rivoluzione. Sei Lezioni sul futuro del libro, Laterza 2010). He also co-authored (with Fabio Ciotti) the book Il mondo digitale (Laterza) and six reference manuals on the Internet published by Laterza between 1996 and 2004 (the best-selling Italian books on the Internet, with 15 reprints and more than 50.000 copies sold). He has worked as author and scientific consultant for many TV educational programs on the Internet and new media, including the first Italian TV program entirely devoted to web culture (MediaMente), and a series of 8 TV episodes devoted to the History of Information Sciences in Italy. Since 2011, he is strategic consultant for the educational division of Italian public television (RAI Educational).

He is co-founder and, since 1992, Vice-President of the Manuzio project (the Italian counterpart of Project Gutenberg), co-founder of the Italian Association for Digital Humanities and Digital Culture, and member of many learned societies, including Leibniz Gesellshaft, SILFS, SFI, SIFA, SIeL, SISPM.

The eBooks corner

EBLIDA Ebooks survey— follow-up information

By the end of January, the following 8 countries had responded to the survey: Belgium; Croatia, Czech republic, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Scotland and Spain.

A quick overview shows that the state of development is very low, and it differs from one country to another.
However, common problems for public libraries are licence issues and the lack of availability of eBooks. The offers coming from publishers are very limited. Meanwhile, publishing companies as well as major market players (such as Amazon) start their own elending platforms.

We are still waiting for answers from some additional countries which we hope will be supplied in the coming weeks.
This will help us to better feed the survey and the subsequent report.

Reminder, EBLIDA at the conference *E-Books in Libraries: A Global Question of Survival?*
An IFLA MLAS Seminar on the Challenges in Front of Us.

EBLIDA President will make a presentation of the current issues at stake in Europe with regards to eBooks including facts and figures about e-books in libraries in Europe, VAT, E-books in larger countries and in smaller countries...

EBLIDA Director will make a presentation of the EBLIDA campaign from a political angle addressing the context, actions and next steps.

EBLIDA chair of the Ebooks taskforce, Gerald Leitner, is chairing the seminar.

NOTE: The event is fully booked. But if you are interested in attending please email your name, job title and organisation to events@cilip.org.uk and they will inform you if any places become available.

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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: **Library Association of Ireland/ Cumann Leabharlanna na hEireann**

Association

Established in 1928, the Library Association of Ireland represents librarians and libraries. It promotes the profession of librarianship in Ireland and represents the professional interests of its members. Membership is currently 424.

The membership is composed of Personal and Institutional members across all sectors-academic, corporate, government, health, public, research, school, special and voluntary. Sections and Groups have developed over the years and are arranged by library type (academic and special, government, health and public) by interest (genealogy and local studies, career development, rare books, youth libraries) and by geographic region (Munster, Western).

Situation

Ireland enjoys a reputation for literature, learning, scholarship and e-industry. Its national library network comprises the National Library of Ireland, 32 local authorities administering 348 public libraries, 7 universities, 14 Institutes of Technology, 7 College of Education and numerous other third-level, educational institutions all of which have libraries. There are 75 health libraries and numerous public and private business and special library and information services.

Strategy

Through accreditation of professional courses at University College Dublin's School of Information and Library Studies (http://www.ucd.ie/sils/index.html) the Association ensures that professional education is to the highest standard. Advocacy on behalf of LAI members is on-going. In addition to lobbying at national level, it also lobbies MEPs. It makes submissions to relevant government departments and to the EU on various issues. Recent submissions have involved copyright, literacy and numeracy, information and cultural tourism, higher education, the role of libraries in cultural development and children and youth services.

The Association is unique among LIS associations in that the LAI is a nominating body on the Cultural Panel of Seanad Eireann (Irish Senate). For twenty years (1987-2007), its nominee was elected.

LAI has provided nominees to national bodies over the years. Until its dissolution in June 2012, the LAI had two nominees on the Board of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna/Library Council. The LAI provided nominees to the Consultative Council which oversaw recent public library development and to related working group and task forces. (http://www.environ.ie/en/LocalGovernment/PublicLibraries/PublicationsDocuments/FileDownLoad, 539, en.pdf). It has also supported initiatives, such as COLICO (Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland), that encourage cross sector and all Ireland border library co-operation.

