

The President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,



Summer is over, the evenings are getting shorter and it's time again to get ready for Autumn. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and that you feel rested and relaxed having had some well deserved time out from your busy lives.

At EBLIDA, work has continued and we have had a busy Summer period. First of all, we have been in contact with several literacy organisations to participate in the creation of the European Literacy Network (see page 2).

Secondly, EBLIDA played an active role in the exciting IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Singapore this summer, especially during the "e-book day sessions" held all day on Monday 19th of August (see report made by G. Leitner on p. 4).

I would like to thank the Goethe Institute for their generous proposal to share booth space and for the time spent together. This enhanced EBLIDA's visibility in the exhibition hall of the Singapore Suntec.

The booth was an ideal platform for EBLIDA from which to promote its campaign. Posters were hung and information leaflets regarding the next steps of the e-books campaign were distributed. Gerald Leitner (Chair of the eBooks task force—left in the photo) and I (right in the photo) were proud to hang EBLIDA's campaign poster and answer questions from our colleagues.



Picture courtesy Susan Riedel

The time has now come to implement the campaign and launch it in detail all over Europe as of October. We will keep you posted shortly on next developments. Please be prepared for our requests for contribution from you. Together, we will make this campaign work!

I hope your return to work goes well and I wish you a productive month.

Enjoy reading!



Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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News round-up: European Union and EBLIDA

Budget for Creative Europe

The Lithuanian Presidency has issued a press release announcing that the Committee of the Permanent Representatives (COREPER I) has agreed to a compromise text of the regulation establishing the programme Creative Europe: <http://www.eu2013.lt/en/news/pressreleases/creative-europe-programme-to-promote-cultural-and-audiovisual-initiatives-in-the-eu>
The amount announced as allocation for *Creative Europe* in the press release is 1.46 billion Euro.

Based on information provided by our colleagues from Culture Action Europe, the global budget for *Creative Europe* will in fact be 1.29 billion Euro (compared to the 1.6 billion initially proposed by the European Commission). The difference is due to the fact that the Presidency expressed the total budget in 'actualised prices', meaning that predictions of inflation over the period 2014-2020 are taken into account, whereas Culture Action Europe chose to express the amount in 2011 prices (so called 'constant prices') in order to enable organisations to compare it with its previous communications.

However, this is an increase of around 9% compared to the current Culture programme for 2007-2013.

The legal basis for *Creative Europe* should eventually be approved by the European Parliament in the plenary session on 27 September.

European Literacy Network

One year ago, the EU High-level Group on Literacy released the report *Act Now!* calling on governments, institutions and non-governmental organisations to act now to improve literacy at EU level. In January 2013, during a public event promoting the report, the EU Commissioner on Culture, Education, Youth and Multilingualism Androulla Vassiliou announced the creation of the Europe Loves Reading Week and the constitution of a Network of Literacy Organisations.

EBLIDA is happy to announce having joined forces with about 80 other partner organisations representing 28 Countries to create this network.. The process is ongoing but the application has been submitted on time on the 29th of August by the coordinating bodies. The project is under the lead of the University of Cologne and the NRDC (UK). It consists of an application for a project grant that will be analysed and agreed by the EU Commission. Should the application be successful, the grant awarded by the EU should be 3 million Euro over 3 years, of which 40,000 Euro will be allocated to the campaign to raise awareness under EBLIDA's scope.

The result of the application should be known by the end of November, beginning of December for a project running from January 2014 to December 2016. Fingers crossed!

European Conference on Information Literacy, Istanbul (Turkey), 22nd to 25th October 2013

With its panel discussion *How to Build up a Europe of Knowledge: Count on Libraries!* the three EBLIDA speakers, Marian Koren, Aldo Pirola and Vincent Bonnet will demonstrate the strength and resilience of the library network across Europe. From a European political context regarding national measures and in depth concrete projects developed at local level, the speakers plan to interact with the audience and to raise awareness about the role that libraries already play in this field and to investigate how this role can further be developed and improved in the future.

European Conference on
Information Literacy (ECIL)
Istanbul, Turkey
22-25 October 2013



EBLIDA Activities

EGIL activities

EGIL members took an active part in the IFLA Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) Standing Committee Meetings in Singapore. Information between both Expert Groups are shared for the benefit of the whole library community. It has already approved to have a joint (corresponding with the mid-term meeting of CLM) EGIL and CLM Meeting in April 2014 in The Hague.

Meanwhile, EGIL members contributed to the drafting of a document on Copyright Reform (mainly written down by Rosa Maiello) and are closely monitoring the current developments regarding the issue of eBooks, especially questions related to copyright and intellectual property rights issues.

The current EU-US trade agreement that is still under negotiation (see the schedule at http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_118238.pdf) would deeply impact the legal framework in Europe, and can't be out of the scope of librarians and information specialists.

