



President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,



Summer is here, and with it comes the traditional World Library and Information Congress, aka the IFLA Congress. This year the events are being held in Singapore and we hope to meet some of you there. EBLIDA will be well represented at the IFLA events. We are being hosted by our friends of the Goethe Institute who kindly offered us to share their booth. Therefore you will find information about EBLIDA's activities on booth number D113 in the exhibition room.

Come and meet us there! You will discover more about your favourite association and its actions, especially regarding our campaign "The right to e-read! Your library" (see pages 3-4 for more information).

As you know, EBLIDA jointly worked with IFLA on the preparation of the "e-book day sessions" that will be held all day on Monday 19th of August.

In the morning, the issue will be tackled from a political perspective with the presentation of campaigns from all over the world and with core issues such as copyright (as always) being addressed. This session is prepared by the Copyright and Other Legal Matters Committee (CLM) and the Management of Libraries Associations Committee (MLAS). In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to explore practical examples of e-books offers in libraries. This session will complement the morning session. It is prepared by the Public Libraries Committee and the Metropolitan Libraries committee.

In brief, from political stands to concrete examples. How far are we from offering rich e-books platform to our users? Are there differences between countries? Where are the most advanced models? These and many more questions will be addressed throughout the day.

Of course, the IFLA Congress is not all about e-books, and I would hereby like to wish you happy networking at the IFLA Conference in Singapore!

A lot happened on the libraries front in June and in the beginning of July. I participated in the National Conference of Librarians in Mikkeli (Finland) and also at the LIBER Conference in München (Germany) where I promoted EBLIDA's work and actions especially with regard to e-books. Together with the EBLIDA Director, I took part in the cycling for Libraries event in The Hague (see page 2) while EBLIDA Director took part in the Next Library event in Aarhus (Denmark) (see page 2) and in the Licences for Europe mid-term plenary in Brussels (a report will be made later on).

At the same time EBLIDA met with MEP to put literacy on the political agenda (see page 2).

Reading, reading, reading! There is a lot to do to ensure a bright future to reading via public infrastructures, and we are paving the road for tomorrow by lobbying for libraries in Europe together with you. Cooperation is at the core of EBLIDA's value, and thanks to you, we will succeed.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer and hope to find you all in good health and well rested in September!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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News round-up: EBLIDA AND E.U.

WIPO treaty for the visually impaired: a success to celebrate and to go further on with the Library Treaty (TLIB).

This event actually took place outside of Europe, in Marrakech (Morocco) during the WIPO Diplomatic Conference. On the night of the 25th of June, WIPO Member States agreed upon a consensus text for a treaty for visually impaired persons. The treaty text is a good one, and will enable libraries to better serve visually impaired users in the future.

This is also good news for libraries at WIPO, particularly as another WIPO meeting will be held in July. As you know, IFLA is working with WIPO Member States to gain support for a binding international instrument on copyright limitations and exceptions to enable libraries to preserve their collections, support education and research, and lend materials. EBLIDA supports this action and has already sent out an email calling for action from each National Library Associations. Should you need further information, please check the information on the IFLA website at: www.ifla.org/copyright-tlib or contact Stuart Hamilton (stuart.hamilton@ifla.org).

EBLIDA at Next Library, Aarhus (Denmark)

EBLIDA Director was invited to speak in the interactive session "e-books – Strategies and Actions available for the Public Libraries" on 18 June 2013 along with Trine Nielsen (Danish Culture Agency) and Pat Losinski (Columbus Metropolitan Library). In its presentation, EBLIDA Director highlighted the action undertaken by EBLIDA regarding the right to e-read and the need of copyright reform. Other panellists presented different strategies and actions, and all topics were discussed and commented in round tables.

Rolf Hapel (chair of the session) concluded the presentation by introducing the new Danish Digital Library an integrated model develop in cooperation with different stakeholders to serve Danish library users.

EBLIDA at Cycling for Libraries, Amsterdam-Brussels (Netherlands-Belgium)

EBLIDA, partner of Cycling for libraries, participated in the round table discussions held in the Dutch Parliament in The Hague on 20 June 2013. The event organised by The Hague World Library Capital's Head, Marian Koren, with the support of FOBID, welcomed a hundred of Cyclarians (or Librarists). The group met Dutch Members of the Parliament for round table discussion on the theme: access to information - the role of libraries in society.

The theme was addressed through three sub-themes: value of libraries in modern societies, library infrastructure and partnerships, copyright and new technologies. There were interesting discussions and a report was made by a Dutch MP highlighting the need for collective actions to be visible by politicians.

A few days later, to complete their tour, the Cyclarians gathered on 26 June in the morning in front of the European Parliament where they handed over a Written Declaration on the impact of public libraries in European communities to MEPs.

