Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

That’s it for another year—the 21st EBLIDA Annual Council is now over. First and foremost, on behalf of EBLIDA, I would like to thank Aldo Pirola, Stefano Parise and their colleagues at the AIB for extending such warm and helpful hospitality to us and for being the perfect hosts of our 2013 Council and Conference. Personally, it being my first time as President for the Council, I was happy with the participation of the members in the interactive discussions related to the Strategy 2013-2016 and the work programme for the coming years.

Discussions were interesting and productive. There was active participation and there were plenty of networking opportunities, not to mention the delicious treats we were offered during the coffee breaks at the Biblioteca Sormani (Central Library), Milan.

For those of you who didn’t make it, we missed you and you missed a great occasion. We dearly hope you will join us next year.

I’m already looking forward to next year’s Council in Athens, Greece, during the Greek Presidency. This is in line with the guiding principle in the EBLIDA Strategy to connect venues with politics. We hope to thereby increase our visibility on the European agenda. One of the visions of the EBLIDA strategy is to bridge libraries together, and we hope that by holding our next Council and Conference in Greece, that we will fulfil this vision with an increased presence from South East Europe at the event, and perhaps we may even attract new members from this part of Europe. More information will be made available in the coming issues regarding the organisation of the 22nd Council (and Conference) hosted by our Greeks colleagues. You can already save the two first weeks of May 2014 in your agenda!

As for the Conference co-organised with NAPLE and with the extremely strong support of the AIB (Italian Library Association) and of the City of Milan, I think we can be proud of its success. We had positive input from the video presence of Commissioner Vassiliou and the live presence of the Member of the European Parliament, Luigi Berlinguer. Those two representatives from European Institutions were a real asset to the Conference.

Each speaker gave a wonderful presentation and engaged in debating with the audience. This conference was a very good experience and I believe it has provided food for thought for the coming year, as well as an action plan to be coordinated all over Europe to improve the visibility of libraries on the political agenda.

Don’t forget that the elections for the European Parliament will be organised from the 22nd to the 25th of May 2014. EBLIDA will ensure that we are engaged in raising political awareness for it.

Many actions are ongoing, and you will find information in this newsletter about the latest developments regarding the EBLIDA e-books campaign. For those of you who will attend the IFLA World Library International Conference (WLIC) in Singapore, EBLIDA will be present during sessions and at the booth of the Goethe Institute. Come and meet us!

Meanwhile, enjoy reading!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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FEP EWC event on remote access to e-books, Helsinki, 10 May 2013

EBLIDA took part in the event organised by the Federation of European Publishers (FEP) and the European Writers Council (EWC) to discuss remote access to e-books. Best practices were a good start for the discussions. It was interesting to see that EBLIDA with the voice of its President was “the bad guy” in this session by stating that legislation is necessary to enable libraries to fulfil their tasks. Best practices are far from offering best solutions. The next event will be organised by in Autumn in Paris (France).

Licenses for Europe
Different situations, different actions in the dialogue.

- Cross-border access and the portability of services: EBLIDA involved in the discussions.
- User-generated content and licensing for small-scale users of protected material: no representatives from EBLIDA.
- Audiovisual sector and cultural heritage institutions: EBLIDA is involved in the discussions.
- Text and data mining for scientific research purposes: EBLIDA withdraws from the process.

The latest development in the Licences for Europe stakeholders dialogue have seen EBLIDA withdraw from working group 4 on Text and Data Mining because “ [...] While we are deeply committed to working with the Commission on the removal of legal and other environmental barriers to TDM, we believe that any meaningful engagement on the legal framework within which data-driven innovation exists must address the issue of limitations and exceptions. The current approach of the Commission instead places licensing as the central pillar of the discussion [...] “. You can find the detailed press release at: [http://www.eblida.org/news/commission-response-to-stakeholder-letter-on-licences4europe-text-and-data-mining.html](http://www.eblida.org/news/commission-response-to-stakeholder-letter-on-licences4europe-text-and-data-mining.html).

