Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

We are coming closer to the 21st EBLIDA Council and our joint Conference with NAPLE “Ready? Read ‘e’. E-services in libraries, from European thinking to local actions”. I am really looking forward to it, and hope that you are too.

Please be reminded that the early bird price of € 60 for EBLIDA members is available until 31st of March 2013! After that, the price will be €75. Register as soon as possible at http://www.aib.it/attivita/eblida-2013/2013/31734-application-form-eblida/ to avail of the early bird option!

Meanwhile the world keeps on turning and action behind the scenes continues.

The latest EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting took place in Dublin. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Irish hosts who gave us a very warm welcome and looked after our needs very well. The meetings with our Irish colleagues were very interesting and we were proud to be there during Ireland’s term of the EU Presidency.

Meanwhile the EC members dealt with a broad agenda, including the new EBLIDA strategy. The EC set up a strategy working group to help form the core issues on which EBLIDA should build its work, and you will soon be informed when a draft becomes available.

Have your say!
The Council is a wonderful opportunity for EBLIDA members to have their say and take an active part in the life of the association. This year, the EC has decided to offer each Council meeting attendant the opportunity to work live on the EBLIDA Strategy. A working session of 1 hour will be organised during the Council meeting in which you can voice your ideas and actively contribute to defining of the new Strategy for 2013-2016.

Action
As I mentioned earlier, it is time for action, and each opportunity has to be embraced. EBLIDA remains very active in its discussion with the EU commission, especially in the context of the Stakeholders Dialogue Licences for Europe and ensures that libraries are on the agenda. In addition, I participated with other EBLIDA colleagues at a panel discussion on eBooks and legal issues at the last Leipzig Bookfair. Strong points of view and arguments make librarians and publishers see the world in different ways. We were ready for negotiations, we are ready to make our case.

Let me conclude this editorial with the words of Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Klaus-Peter Büttger, EBLIDA President
Licences for Europe, Act I, scene2

The second round of discussions took place in the Stakeholders Dialogue Licences for Europe between the 1st and the 8th of March. This topic will be thoroughly discussed during the next EGIL meeting in The Hague on the 10th of April 2013 (see page 4).

Meanwhile you can access the latest official public information (and follow the discussions) at https://ec.europa.eu/ licences-for-europe-dialogue/en.

EBLIDA writes to the JURI Committee regarding the Data Protection Regulation—18 March 2013

The European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA) as representative of library and archiving institutions is very much concerned with the proposed Data Protection Regulation of the European Commission, especially with Article 17 ”Right to be Forgotten” in relation to articles 80 ”Processing of Personal Data and Freedom of Expression” and 83 ”Processing for Historical, Statistical and Scientific Research Purposes”.

Considering the ”Right to be Forgotten”, we think that there is a lack of clarity in the proposed regulation that doesn’t distinguish between commercial entities and public institutions, and thus possible risk of falsification of history.

It is absolutely vital to distinguish between private archives and public archives (from state, local government and memory institutions) to avoid the above mentioned risk of falsification of history.

Public institutions dealing with archives and long-term preservation of memories have to keep control over their archives and should not be subject to the same regulation as private companies.

For that reason, in each European country there should be at least one trustworthy and accurate public archive or repository where original documents are kept without deletion of personal data.

Preserving long-term memory and sustainable access to information is at the core of libraries and archives institutions. National and/or deposit libraries and national archive institutions have a unique position as keepers of the history of nations. For all those reasons, national/deposit libraries and archive institutions should be exempted of erasing of personal data.

EBLIDA urges the members of the JURI Committee to reject the current proposed regulation and give a negative opinion for the text under its current version.

To be continued...

21st EBLIDA Council

Excitement at EBLIDA is building as the 21st EBLIDA Council approaches. Once again, it provides us with a fantastic opportunity to exchange ideas and to catch up with each other. Last week we sent out the official invitation to all Council Members by e-mail. Please refer to this e-mail for information you will need to access Council papers on the dedicated web pages and the access key (password). We also sent you a draft copy of the Minutes of Meeting from the Council Meeting held last year in Copenhagen on Thursday 10th May 2012. Please review these minutes as they will be approved subject to change at the upcoming Council Meeting in Milan.

The details of the Council Meeting are as follows:

21st EBLIDA Council Meeting for Members
Tuesday 14th May at 13h00 – 18h00 (including coffee)
Location : Biblioteca Sormani – Sala del Grechetto (Grechetto’s room)
Location Address: Biblioteca, Corso di Porta Vittoria 6, Milan, Italy
Reception 20h00 – “La Dolce Vita”, via Bergamini 11, Milano
(the reception fee is included in the Conference fee)

A more detailed Agenda will follow in due course.