In the evening, they gathered in the European Parliament for a visit to the Parliament library, followed by a dinner hosted by Doris Pack (German MEP) and (Finnish MEP).

The core of the event was to raise MEPs' awareness about the role of libraries in Europe, to show how active the network is, how reliable it is, and what would be needed to better support it. Topics that were touched upon with the MEPs during dinner through friendly discussions.

The next Cycling for libraries tour will leave from Barcelona to reach Lyon just before the IFLA Conference 2014. A very ambitious 680 km under the hitting (heating) summer sun of Northern Spain and South France. Sweating is on the programme, but obviously participants are prepared for this.

Call for creation of a European Literacy Network

Earlier this year, the EU Commission DG for Culture and Education, Youth and Multilingualism launched a call for participation in the creation of a European Literacy Network.

In January, EBLIDA proposed to the DG Culture and Education to help in the creation of this network and is happy to answer this call. The purpose of this network is to work on literacy development and to create a multi-disciplinary approach to tackle the issue.

You can find out more information at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0513_en.htm.

Meanwhile EBLIDA met with Greens MEPs to present the work of the library in literacy programme and to ensure that literacy will be on the European Political Agenda. Interesting discussions to be continued.

EBLIDA Activities

The eBooks corner - By Gerald Leitner, Chair of EBLIDA Task Force



**EBLIDA begins its campaign:
"The right to e-read"**

**"The right to e-read. Your library" now!
EBLIDA's campaign needs your active
participation**

We need a change of copyright law in Europe and on a national level to ensure access to information and culture, but also to secure a future for libraries. Therefore, EBLIDA has started the campaign "The right to e-read" together with the European library associations.

What is it about? Our future!

The transformation of the media and information market is the biggest challenge for the future of libraries. We are currently witnessing increasing growth in the e-books market. The rate of growth differs from European country to country. There is no doubt, however, that it will affect us all in the future! We are willing and ready to meet this challenge. Many libraries strive to build attractive e-book services, but they are impeded from doing so: 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. We note with concern that some publishers are unwilling to sell or license e-books at a fair price – or at all – to libraries. 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. If we don't want to become museums of printed books, but attractive information centres with modern media, we need to change this situation.

What do we want? Legal certainty for the development of e-book services in all European countries!

This legal uncertainty seriously prevents libraries from building attractive e-book-services for the public and from developing legal offers for the benefit of all stakeholders. Therefore EBLIDA calls on the EU Commission for a precise copyright framework that allows libraries to acquire and lend e-books while ensuring an adequate remuneration to authors and other rights holders. Just as with printed books, this copyright framework adapted to the digital environment should allow libraries to continue to perform their services for the benefit of all European citizens.



EBLIDA Activities

The eBooks corner (continued)

By Gerald Leitner, Chair of EBLIDA Task Force

How do we want to achieve it? With a joint action!

Most politicians have no idea about this situation, but also our users, citizens and many librarians don't know anything about these unsatisfactory conditions. If we want change, we must make it our business to inform them. We need to do this at the European AND at the national level. We need a Europe-wide awareness campaign aimed at politicians, citizens, but also at librarians, that creates awareness for necessary changes! We can only achieve this together! And we will work towards that with our campaign.

The campaign "The right to e-read. Your library". EBLIDA and YOU!

One of the main objectives of our poster is to attract attention. There are 3 versions of it (see previous page and below). We will send the posters to all library associations in early October. The posters will also be freely available in printable format on our website for all EBLIDA members. You can download them and provide them to your libraries.

You may choose one of the three slogans and translate it into your language. The logo with the slogan "The right to e-read. Your library" must not be changed. We want to work with a single brand. We hope that these posters will be hanging in all libraries around Europe and will draw attention to the issue. We will also create background information and FAQs to brief the librarians.

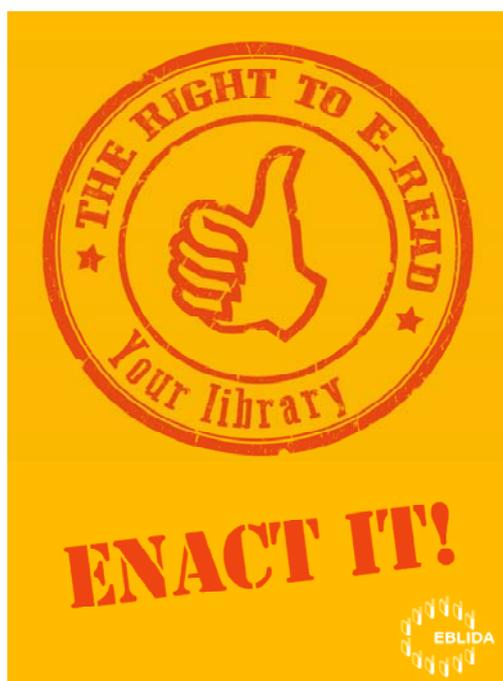
EBLIDA's task force is currently working on a communication plan for the campaign. We are also working on an information page, which will be updated frequently.