In working group 1 on cross-border access and the portability of services, the discussions included e-lending, interlibrary access to digital content without any result. At the last dialogue, EBLIDA pointed out that:

- publishers and libraries are not equal partners in this dialogue;
- licences make it impossible for libraries to choose which content they want to make available to their users;
- there are too many types of licences with too many terms and conditions;
- it is not true that from 1 library you can access the whole existing offer.

The plenary session planned for the 4th of July is unlikely to prove to be useful since the three Commissioners won’t be there and all the MEPs will be in plenary session at the European Parliament in Strasbourg (France). The audience will mainly be composed of the organisations (mainly commercial entities) that haven’t left the process yet. However, EBLIDA should be there to hear the different reports and maybe give its perspective on the questions.

EBLIDA at the Torino Book Fair, 16th of May 2013

EBLIDA Director accompanied Stefano Parise, President of the Association of Italian Libraries, at the Torino Book Fair on the 16th of May. Stefano Parise participated in a discussion on e-books in Libraries and the situation for libraries in Italy.

Speakers were professionals from the book chain (publishers, booksellers, web companies, librarians) and presented an Italian project resulting from the cooperation between publishers, booksellers and libraries. The project is called Media Library OnLine (MLOL).

Each speaker discussed the fact that pilot projects and experiments should be developed.

Stefano Parise took the opportunity of the discussion to introduce the EBLIDA campaign “the right to e-read” that was presented the day before at the EBLIDA conference by Gerald Leitner (see page 3). The current situation at European level is fragmented, however libraries have few rights in the e-books market. This proves that as well as national discussions between librarians and publishers, a European Campaign is necessary to raise awareness at European level.
21st EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference Feedback


The day after the Council, the EBLIDA and NAPLE Annual Conference was held.

The Conference welcomed about 105 (of the 127) registrants.

After the official welcome by the local representatives of the City of Milan, the AIB and NAPLE, EBLIDA President spoke about the importance of EBLIDA as a lobbying organisation in Europe and the undertaken actions. He was then seconded by Gerald Leitner, chair of the e-books Task Force who presented ideas worked out by the Task Force for the new EBLIDA campaign “the right to e-read”. Participants welcome the information.

Commissioner Vassiliou gave her speech by video message on her vision of the role of libraries in a developing digital environment (check it out at www.eblida.org). Luigi Berlinguer (Italian MEP) explained that copyright needs to be adapted to the digital environment and should not be an obstacle to the development of access to e-content in libraries.

The keynote speaker of the day, Gino Roncaglia gave a tremendous overview about the new reading environment that is developing in addition to traditional means like books under new formats such as SMS, blogs, twitter. The web is a landscape offering a horizontal perspective as well as vertical complexity. We are facing fragmentation of information. It is therefore important to think of the different varieties of complex text in parallel with information literacy. A new task of libraries is to create a reading ecosystem in which all forms of complexity have to be addressed.

Libraries, as network of contents and services, should consider, in addition to preservation and access, information literacy, readers empowerment, services for social reading, content production. It is necessary to create a system of reading rights and competencies to understand legal agreement and reading agreement.

The speeches paved the way for an interesting panel discussion on strategies for libraries, as well as on the threats challenging democracy. The President of EBLIDA concluded the panel by stating that “economic interests should not threaten the public (general) interest”.

The audience split into three groups for breakout sessions of 75 minutes. The report afterwards showed that libraries have an important role to play from local to European level, and that cooperation with social partners and politicians is important in order to ensure long-term development.

Gino Roncaglia wrapped-up by addressing 4 points:

- services and e-services;
- rights of the readers such as right of education, of access to information, right to use, reuse, etc.;
- legal questions: all questions related to rights/copyright/lobbying/policies/digital right management;
- content.

