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The President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

As we approach winter and another year draws to a close, across Europe tentative signs of recovery give us some hope that the economic situation may improve, albeit slowly, in the coming time. That said, there are positives to brighten up our days and evenings. One of these for me personally was giving a speech at the 100th Anniversary of Norwegian Library Association in October.

Here is a synopsis of the conclusion of my speech :

„Every available e-book on the market must be available for libraries at fair conditions. Otherwise the library will be neither a democratic institution, nor an open source nor a place for any kind of information and media. That is why EBLIDA is now starting its European wide campaign „the right to e-read". Patrons of libraries must have the chance to decide on and to acquire the type of media and type of information they want.

I think there are three strands we need to work on at the moment:

1. securing a fair standard license
2. getting court decisions for test cases concerning e-books and libraries
3. negotiating a digital copyright law envisioning future e-books.

If we are not successful in getting a user friendly solution for libraries and their patrons for this important issue affecting the future of libraries, I am afraid that further steps in the digital world will be made without libraries. So, as long as education, learning, research and information continues, it is essential that libraries remain integral partners in the advancement of the future."

At Mr. Luigi Berlinguer's invitation, EBLIDA Director and I supported the launch of the Manifesto "*A Maastricht for Research*" in the European Parliament in Brussels. The Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, together with MEPs Amalia Sartori (EPP) and Luigi Berlinguer (S&D) highlighted the importance of Research and Innovation in Europe and of the need for concrete action in the next legislature to support the European Research Area, a project that has been ongoing since 2001. Both the Commissioner and MEPs made it clear that a truly advanced European Research Area would be beneficial for the whole European community. In order to achieve this however, a lot of support is needed from all political groups and the Council of the European Union (representing the member-states). While most of the invited organisations supported the Manifesto, I highlighted in my speech the fact that libraries are as important and a not negligible part of research infrastructures. The network of libraries contributes to the research infrastructure by making information and data accessible to researchers and the general public, thereby contributing to the building of a knowledge society. As long as research and education continue, libraries will remain integral partners in the advancement of the future of research.

The next day, we took part in a brainstorming session with Mr. Berlinguer to exchange ideas on better ways to support the Manifesto in the coming months. Contacts are ongoing, and this needs to be continued.

Eventually , together with my colleagues of the Executive Committee we took part in the Autumn EC meeting that took place in Zagreb (Croatia) on 7th and 8th of November.

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

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Licences for Europe comes to an end

At last the 8 months long dialogue Licences for Europe have come to an end.

The working group discussions mainly turned into a standoff. Working group 4 went from a dialogue to a monologue with only contributions from industry. Commercial Industry saw strong representation, but representation from civil societies was much weaker.

As predicted, the EU Commission congratulated itself for the result in its Press Release of 13th November *Licences for Europe industry pledges solutions to make more content available in the Digital Single Market* available at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1072_en.htm. However, it was noted that in her concluding speech, Neelie Kroes highlighted that "the Commission will seriously consider possible legislative exception". She also added that there is a need "to fix the failures of the copyright framework". Barnier himself noted that "it is possible that the market only can not solve the issues at stake, and that a legislative approach might be undertaken". But he then stated that it would take years to fully adapt the legislation.

Earlier that day, EBLIDA published its press release calling on *the European Commission to open in depth discussions on copyright reform as the Licences for Europe process fails to address key concerns of libraries and their users* available at http://www.eblida.org/news/press-release-licences-4-europe-plenary-on-13-november.html.

Remote access to e-books via libraries, EWC-FEP Seminar in Paris to be held on 6 December 2013

While the results of Licences for Europe show that there is a need for further work at the European level, EBLIDA is pursueing discussions with the European Writers Council and the Federation of European Publishers on the issue of remote access to e-books by libraries in a seminar to be held in Paris on the 6th of December 2013. More information to come in the next newsletter.

11th of November was Croatian Library Day

Croatian Library Association celebrated the 11th of November, the Croatian Library Day, which commemorates the day when the first Library Law was passed in Croatia in 1960. The first Library Law gave legal, administrative and economic framework to the development of public libraries all over Croatia, and fostered the advancement of Croatian librarianship.

About 70 Croatian libraries all over Croatia participated in the celebration with various programs and activities, and the main celebration took place in the town of Koprivnica. Namely, in order to promote the contribution of Croatian libraries to the Croatian society, as well as their creativity and innovation, in the occasion of the Croatian Library Day, Croatian Library Association gives the Library of the Year Award. Among this year's nominees, Public Library Fran Galović in Koprivnica was recognized as the best and became the winner of the Library of the Year 2013 award.

For years, Public Library Fran Galović in Koprivnica (http://www.knjiznica-koprivnica.hr/eng_default.aspx) has been the cultural centre of the town and the county of Koprivnica, focusing on the benefit of its users and developing innovative and creative methods and programs for free library services and free access to information and education, fostering reading and literacy skills, preservation of cultural heritage, digital inclusion, and social inclusion of disadvantaged groups. It developed a special model of socially inclusive library services, services for the visually impaired, for babies and small children, health information, and ethnic minorities, especially the Roma population.