Europe

The Association has long enjoyed close co-operation with our colleagues in the United Kingdom. In the case of Northern Ireland, since 1963, it has hosted an annual Joint Conference with CILIP Ireland, formerly The Library Association (Northern Ireland branch). The professional journal, ***An Leabharlann: the Irish Library,*** is also a joint publication.

A member of EBLIDA since its foundation in 1992, LAI member Jennefer Aston serves on Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL). EBLIDA Council meeting was held in Cork in 2005. The Association is also involved in other European LIS associations. Irish delegates have attended EAHIL conferences since its establishment in 1986 and three LAI members are currently on the EAHIL Council.

LAI is a long-standing member of IFLA and LAI member Brian Galvin currently chairs IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section Standing Committee. LAI members in different sectors have hosted several international meetings in Dublin. These include BIALL (2008), EAHIL Workshop (2009) and IAML (2011).

Marjory Sliney
Convenor, European and International Panel

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Events and Dates

February 2013

February 18 – 21, Search Engine Strategies (SES) London
Place: London, UK
URL: http://sesconference.com/london/

February 21, E-Books in Libraries: A Global Question of Survival?
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.ifla.org/events/e-books-in-libraries-a-global-question-of-survival

February 21 – 24, Vilnius Book Fair
Place: Vilnius, Lithuania
URL: http://www.litexpo.lt/en/main/fairs?ID=27977&x=14&y=11

February 22 – 24, Paris Cookbook Fair
Place: Paris, France
URL: http://www.cookbookfair.com/index.php/paris-cookbook-fair

February 25 – 26, 2013 Annual Conference of the Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.subscription-agents.org/latest-news/press-releases/asa-annual-conference-2013

February 25 – 26, Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries Annual Conference
Place: London, UK
URL: http://subscription-agents.org/conferences/forthcoming-conferences

February 28, Ignore your authors at your peril. Strategies and tactics for building a strong author-focused proposition
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=343

February 28 – March 1, Edinburgh City Libraries - It's Time for the Future (EDGE2013): "Rising to the Challenge – Delivering value through Innovation & Partnership"
Place: Edinburgh, Scotland
URL: http://edgeconference.co.uk/

February 28 – March 1, International Conference on Wirtschaftsinformatik (Business Information Systems) (WI2013)
Place: Leipzig, Germany
URL: http://www.wi2013.de/

March 2013

March 5, Developing Open Access and Hybrid **Journals**
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=337

March 5 – 9, PROMISE Technology Transfer Day
Place: Hannover, Germany
URL: http://www.promise-noe.eu/events/technology-transfer-day

March 7 – 11, Brussels Book Fair
Place: Brussels, Belgium
URL: http://www.flb.be/

March 13 – 15, 5th Global Conference: Digital Memories
Place: Lisbon, Portugal
URL: http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/digital-memories/call-for-papers/

March 14 – 17, Leipzig Book Fair
Place: Leipzig, Germany
URL: http://www.leipziger-buchmesse.de/

March 16 – 19, ICSTI 2013 Annual Members Meeting
Place: Hannover, Germany
URL: http://www.icsti.org/

March 18 – 22, 16th International Conference on Extending Database Technology (EDBT 2013)
Place: Genoa, Italy
URL: http://edbticdt2013.disi.unige.it/

March 19 – 20, 18th Annual International Conference of the UK Academy for Information Systems (UKAIS): "Social Information Systems"
Place: Oxford, UK
URL: http://www.ukais.org.uk/conference/conference2013/

March 19 – 20, Beyond the PDF 2
Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands
URL: http://www.force11.org/beyondthepdf2

March 19 – 22, 13th International Symposium of Information Science (ISI)
Place: Potsdam, Germany
URL: http://www.isi2013.de/en/

March 22 – 25, 33ème Salon du Livre
Place: Paris, France
URL: http://www.salondulivreparis.com/GB/PRO/Trade-Visitor-Section.htm

March 24, Tools of Change (TOC) for Publishing Bologna 2013
Place: Bologna, Italy
URL: http://www.tocbologna.com/home/855.html

March 25 – 27, CILIP Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC 2013)
Place: Manchester, UK
URL: http://lilacconference.com/WP/

!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

21st EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference Milan (Italy), 14th—15th May 2013 More information soon!

The Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 13th of May 2013

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