"The right to e-read Day": 23rd of April 2014

All actions should have a common climax: We want to proclaim 23 April 2014 as the "The right to e-read Day" and we would like to see this day celebrated.

For this purpose, we encourage as many actions of all library associations on this day as possible and we will provide you with material. We would like press conferences to be held in all the capitals of Europe on this day and we envisage a concerted postcard campaign to all politicians in the national parliaments and the European Parliament. All library associations will be provided with postcards from us.

Dear colleagues, we have an ambitious project. Let's approach this together!





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: **Croatia, Zagreb City Libraries**



The Zagreb City Libraries are a modern and well-organized network of public libraries that span throughout the entire city of Zagreb, the capital town of Republic of Croatia. Central library is the City Library of Zagreb and it is the oldest library in the network, founded in 1907. Thanks to its rich collections and wide range of services it fulfills its basic function that was drawn in 1908 by the Rules of Procedure: "Zagreb City Library is a free, public and modern library, founded and settled for all citizens of Zagreb..."

Zagreb City Libraries is a network based on traditional services as well as on modern information and communication technology. They enable every resident of Zagreb (a membership card) to borrow books and other materials in each of the 42 libraries as well as at two bibliobuses with the 72 mobile library stations. According to the current statistics (2012) the library covers an area of 17,858 square meters which besides 2,295,721 books, contains serials, AV and electronic publications. In 2012 library had 133,957 registered members and 2,986,499 loaned items with more than 30,000 programs like forums, exhibitions, workshops and so on. This means that every citizen visits the library at least four times a year. Everyday the library is visited by at least 10,500 users.

Since 1997 Zagreb City Libraries have been developing the network information system called ZaKi. Today ZaKi is implemented and used in more than 200 libraries in Croatia. In 2013 the newest and improved version of OPAC was released <http://katalog.kgz.hr>.

In order to make information about its programs, collections and resources available to the public via Internet, Zagreb City Libraries have been developing and maintaining the web site www.kgz.hr since 2001. Digital services are constantly developed and are also presented on web site: Calendar of anniversaries (<http://www.kgz.hr/kalendar.aspx>) and virtual exhibitions (<http://virtualkgz.wix.com/exhibition>). Library is present on the social web services: YouTube, Flickr, Facebook and blogs - Literary Friday (forum) and Book for a Roof (project for the homeless).

In 2008 the development of a digital collection has started. Local History Collection - Zagrabiensia, Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection - RARA and collections of Musical Department and Croatian Centre for Children's Books, are being digitized, and the selection of it is now available at the web site Digitized Zagreb Heritage <http://kgzdzb.arhivpro.hr/>. This represents the beginning of the digitalization of invaluable and rare materials of the City Library collections.

For more than 50 years Zagreb City Libraries have contributed in continued professional education of librarians in Croatia and have invested in education of its employees-personnel who are active members of Croatian Library Association and several international professional associations such as IFLA, IAML, IBBY, IRA, IASL and EBLIDA.



Ms Davorka Bastic
Director of the Zagreb City Libraries.

Events and Dates

July 2013

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://gfk12013.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 15 – 19, 14th International Society of Scientometrics and Informetrics Conference (ISSI 2013)

Place: Vienna, Austria

URL: <http://www.issi2013.org/index.html>

July 22 – 26, 10th Northumbria International Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services Conference

Place: York, UK

URL: <http://www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/information-directorate/events/performance-conference-2011/>

July 24 – 25, Mapping Transformation: Experimentation and Innovation(2013 ALA Virtual Conference)

Place: Online only

URL: <http://www.learningtimes.net/ala13/>

July 28 – August 1, 36th Annual ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR2013)

Place: Dublin, Ireland

URL: <http://www.sigir2013.ie/>

July 31 – August 2, Repository Fringe 2013

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

URL: <http://rfringe13.blogs.edina.ac.uk/>

August 2013

August 14, Future of LIS education in developing countries: the road ahead (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://www.nccuslis.org/conted/iflalist2013/program.htm>

August 14 – 15, Creating the future: preserving, digitizing and accessing all forms of children's and young adults' cultural heritage (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Bangkok, Thailand

URL: <http://iflabangkok2013.tkpark.or.th/index.html>

August 14 – 15, Prevention, intervention, reconstruction of the paper and digital collections and infrastructure after a disaster (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://www.ifla.org/events/singapore-2013-satellite-meeting>