EGIL representatives also have to prepare the coming Licences for Europe discussions resuming in mid-September as well as a round of meetings with the European Commission DG Markt.

EGCIS activities: Introducing Aldo Pirola as new Chair of EGCIS

At the EBLIDA Council in May in Milan, Hella Klausner informed EBLIDA members that she will step down as chair of the Expert Group on Culture and Information Society. Following approval by EBLIDA Executive Committee during its meeting, Aldo Pirola agreed to become Chair of EGCIS as of 2nd of September 2013.



EBLIDA Executive Committee would like to warmly thank Hella Klausner for her wonderful work during her three years as chair of EGCIS and warmly welcomes Aldo to his new position.



The eBooks corner - By Gerald Leitner, Chair of EBLIDA Task Force Workshops for "The Right to e-read. Your Library"

Information is the key word. Citizens don't know why we do NOT offer many attractive e-books - especially bestsellers - in our libraries. They are astonished and disappointed. But also many politicians don't know under what disastrous conditions we are trying to build our e-libraries. If we want change, we need to inform and drive a public awareness campaign. This is the goal of EBLIDA's campaign "The right to e-read."

For this we first need perfectly informed librarians. But many colleagues don't know the legal situation that all our offers depend on the good will of the publishers.

Currently EBLIDA and experts prepare background information and materials for you. But written information alone is often not enough.

We need a lot of face-to-face contacts. EBLIDA therefore suggests that you organize workshops on "The Right to e-read Your Library" in the coming months in your country together with us.

As EBLIDA Task Force Chair, I am available for such workshops in your country. If you are interested, please contact me at : leitner@bvoe.at.

For an Austrian E-Library - Libraries on the election agenda! - by Gerald Leitner

The Austrian Social Democrats (currently ruling the country) go for the next Austrian election on 29 September 2013 with a clear commitment for the development of public libraries. Particularly interesting and groundbreaking is the idea of establishing an "**Austrian E-Book Library**" with which the "**access to e-books via libraries shall be facilitated**". The Social Democrats emphasize in their election program explicitly: "**Therefore, libraries need the opportunity to purchase e-books like normal books and to make them available.**"

"EBLIDA and the European Library community demands exactly the same.

Here's the translation of the text available with more information at http://www.bvoe.at/Oeffentliche_Bibliotheken/Nationalratswahl_2013/Bibliotheken_in_den_Wahlprogrammen/

"A modern library network for access to education, culture and information

Public libraries are centers for education, culture, information, and social integration. As places of free access to knowledge and information they make a significant contribution to the freedom of information and opinion making of the citizens. With the development of a modern, comprehensive library network we will ensure equal access to education and culture. The framework has to be laid down in an Austrian library plan, which aims to improve the regional supply with libraries and to ensure the quality of librarianship. The possibilities of e-media have to be considered: By creating an "Austrian E-Book Library", the access to e-books via libraries shall be facilitated. Therefore, libraries need the opportunity to purchase e-books like normal books and to make them available. In addition, public libraries need to be more involved as an integral part of the educational system and cultural activities".

EBLIDA Activities at IFLA WLIC

Exploring an e-book future: feedback from the all-day eBooks session at IFLA WLIC in Singapore, 19th August 2013.

During the IFLA Congress, one full day was dedicated to eBooks. The morning focussed on the political aspects in different parts of the world. The session called *Exploring an e-book future (e-book lending models, copyright and other issues)* was jointly organised by the MLAS (Management of Library Associations Section) and the CLM (Copyright and other Legal Matters) sections. This overview of the current "state of the art" worldwide provided the audience with concrete examples of issues librarians and libraries are facing and what kind of library advocacy is being built.



Gerald Leitner (Chair of IFLA MLAS; Chair of EBLIDA eBooks Task Force) conducted the event and made clear in his introduction that the transformation of the media and information market is THE key challenge for the libraries and the topic has therefore the highest priority for IFLA.

The first part of the session featured Dan Mount (Civic Agenda) who framed the challenges and YS Chi (Elsevier) who gave a publishers perspective on the changing environment.



Following their presentation, a 15 minutes panel discussion with the audience led to the second part of the session where excellent speakers detailed the situation in South-America (Chile), in Africa (South-Africa), in the United States of America, in Australia, in Asia (Singapore) and, last but not least, in Europe.

Klaus-Peter Böttger (EBLIDA President) gave a presentation on the current legal uncertainty that needs to be resolved if we want libraries to remain accurate sources of information and content.

Before the opening of the session, EBLIDA campaign buttons were distributed among participants. People reacted positively to these buttons, seeking to know more about the campaign and how they could contribute.