Please contact the Secretariat (majella.cunnane@eblida.org) if you have not received the official invitation letter to the Council Meeting.
Luigi Berlinguer, speaker in the morning session 1 Ready? Read 'e'. E-services in Libraries.

Luigi Berlinguer is an Italian Member of the European Parliament. He holds a degree in law from the University of Sassari (1955).


Currently editor of "Education 2.0" on-line magazine; chair of the National Committee for Music Education in Schools; chair of the Committee for the Development of Science and Technology. Former chair of the National Committee of Guarantors of the Partito Democratico; former member of the regional and national leadership of the PCI (Italian Communist Party), PDS (Democratic Party of the Left) and DS (Democrats of the Left). Mayor of the municipality of Sennori (Sassari) (1960-1964). Member, Tuscany Regional Council (1975-1982). PCI Member of Parliament for Sardinia (1963-1968); chair of the “Progressisti – Federativo” group of Members of Parliament (1994-1996); chair of the Italian Chamber of Deputies’ Standing Committee 14 on European Union Policies; member of the Senate Committee on European Communities Affairs.


Grand Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, French Legion of Honour and Grand Cross of the Republic of Italy. Honorary degrees from: University of Toronto, University of La Plaza, Paris V Descartes University, University of Buenos Aires and Roma Tre University.

21st EBLIDA-NAPLE conference session 2 (afternoon) From European Thinking to Local Actions.

From European Thinking to local actions is divided into three breakout sessions: The Spirit of Europe, Actions in Europe and Local is critical, each with a different speaker.

Today we are pleased to introduce:

Nathalie Vallet, speaker in breakout session Local is Critical.

Nathalie Vallet studied Applied Economics at the University of Antwerp (1985-1989) and finalised her PhD at the University of Nijenrode in the Netherlands (2001). At present she teaches on Organisation Management and Strategic Management within several academic (bachelor/master) and post-academic programs of the University of Antwerp. Her major research interest focuses on strategic management in the public sector. During the last 13 years she has realised several policy related research projects within different types of public and social profit organisations such as local governments, cities, higher education institutions, police organisations, penitentiary institutions, social economy organisations and public libraries. Finally, she is also specialised in qualitative research methods (Grounded Theory).

Further information can be found on my webpage of the University of Antwerp: http://www.ua.ac.be/main.aspx?c=nathalie.vallet.

During the EBLIDA NAPLE conference in Milan (15th May 2013) Nathalie Vallet will report on the results of a research project realised in 5 Flemish (i.e. Antwerp, Genk, Ghent, Ostend and Roeselare) and 4 Dutch (i.e. Amsterdam, The Hague, Delft and Roosendaal) public libraries. On the basis of an explorative case-study design, the strategic role and contribution of these “urban partners” within the more general network of urban institutions and policy makers aiming for the future development and innovation of Flemish and Dutch cities is investigated. The collected data reveal the existence of one generic strategic role and three more specific strategic roles (i.e. urban landmark, area-oriented herald and/or target group patron). Each strategic profile has specific implications for choices made concerning content- and process-related policy issues within the public libraries. The presentation identifies, depicts and illustrates the nature of these policy issues and as such alternative partnerships.

Her speech will inspire the audience to engage in an active session moderated by Jan Braeckman (NAPLE).
EBLIDA activities

Executive Committee Meeting in Dublin (Ireland), 7th to 8th March 2013

During the EBLIDA Conference in Copenhagen in May 2012, EBLIDA received an official invitation from the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) to host an EC meeting in Dublin.

The Irish Presidency of the European Union by Ireland was indeed a fantastic opportunity to have the EBLIDA EC meeting there.

EBLIDA met in the wonderful offices of the Local Government Management Agency on Usher's Quay and had the chance to network with representatives of Libraries Development: Joan Ward, Anne Marie O'Dwyer, Eva McEneaney and Ruth Collier.

On Thursday evening, EBLIDA had the chance to connect with members of LAI, Picture: richiestokes.com Philip Cohen (Vice-President), Zoe Melling (Legal Aid Board), Fionnuala Hanrahan (Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board) and three members of the European & International Panel: Marjory Slaney, Brendan Teeling and Jennefer Aston (also member of EBLIDA EGIL).

EBLIDA would like to thank our Irish colleagues for the warm welcome and the services provided for the meeting.

Next EGIL Meeting in The Hague planned for 10th of April, followed by a joint EGIL-IFLA/CLM meeting on 11th and 12th of April.

During the last WLIC of IFLA in Helsinki, EBLIDA-EGIL and IFLA-CLM committee agreed to organise a joint meeting in The Hague in Spring 2013.