Even the cyclonic rainstorm we had didn't prevent librarians from coming from all corners of Croatia to Koprivnica to celebrate the award together with the employees and the Directorm, Dijana Sabolović-Krajina, who prepared the celebration and the accompanying cultural program in the galleries of the Croatian naïve art in Hlebine.

Nevia Raos

Director of the Public Library Fran Galović in Koprivnica (Croatia)
Dijana Sabolović-Krajina receivs the Library of the Year

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EBLIDA Activities

ECIL Conference, Istanbul 22-25th October 2013 :How to build up a Europe of Knowledge: Count on Libraries!

25 people participated to the panel discussion at ECIL Conference in Istanbul, Turkey: *How to Build up a Europe of Knowledge: Count on Libraries!* animated by three EBLIDA representatives Marian Koren, Aldo Pirola and Vincent Bonnet. The panel highlighted the important roles libraries play in literacy development in Europe, and the need for a clear a framework for literacy involving library representatives. Fruitful contacts have been established with ALA representatives who deals with the same issues at the American level, and with colleagues from other European countries.

EGIL and Executive Committee in Zagreb (Croatia), 6th to 8th November 2013

To celebrate Croatia as the 28th Member-State of the European Union and on the invitation of the Croatian Library Association and its President Marijana MIŠETIĆ, EBLIDA Expert Group of Information Law (EGIL) and EBLIDA Executive Committee organised their meetings in Zagreb, Croatia's capital city.

The evening before their meeting, EGIL members has the opportunity to meet some Croatian colleagues during a dinner where they shared information about libraries and the law in Croatia. On the 6th, EGIL held its one-day meeting where a lot of issues were discussed, especially the current Licences for Europe process, the latest directives and a topic high on the agenda, copyright reform in Europe.

On 7th and 8th November, EC members met to discuss core business of EBLIDA. In addition to the opportunity to meet with Croatian colleagues during a dinner, EC members and the Croatian Library Association had a shared meeting on the Friday morning. They exchanged information on the situation of libraries in Croatia, what has changed (or not) since 1st of July 2013 and the Croatia's accession as 28th Member-State of the European Union. They also discussed the work programme of EBLIDA, the e-books campaign and how Croatia could support it.

The EC members are very grateful for the wonderful welcome received by the Croatian colleagues, and wish Croatia the best for its future within the European Union.

The e-books corner, by Gerald Leitner, Chair of EBLIDA e-books Task Force.
My contact address: leitner@bvoe.at

The preparations for our campaign are running. EBLIDA has acquired the rights from the graphic designer for a Europe-wide campaign. At the end of the year, the member associations will receive materials by post. On the EBLIDA website all materials will be available for free download.
We will work with three slogans that can be translated from English in your language.

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EBLIDA who's who?

As the network evolves, and as new members enter EBLIDA's community, the EBLIDA newsletter has decided to open its columns to members wishing to introduce themselves to others. This month, EBLIDA opens its columns to: Norwegian Library Association

Norwegian Library Association (NLA) was founded on 25 October in 1913, and recently celebrated its 100 anniversary.

The founding fathers of NLA drew up the lines for a library association in 1913, where the main tasks were: 1) To promote the interests of libraries in the country 2) To safeguard the library profession's professional interests 3) Working for reforming library activities 4) To facilitate administration and reduce the work in libraries by developing a better library technique.

Our key priorities are very much the same as they were 100 years ago; to develop and strengthen libraries, to ensure the principle of the free lending right and to promote freedom of information and speech.

On the 25th October we arranged a conference with the theme *Libraries and participation*. High-profile speakers as IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä and EBLIDA President Klaus-Peter Böttger contributed with enlightening views from the international community.

The jubilee lasts for all of 2013. The big slogan is celebrating libraries of every type. We want to present to politicians, to the media and the public, all the wonderful activities that happen in libraries throughout Norway, highlighting the individual local library.

As this was a low cost jubilee, we instigated and facilitated all activities, but the libraries themselves made all the magic. As a result, libraries made all time high media coverage in 2013, focusing on the local libraries and all their varied and important services to the public.

Political debates: Democratic Vorspiel
NLA received financial support from several collaborators and public bodies, thus enabling us to advertise for grants to libraries to arrange political debates with focus on gender equality, freedom of expression, democratic participation and language.

The library relay
A library relay ran to over 200 libraries of all types from the far north to the deep south of Norway, ending up in Oslo on the birthday of NLA. A book lamp and an album were the relay symbols; the libraries arranged activities and made local media coverage. We set up the blog www.bibliotekstafetten.no where the libraries recounted their activities.

#mylibrary
A photo contest encouraging everyone to send a picture of his or her library. The purpose was to highlight the diversity of libraries. The competition took place on Instagram and contributions were marked with the tag #mittbibliotek (#mylibrary). All the pictures, more than 400, are published on www.mittbibliotek.no. A loaner from Oslo won the price, for a picture of her daughter in the main library. Take a look at the superb pictures!