Klaus-Peter Böttger concluded the Conference by thanking all the speakers and participants and inviting them to join next year in Athens to continue the discussions and see the progress made by libraries in the European context.
EBLIDA activities

The eBooks corner

By Gerald Leitner, Chair of EBLIDA Task Force

EBLIDA publishes a new Position Paper “The right to e-read”

Check out position paper at http://www.eblida.org/news/the-right-to-e-read.html

Since we have produced our “Information Paper on E-Lending” and our “Position Paper: European libraries and the challenges of e-publishing” last year in Copenhagen, a lot has happened in this field.

The distinction between physical and e-books is now under attack, both in the courts and the marketplace: On July 3rd 2012, the European Court of Justice very surprisingly decided in the case Oracle vs. UsedSoftware that resale of software is legal, even if it was purchased in the context of a permanent license and downloaded from the internet. Consequentially, the principle of exhaustion applies to the purchase of software through electronic download just as with physical media. Some legal experts argue that the same applies to e-books and the resale of legally downloaded e-books. More and more positions are published in the recent legal literature that say that the principle of exhaustion applies to the sale of e-books. That would be a sensation!

But the current situation is characterised by uncertainty. Consumers still have to sign ten-page terms and conditions of licenses before they can buy an e-book, consumer organisations sue e-books publishers and some e-books publishers refuse to sell e-books to libraries.

For libraries and their users, the situation is highly unsatisfactory: Many libraries have tried in recent years to build e-books services for their users, some with considerable success. But all these efforts could be in vain from one day to the next because in their interpretation of the copyright, publishers claim that e-lending is a service to which the principle of exhaustion does not apply. They state that rights holders are free to decide whether they want to give access to a specific work, and to decide on the terms and conditions for such access. Should this interpretation prevail, this would mean that primarily publishers decide on digital collections in libraries and not the librarians themselves in pursuit of their public tasks.

This is unacceptable in our view. We need a modern copyright framework, which eliminates this uncertainty, guarantees effective recognition and remuneration of rights holders and opens up greater access and a wider choice of legal offers via libraries to end users.

EBLIDA has therefore prepared a new position that describes the current situation – which is significantly different than a year ago - and calls on the EU Commission for a precise copyright framework that allows libraries to acquire and lend e-books and pay an adequate remuneration to the authors, just as with printed books to continue to perform their services for the benefit of all European citizens.

Please translate this into your language. Inform your colleagues and politicians about the new situation.

But that’s not all! EBLIDA has decided to launch a Europe-wide joint action of all library associations for “the right to e-read” together with you. We will keep you informed in the next issue of our newsletter.
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. This month, EBLIDA opens its columns to: Istanbul BILGI University Library, Turkey

Bilgi Library exists since the university was established in 1996 as a private and non-profit institution. It has been part of Laureate International Universities since 2007. The university currently has around 13,500 students with 6 faculties (Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Communication, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Engineering, Law) and 5 Vocational Schools (Applied Sciences, Health Sciences, Tourism and Hotel Management, Advanced Vocational Studies, Justice) and 52 undergraduate, 42 graduate and 15 associate degree programs.

Bilgi Library is located across 3 campuses as Santral, Kusteppe and Dolapdere libraries and also with 'European Union Information' and 'Cultural Policy and Management Research' Library. The library collection consists of a comprehensive range of the books, periodicals, e-books, e-journals, academic Internet resources, music scores audio-visual, sound recordings, etc. Bilgi Library is expand it’s electronic resources collection in the near future. Please see the following chart showing the growth of printed and electronic collection:

**Bilgi Library Collection by Numbers:**

- Total number of printed resources are **141.858** and **66%** of them are in English language, **30%** are in Turkish and **4%** are in other languages.
- **82%** of the collection consists of books and the rest is DVD, VHS, Music CD, Music score.
- Bilgi e-library currently has **233.078** e-books, **35.300** e-journal and more than **103** e-databases. All these resources are accessible on and off campus for Bilgi Library members.
- **84.410** resources were borrowed in 2012.
- **10** e-reader devices have been loaned to library users since beginning of 2012.
- Bilgi Library currently has **14** librarians and **30** part-time students are working.