For that reason, EGIL will have a one day meeting on the 10th of April to discuss a broad agenda dealing with the latest issues on the front of Information Law such as the Data Protection Regulation, the Public Sector Information Directive, the Licences for Europe stakeholders dialogue, and of course all other issues related to copyright and Intellectual Property Law.

Then the two groups will meet for and intensive one and a half days of discussion on the best way to address the global issues affecting libraries and how to coordinate the work at European and global level. The current development in the digital environment opens up new threats and opportunities and reinforces the international aspects of the challenges. A lot of discussions ahead of EGIL and CLM for the benefit of the global library community.

The eBooks corner

As announced earlier, EBLIDA took an active part in the conference eBooks in Libraries – A Global Question of Survival? co-organised by IFLA-MLAS and CILIP. At the following address, http://www.cilip.org.uk/ifla-mlas-seminar2013/pages/presentations.aspx, you can find out the presentations of the different speakers and especially the two EBLIDA presentation that are also accessible on the EBLIDA eBooks Campaign webpage at http://www.eblida.org/e-books-in-libraries.html.

Coordination with IFLA is of utmost importance, and EBLIDA is happy to announce its active participation at the joint one-day session at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Singapore (session organised by the Public Libraries Section, the Metropolitan Libraries Section, the Management of Library Association Section and the Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) Committee) that should be scheduled for Monday 19th August (tbc).
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 National Central Library of Rome
Biblioteca nazionale centrale di Roma

National Central Library of Rome

History: The National Central Library of Rome (BNCR) was founded in 1875, in order to provide Italy with a national book archive. It was originally located in the 16th century building of Collegio Romano, seat of Jesuit Bibliotheca Major, whose holdings provided the original core of the new library collections, together with printed books and manuscripts from 69 libraries belonging to religious orders suppressed in 1873. Thanks to the Legal Deposit Law – which entitled it to receive one copy of all Italian publications – and to acquisitions and gifts, its original collections were soon enriched.

In 1975 the Library moved to its present location, in the Castra Praetoria, on the archaeological site of the military barracks built by Emperor Tiberius. The current library building raises on a 50,000 square meter area and consists of three main bodies, housing respectively: administration offices, 12 reading rooms and services to readers, book repositories; a fourth body houses a conference hall.

Mission: The BNCR collects, preserves and makes available the whole output of the Italian publishing, playing the role of repository of the national heritage. By acquiring the most important foreign publications, the Library also serves the important function of documenting the diffusion of Italian culture abroad and, in the meanwhile, the main streams of international culture. Its role of promoting its collections and functions is played by organizing expositions, seminars and meetings.

The BNCR publishes and prints in its own typography the series: BOMS (Bollettino delle Opere Moderne Straniere), Quaderni della Biblioteca nazionale centrale di Roma and Studi, guide e cataloghi.

Collections: Library collections currently consist of more than 8.000.000 of documents: 7.000.000 printed books, about 1.000.000 periodicals, 8.000 manuscripts, 120.000 autographs, 2.000 incunabula, 25.000 XVI century first editions, 20.000 geographic maps, 20.000 prints and drawings (in addition to those bound in books) and multimedia material. Its heritage even includes complete book collections and archives, such as those belonged to eminent men and women of arts and letters like Gabriele D'Annunzio, Giuseppe Gioachino Belli and Elsa Morante. Outstanding special collections are the Collezione Romana, the Fondo Slavo and the Fondo Cinese. The continuous increasing of its digital collections is due both to conservation and preservation policies and to the aim of improving services to readers, also by special projects like Google Libri.

Europe: The BNCR is a member of EBLIDA, of IFLA, of LIBER and it is actively involved in several permanent committees and working groups, as well as in CERL activities, particularly in the creation of the European database for books published before 1830 (HPB-Hand press book).

The BNCR is involved in several European projects concerning digital programs (Europeana Collections 1914-1918, Athena Plus), in order to cooperate with the most important European libraries, compare the different cultural policies implemented in each partner country and create significant synergies for the development of European cultural services.