August 14 – 15, Newspapers to the People (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://ifla2013satellite.nlb.sg/newspaper-genloc/>

August 14 – 16, 7th NordINFOLIT International Information Literacy Conference: Creating Knowledge VII

Place: Lund, Sweden

August 15, Global collaboration in information schools (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://www.cisap.asia/IFLA2013>

August 15 – 16, Making ends meet: high quality design on a low budget (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: http://library.smu.edu.sg/IFLA_Satellite_Making_ends_meet

August 15 – 16, Making better laws - the unique role of parliamentary library and research services (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://ifla2013satellite.nlb.sg/parliament>

August 15 – 16, IFLAcamp²

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://npsig.wordpress.com/iflacamp2/>

August 15 – 16, Re-defining and Refining Information Literacy and Reference Services in the Digital Age (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://ifla2013satellite.nlb.sg/infolitref/>

August 16, User interaction built on library linked data (UILLD) (IFLA Conference Satellite Meeting)

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://uilld2013.linkeddata.es/>

August 17 – 23, 79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly: "Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities"

Place: Singapore

URL: <http://conference.ifla.org/conference/ifla79/>

August 19 – 22, 8th International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science (CoLIS8)

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

URL: <http://www.iva.dk/english/colis8/>

Events and Dates (continued)

August 26, 7th International Workshop on Business Intelligence for the Real Time Enterprise (BIRTE 2013)

Place: Trento, Italy

URL: <http://birte2013.cs.aau.dk/>

August 26 – 28, 10th International Conference on Mobile Web Information Systems (MobiWIS 2013)

Place: Paphos, Cyprus

URL: <http://mobiwis2013.cs.ucy.ac.cy/index.php>

August 26 – 30, 24th International Conference on Database and Expert Systems Applications - DEXA 2013

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.dexa.org/dexa2013>

August 26 – 30, 15th International Conference on Data Warehousing and Knowledge Discovery - DaWaK 2013

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.dexa.org/dawak2013>

August 26 – 30, 4th International Conference on Information Technology in Bio- and Medical Informatics - ITBAM 2013

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.dexa.org/itbam2013>

August 26 – 30, 3rd Workshop on Recommender Systems meet Databases (RecSysmeetDB2013)

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

URL: http://www.configworks.com/dexa2013/CFP_DEXA_RecSysmeetDB2013.htm

August 26 – 30, 4th International Workshop on Multimedia Data Mining and Management (MDMM 2013)

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www1bpt.bridgeport.edu/~jelee/mdmm/index.htm>

August 26 – 30, 39th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB 2013)

Place: Trento, Italy

URL: <http://www.vldb.org/2013/index.html>

August 27, 12th International Workshop on Web Semantics and Web Intelligence (WebS 2013)

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

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

September 2013

September 1, 2nd International Workshop on Ontologies meet Advanced Information Systems (OAIS 2013)

Place: Genoa, Italy

URL: <http://oais2013.ensma.fr/>

September 1 – 4, 17th East European Conference on Advances in Databases and Information Systems (ADBIS 2013)

Place: Genoa, Italy

URL: <http://adbis2013.disi.unige.it/>

September 1 – 5, 16th International Conference on Text, Speech, and Dialogue (TSD 2013)

Place: Pilsen, Czech Republic

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

September 2 – 5, 10th International Conference on Preservation of Digital Objects (iPRES 2013)

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://ipres2013.ist.utl.pt/>

September 2 – 6, International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications (DC-2013): "Linking to the Future"

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://dcevents.dublincore.org/index.php/IntConf/dc-2013>

September 4 – 6, 13th International Conference on Knowledge Management and Knowledge Computing

Place: Graz, Austria

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

September 4 – 6, 4th International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World (IMCW2013):

"Beyond the Cloud: Information...Innovation...Collaboration..."

Place: Limerick, Ireland

URL: <http://imcw2013.bilgiyonetimi.net/>

September 5 – 6, 14th European Conference on Knowledge Management - ECKM 2013

Place: Kaunas, Lithuania

URL: <http://academic-conferences.org/eckm/eckm2013/eckm13-call-papers.htm>

September 5 – 9, 3rd International Conference on Integrated Information (IC-ININFO 2013)

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.icininfo.net/>

September 6, CAMP-4-DATA: Cyber-infrastructure & Metadata Protocols

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://dcevents.dublincore.org/IntConf/index/pages/view/camp-4-data>

September 8 – 11, International Symposium on Multimedia Applications and Processing, MMAP 2013

Place: Krakow, Poland

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

September 9 – 13, 9th International IFIP Workshop on Semantic Web & Web Semantics (SWWS 2013)

Place: Graz, Austria

URL: <http://www.onthemove-conferences.org/index.php/swws2013>