In the library Millennium Automation System which is the product of “Innovative Interfaces Inc.” has been used since the year 2000.

Information Literacy is one of the main concerns of Istanbul Bilgi University Library. Because of the changing format of information we are forced to think about the future of the libraries. Everyone has right to access the reliable information and in order to be accessible, information needs to be organized more than ever; and this organization process is already the ultimate role of a librarian. Hence Bilgi University library has been working on this issue in many ways. For example the library director Sami Çukadar has been giving a series of courses in faculty of law for 5 years. The article can be reached at the following link: [http://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007%2F978-3-642-33299-9_13.pdf](http://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007%2F978-3-642-33299-9_13.pdf)

In addition to Information Literacy issue Bilgi Library is also concerned about the visibilities and future roles of libraries in the society. For this reason Vildan Coşkun and Abdullah Turan will attend a poster session at the IFLA 2013 Conference in Singapore. The poster tells the photography exhibition of reading people all over Istanbul to attract attention to reading. The goal is to show the ways in which libraries can act regardless of time and space and in this way libraries can reach many people by using different mediums of communication such as organising exhibitions. The physical shape of a future library may be unknown yet; however we all agree that seeking information and reading will be exist for sure, therefore at least the concept of the library will never disappear.

Bilgi Library collection is to support university degree programs, research and teaching as well as the intellectual needs of the students, teachers and all kind of researchers and in this context, Bilgi Library is open to everybody.

For further information: [www.library.bilgi.edu.tr](http://www.library.bilgi.edu.tr)

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June 5 - 8, 21st European Conference on Information Systems (ECIS 2013): "Beyond Borders"
Place: Utrecht, Netherlands
URL: https://sites.google.com/site/ecis2013nl/

June 6 - 7, EOD Conference on Copyright Issues: "To Digitize or not to Digitize: Copyright, Public Domain, Orphan Works and Other Issues"
Place: Tartu, Estonia
URL: http://www.utlib.ee/eod2013/

June 10 - 14, 6th International Workshop on Personalized Access to Cultural Heritage (PATCH 2013)
Place: Rome, Italy
URL: http://patch2013.wordpress.com/

June 12, Outsourcing: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=347

June 12, Increasing the full-text deposits in your institutional repository
Place: London, UK
URL: http://rsp.ac.uk/events/increasing-the-full-text-deposits-in-your-institutional-repository/

June 12 - 14, Workshop on Human-Semantic Web Interaction (HSWI '13)
Place: Madrid, Spain
URL: http://hswi13.referata.com/wiki/Main_Page

June 12 - 14, International Conference on Web Intelligence, Mining and Semantics (WIMS '13)
Place: Madrid, Spain
URL: http://aida.i.iuam.es/wims13/

June 13 - 14, 17th International Conference on Electronic Publishing: "Mining the Digital Information Networks"
Place: Karlskrona, Sweden
URL: http://www.bth.se/elpub2013

June 13 - 15, 10th International Librarians' Conference: "June at the Uni"
Place: Bilhac, Croatia
URL: http://www.bibliotekabihac.com/pdf/juni_na_uni_bos.pdf

June 17, 2nd International Workshop on Ontologies and Conceptual Modeling (Onto.Com 2013)
Place: Valencia, Spain
URL: http://www.inf.ub.es/~gguizzardi/ontocom2013/

June 17-18, EPO Conference “Cooperative Patent Classification”
Place: The Hague
URL: http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/search/cpc-classifying.html

June 18 - 19, Streaming Forum 2013
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.streamingmediaglobal.com/conference/2013/

June 18 - 26, Cycling for libraries unconference
Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands to Brussels, Belgium
URL: http://www.cyclingforlibraries.org/

June 19, Understanding Copyright
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=320

June 19 - 20, 8th Handheld Librarian Conference: Encouraging Innovation
Place: Online only
URL: http://handheldlibrarian.org/