Osvaldo Avallone,
Director, National Central Library Rome
March 2013

March 7 – 11, Brussels Book Fair
Place: Brussels, Belgium
URL: [http://www.fib.be/](http://www.fib.be/)

March 13 – 15, 5th Global Conference: Digital Memories
Place: Lisbon, Portugal

March 14 – 17, Leipzig Book Fair
Place: Leipzig, Germany
URL: [http://www.leipzig-buchmesse.de/](http://www.leipzig-buchmesse.de/)

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

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

March 19 – 22, 13th International Symposium of Information Science (ISI)
Place: Potsdam, Germany

March 20, Open Access: scenario planning for societies
Place: London, UK

March 21, Journal Development 1: Practical Plans for Improving Journal Success
Place: London, UK

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

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

March 25 – 28, Bologna Children’s Book Fair
Place: Bologna, Italy
URL: [http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it/en/](http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it/en/)

March 25 – 31, 49th Library Week Program
Place: Ankara, Turkey

Place: Enschede, Netherlands
URL: [http://www.utwente.nl/ewi/is/events/IWEI2013/](http://www.utwente.nl/ewi/is/events/IWEI2013/)

March 27 – 30, 2013 World Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (WorldCIST’13)
Place: Algarve, Portugal

April 2013

April 8 – 10, UKSG 36th Annual Conference and Exhibition
Place: Bournemouth, UK
URL: [http://www.uksg.org/event/conference13](http://www.uksg.org/event/conference13)

April 8 – 10, Information Technologies for Performing Arts, Media Access and Entertainment
Place: Porto, Portugal
URL: [http://www.eclap.eu/drupal/?q=node/113965](http://www.eclap.eu/drupal/?q=node/113965)

April 8 – 12, HydraCamp 2013
Place: Dublin, Ireland
URL: [https://www.tchpc.tcd.ie/hydracamp2013](https://www.tchpc.tcd.ie/hydracamp2013)

April 9 – 10, Digital Present and Digital Future: Economic, Cultural, Educational, Legal and Technological Impacts
Place: Sofia, Bulgaria
URL: [http://unibit.bg/](http://unibit.bg/)

April 9 – 10, SMX München
Place: Munich, Germany
URL: [http://smxmuenchende.de/](http://smxmuenchende.de/)

April 11 – 12, 5th European Conference on Intellectual Capital (ECIC-2013)
Place: Bilbao, Spain
URL: [http://academic-conferences.org/ecic/ecic2013/ecic13-home.htm](http://academic-conferences.org/ecic/ecic2013/ecic13-home.htm)

April 12 – 14, Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums & Wikimedia (GLAM-WIKI) 2013
Place: London, UK

April 14, 5th Digital Minds Conference
Place: London, UK

April 15 – 16, International Information Conference on Search, Data Mining, and Visualization (II-SDV)
Place: Nice, France

April 15 – 17, London Book Fair
Place: London, UK
URL: [http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/](http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/)
April 2013

April 17, NISO Virtual Conference: EPUB3: What Libraries Need to Know
Place: Online only
URL: http://www.niso.org/news/events/2013/virtual/epub3/#about

Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/ipaconference

April 17 – 19, 4th International Conference on Information Science and Information Literacy
Place: Sibiu, Romania
URL: http://bcu.ulbsibiu.ro/conference/

April 17 – 22, 25th International Book Fair and 12th Book Biennial
Place: Sarajevo, Bosnia

April 18 – 20, 20th International Book Festival Budapest
Place: Budapest, Hungary
URL: http://www.bookfestival.hu/angol.html

April 18 – 21, Thessaloniki Book Fair
Place: Thessaloniki, Greece
URL: http://www.thesalonikibookfair.com/2013/default_en.asp

April 26, Understanding eJournal Technology
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=310

April 29 – 30, 4th International Conference on Digital Document and Society Diversification and Renewal of Mediations
Place: Zagreb, Croatia
URL: http://doc-soc.sciencesconf.org/?lang=en

Funding Calls, Grants and Deadlines

New! Award for libraries that empower women and girls through ICT

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is inviting applications for a new award - for public and community libraries that empower women and girls through information and communication technology (ICT).

The call is open to public and community libraries in developing and transition countries

The prize includes US$1,500 and the opportunity to publicize your service widely.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 8 2013 – less than two months away, so start preparing now!

Applications will be accepted in English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Click the link for further details and information about how to apply http://www.eifl.net/eifl-plip-innovation-awards

EIFL-PLIP launched the call to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8th. It is the fifth award in EIFL-PLIP’s exciting series of Innovation Awards for libraries that improves lives in their communities.

Read more about other awards and winners at http://www.eifl.net/eifl-plip-innovation-awards

Last minute news

The Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation (CFIBD) proposed for 15 years application for grant to attend the IFLA WLIC for French and French-speaking people.

2013 is the first year where the CFIBD proposes a grant for French people interested in attending the EBLIDA Conference.

A great opportunity for our French colleagues to join us in Milan, and an interesting example to be followed by other countries?

Download the application form CFI_bourse2013_EBLIDA at http://www.cfibd.fr/S-engager.html

N.B.: please note that this grant is reserved for French applicants only.

!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

21st EBLIDA Annual Council 14th May 2013

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