Some speakers proudly displayed the button on their jacket. The session ended with a presentation of the updated version of the eLending principles of IFLA by Paul Whitney (IFLA Governing Board).

In the afternoon, a world café organised by the Metropolitan Library Section and the Public Library Section targeted current situation and actions in different countries such as Readers First (<http://readersfirst.org/>) and other initiatives developed by libraries to help solve the issue. The session ended with a round-table discussion stimulating the sharing of experiences and potential common solutions.

EBLIDA presence in the exhibition hall



Thanks to the Goethe Institute booth's excellent location, EBLIDA was very visible in the exhibition hall.

Cooperation with the Goethe Institute representatives of South-East Asia was very good. The friendly atmosphere provided EBLIDA with the opportunity to give information about its campaign to interested passers-by.

The Campaign poster was highly visible and leaflets were distributed together with South



Picture courtesy Susan Riedel

Asian candies and goodies offered on the booth. A nice experience to be continued...

EBLIDA represented at the Inaugural Reception of the incoming IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä

EBLIDA President, Director and Executive Committee members attended the Inaugural reception Sinikka Sipilä (new IFLA President). A good opportunity to show the will of cooperation between both organisations.



EBLIDA will actively follow-up Sinikka Sipilä's work and topic: Strong Libraries, strong societies.



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: Rijnbrink Groep

Rijnbrink Groep: Strong solutions for today's libraries



The Rijnbrink Groep is a relatively new organization in the Netherlands, founded in June 2013 as the result of a fusion of the library services organizations of the province of Gelderland (Biblioservice Gelderland) and the province of Overijssel (Overijsselse Bibliotheek Dienst).

Due to external developments and changing demands of libraries we were already pursuing more cooperation. We found that together we are better prepared for swift action, we can work more economically and we are able to put more effort into innovation. These advantages were decisive to take the next step and form one organization.

Nobody can look into the future, especially not in the library branch, but we are convinced that in future the Rijnbrink Groep will still be able to offer products and consultancies of a high standard and at low costs, with sufficient means for innovation. That combination, we think, is essential in these for libraries hard times.

We support libraries in fulfilling their cultural and social tasks with a complete range from developing new or renewed library services to consultancy about the library's core business and other services as HRM, ICT, financial administration, marketing, logistics, music, cultural education, etc.

In my opinion the real strength of the Rijnbrink Groep is formed by our employees and their social involvement. We really do want to help building the future of the libraries and to contribute to the vitality of society. Every single day we are committed with passion and expertise because we know that libraries, in every variety, are vital to society!

Tineke van Ham
CEO



Events and Dates

September 2013

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>

September 11 – 13, ALPSP International Conference

Place: Birmingham, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/TrainingAndEvents/ALPSPInternationalConference.aspx>

September 12 – 13, 7th European Conference on Information Management and Evaluation – ECIME 2013

Place: Sopot, Poland

URL: <http://academic-conferences.org/ecime/ecime2013/ecime13-home.htm>

September 13 – 16, 2nd Mining Humanistic Data Workshop

Place: Halkidiki, Greece

URL: <http://www.mhdw.org/2013/>

September 15, 7th International Workshop on Modular Ontologies (WoMO)

Place: Corunna, Spain

URL: <http://lat.inf.tu-dresden.de/~dwalther/womo2013/>

September 16, Scientific Information Policies in the Digital Age: Enabling Factors and Barriers to Knowledge Sharing and Transfer

Place: Rome, Italy

URL: http://www.ceris.cnr.it/Basili/IPS_Announcement.pdf

September 17 – 18, 2013 Open Knowledge Conference (OKCon)

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

URL: <http://blog.okfn.org/2013/03/21/announcing-the-open-knowledge-conference-2013-open-data-broad-deep-connected/>

September 19 – 21, 17th Panhellenic Conference on Informatics (PCI 2013)

Place: Thessaloniki, Greece

URL: <http://pci2013.epy-mathra.gr/>

September 19 – 22, 5th International Joint Conference on Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management – IC3K 2013

Place: Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal

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

September 19 – 22, International Conference on Knowledge Management and Information Sharing - KMIS 2013

Place: Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal

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

September 19 – 22, 5th International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Ontology Development – KEOD 2013

Place: Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal

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

September 19 – 22, 5th International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval - KDIR 2013

Place: Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal

Communication (INSTICC)

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

September 20, Mobile Devices: Gateway to Your Library

Place: Online only

URL: <https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=SEFLIN&WebCode=2013virtconf>

September 22 – 26, 17th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (TPDL)

Place: Valetta, Malta

URL: <http://www.tpd12013.info/>

September 23 – 24, ISMTE 6th Annual European Conference

Place: Blankenberge, Belgium

URL: http://www.ismte.org/2013_Conferences

September 23 – 25, 2nd International Conference on Informatics & Applications (ICIA2013)