June 19 - 21, 8th CERN OAI Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
URL: http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=211600

June 19 - 21, 18th International Conference on Application of Natural Language to Information Systems (NLDB2013)
Place: Manchester, UK
URL: http://www.nldb.org/

June 19 - 22, 8th Iberian Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (CISTI'2013)
Place: Lisbon, Portugal

June 25 - 28, 4th Information: Interactions and Impact (I3) Conference
Place: Aberdeen, Scotland
URL: http://www.i3conference.org.uk/

June 26 - 28, KM conference "Knowledge Management: Improving and Sustaining Quality"
Place: Novi Sad, Serbia
URL: http://www.kmconference.org/

June 26 – 28, Intelligent Data Analysis with Applications in Information Retrieval and Machine Learning (IDAIR)
Place: Sesimbra, Portugal

June 26 – 28, 4th Information: Interactions and Impact (I3) Conference
June 26 – 29, LIber 42nd Annual Conference: "Research Information Infrastructures and the Future Role of Libraries"
Place: Munich, Germany
URL: http://www.liber2013.de/

June 27 - 28, 21st IBI MA Conference
Place: Vienna, Austria
URL: http://www.ibima.org/AT2013/index.html

June 27 - 28, DAM and its Future for Broadcast, Media and Entertainment: "The Art & Practice of Managing Digital Media 2013"
Place: London, UK

June 30 – July 6, Informing Science & IT Education Conferences (InSITE 2013)
Place: Porto, Portugal
URL: http://informingscience.us/CfPInSITE2013.pdf

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July 1 – 2, Open Access Monographs in the Humanities and Social Sciences Conference
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/JISC-Collections-events/oabooksconf/

July 2 – 3, Umbrella 2013 Conference and Exhibition
Place: Manchester, UK
URL: http://www.cilip.org.uk/umbrella2013/pages/default.aspx

July 2 – 4, SPRUCE Mashup London 2
Place: London, UK
URL: http://wiki.opf-labs.org/display/SPRUCESPRUCE+Mashup+London+2

July 3, Licensing your Content
Place: London, UK
URL: http://alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=321

July 3 – 4, 10th International Workshop on Security in Information Systems - WOSIS 2013
Place: Angers, France
URL: http://www.iceis.org/Home.aspx

July 3 – 7, 15th International Conference on Enterprise Information Systems (ICEIS 2013)
Place: Angers, France
URL: http://www.iceis.org/

July 4 – 5, 12th European Conference on Research Methodology for Business and Management Studies (ECRM-2013)

July 6, Digital Heritage 2013: Interfaces with the Past
Place: York, UK
URL: http://www.york.ac.uk/digital-heritage/events/cdh-2013/

July 8 – 9, ISKO UK Biennial Conference: "Knowledge Organization – Pushing the Boundaries"
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.iskouk.org/conf2013/index.htm

July 8 – 10, 3rd International Conference on Digital Information and Communication Technology and its Applications (DICTAP2013)
Place: Ostrava, Czech Republic
URL: http://sdiwc.net/conferences/2013/dictap2013/

July 8 – 12, Digital.Humanities@Oxford Summer School 2013
Place: Oxford, UK
URL: http://digital.humanities.ox.ac.uk/dhosxss/2013/

July 9, Effective Journals Marketing
Place: London, UK
URL: http://alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=318

July 10, It's all about discoverability, stupid! How to get your content seen by the right people (ALPSP Seminar)
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=357

July 10 – 12, European Conference on Data Analysis and Workshop on Classification and Subject Indexing in Library and Information Science (LIS’2013)
Place: Luxembourg
URL: http://qfks2013.lu/

July 11 – 12, 12th European Conference on Information Warfare and Security (ECIW-2013)
Place: Jyväskylä, Finland
URL: http://academic-conferences.org/eciw/eciw2013/eciw13-call-papers.htm

July 28 – August 1, 36th Annual ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR2013)
Place: Dublin, Ireland
URL: http://www.sigir2013.ie/