Place: Lodz, Poland

URL: <http://sdiwc.net/conferences/2013/icia2013/>

September 23 – 25, SIIA Digital Content & Media Summit

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.siaa.net/london/2013/>

September 23 – 26, Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF 2013): Information Access Evaluation meets Multilinguality, Multimodality, and Visualization

Place: Valencia, Spain

URL: <http://clef2013.org/>

September 24, ALPSP Seminar: The Future for Smaller Publishers

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=352>

September 25 – 27, 2013 ISAJE annual meeting

Place: Santiago de Compostela, Spain

URL: <http://www.parint.org/isajewebsite/meetings2013.htm>

September 26, TPDL2013 Data Curation Workshop: "Moving beyond technology: iSchools and education in data curation. Is Data Curator a new role?"

Place: Valetta, Malta

URL: <http://tpdl2013.upatras.gr/ws-datacur.php>

Events and Dates (continued)

September 26, 3rd International Workshop on Semantic Digital Archives (SDA)

Place: Valetta, Malta

URL: <http://mt.inf.tu-dresden.de/sda2013/>

September 26 – 27, 11th International Conference on Books and Publishing

Place: Regensburg, Germany

URL: <http://booksandpublishing.com/the-conference>

September 26 – 28, 9th European Information Architecture Conference (EuroIA 2013)

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

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

September 26 – 29, 29th Göteborg Book Fair - Bok & Bibliotek

Place: Göteborg, Sweden

URL: <http://www.bokmassan.se/en/>

September 29 – October 2, 4th International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR 2013)

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

URL: <http://www.ictir2013.org/>

September 30 – October 2, 14th IFIP Working Conference on Virtual Enterprise (PRO-VE'13)

Place: Dresden, Germany

URL: <http://www.fines-cluster.eu/fines/jm/news-section/past-news/14th-ifip-working-conference-on-virtual-enterprise-pro-ve13-submit-your-paper.html>

October 2013

October 2 – 4, 30th LIBER Madrid International Book Fair

Place: Madrid, Spain

URL: <http://www.ifema.es/web/ferias/liber/default.html>

October 7 – 9, World Publishing Expo 2013 (IFRA Expo & Conference)

Place: Berlin, Germany

URL: <http://www.wan-ifra.org/events/world-publishing-expo-2013-ifra-expo-conference>

October 7 – 9, Science and Information (SAI) Conference 2013

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://thesai.org/SAIConference2013>

October 7 – 9, "Lernen, Wissen, Adaption" (Learning, Knowledge, Adaptation) (LWA)

Place: Bamberg, Germany

URL: <http://www.minf.uni-bamberg.de/lwa2013/>

October 8, STM Frankfurt Conference 2013

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

URL: <http://www.stm-assoc.org/events/frankfurt-conference-2013/>

October 9 – 13, Frankfurt Book Fair

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

URL: <http://www.book-fair.com/en/>

October 13 – 16, International Conference on Trends for Scientific Information Professionals (ICIC) 2013

Place: Vienna, Austria

URL: <http://www.haxel.com/icic/2013/meeting>

October 14 – 15, SMX Stockholm

Place: Stockholm, Sweden

URL: <http://smxstockholm.se/>

October 15 – 16, Internet Librarian International 2013

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2013/>

October 16, The Digital Shift: Reinventing Libraries

Place: Online only

URL: <http://www.thedigitalshift.com/reinventinglibraries/>

October 18 – 19, Library 2.013 Worldwide Virtual Conference

Place: Online only

URL: <http://www.library20.com/2013>

October 22 – 25, European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL 2013)

Place: Istanbul, Turkey

URL: <http://www.arber.com.tr/ecil2013.org/index.php/home>

October 23 – 25, Conference on ENTERprise Information Systems (CENTERIS 2013)

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://centeris.eiswatch.org/>

October 24 – 25, Classification and Visualization: Interfaces to Knowledge (International UDC Seminar 2013)

Place: The Hague, Netherlands

URL: <http://seminar.udcc.org/2013/>

October 24 – 26, Mediterranean Editors & Translators Meeting 2013

Place: Tarragona, Spain

URL: <http://www.metmeetings.org//en/metm13:534>

October 24 – 27, Helsinki Book Fair 2013

Place: Helsinki, Finland

URL: <http://www.finnexpo.fi/Sites3/Kirjamessut/en/Pages/default.aspx>

October 28 – 30, Prato CIRN Conference

Place: Prato, Italy

URL: <http://cirn.wikispaces.com/Conference+Call+2013>

October 28 – 31, International Conference on Management of Emergent Digital EcoSystems (MEDES '13)

Place: Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

URL: <http://sigappfr.acm.org/MEDES/13/>