Library history
We wanted to gather all available material related to Norwegian library history in one, open website; a library historically wiki. A wiki is based on information filled in by volunteers, thus the content of the wiki we produced, www.bibliotekhistorie.no, is a work produced by library friends and enthusiasts and librarians and is an ongoing project. By now the wiki has 8 949 articles, mainly provided by librarians.

NLA is happy to conclude that you can get far even with little means, as long as you've got librarians, devotion and the public.

Hege Newth Nouri
Secretary General
Norwegian Library Association

PHOTOS (left to right)
Photo 1: The winner picture of our photo competion #mittbibliotek: Deichman library in Oslo, by Elisabeth Tindeland. The girl on the picture is called Eirill (7 years) the daughter of the photographer, and she stand by the statue of Pushkin.
Photo 2: Picture of IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä speaking at the NLA 100th Anniversary
Photo 3: From the Library Relay; the Science Library at the University of Oslo celebrating the library and the NLA jubilee

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Events and Dates

November 2013

November 14 – 15, Is the Study of Genre Still Front Line Research? Or: Where is the Front Line in Genre Research?
Place: Copenhagen, Denmark
URL: http://genrestudier.ku.dk/hoejrebokse/call_for_papers.pdf/

November 16 – 19, The Self Publishing Conference
Place: Online only
URL: http://theselfpublishingconference.com/
November 16 – 24, 22nd Istanbul Book Fair

Place: Istanbul, Turkey
URL: http://www.tuyap.com.tr/en/index.php

November 18 – 20, Aligning National Approaches to Digital Preservation: An Action Assembly (ANADP II)
Place: Barcelona, Spain
URL: http://educopia.org/events/ANADPII

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November 19 – 20, Online Information: "Multiple platforms, multiple communities: making sense in a big data world"
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.online-information.co.uk

November 19 – 21, Annual Conference on Information Systems, Platforms, Architectures and Technologies (URLA 2013): "Information Systems, Platforms, Architectures and Technologies"
Place: Istanbul, Turkey
URL: http://unak2013.unak.org.tr/en/

November 19 – 22, 7th Metadata and Semantics Research Conference (MTSR 2013)
Place: Thessaloniki, Greece
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://mtsr2013.teithe.gr/

November 20, NISO Virtual Conference: Web-Scale Discovery Services: Transforming Access to Library Resources
Place: Online only
URL: http://www.niso.org/news/events/2013/virtual/discovery/#about

November 20, Getting the most from Journal Publicity
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=319

November 20 – 21, 18th Archival Sciences Colloquium
Place: Marburg, Germany
URL: http://archivschule.de/DE/forschung/archivwissenschaftliche-kolloquien/anmeldung/anmeldungkolloquium.html

November 21 – 24, Buch Wien - International Book Fair
Place: Vienna, Austria
URL: http://www.buchwien.at/

November 25 – 26, 8th Munin Conference on Scholarly Publishing 2013
Place: Tromso, Norway
URL: http://www.ub.uit.no/baser/ocs/index.php/Munin/MC8

November 25 – 27, Semantic Web in Libraries (SWIB13)
Place: Hamburg, Germany
URL: http://swib.org/swib13/
November 26 – 27, Search Solutions 2013
Place: London, UK
URL: http://irsg.bcs.org/SearchSolutions/2013/sse2013.php

November 27, Project Management for Publishing
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP)
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=341

December 2013

December 2 – 3, 15th International Conference on Grey Literature: "The Grey Audit: A Field Assessment in Grey Literature"
Place: Bratislava, Slovakia
URL: http://www.textrelease.com/gl15conference.html

December 2 – 4, 15th International Conference on Information Integration and Web-based Applications & Services (iiWAS2013)
Place: Vienna, Austria
URL: http://www.iiwas.org/conferences/iiwas2013/

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December 4, Advanced Journal Development: Strategic Development for Journal Managers
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=340

December 4, Research & Open Access: Improving impact & availability
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.westminster-briefing.com/fileadmin/westminster-briefing/Agendas/Research___Open_Access_-_Agenda_-_London.pdf

December 4, STM Innovations Seminar 2013
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.stm-assoc.org/events/innovations-seminar-2013/

December 5, STM E-Production Seminar 2013
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.stm-assoc.org/events/e-production-seminar-2013/

December 5 – 6, ASLIB Knowledge and Information Strategy Summit (AKISS 2013)
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.aslib.com/conferences/akiss/index.htm

December 9 – 12, 8th International Conference for Internet Technology and Secured Transactions (ICITST-2013)
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.icitst.org/

December 14, 2nd Workshop on Information Privacy and Security
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: http://www.cersi.it/jips/

December 14, 2013 OASIS Workshop
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: http://ifipwg82.org/content/2013-oasis-pre-icis-workshop

December 14, 8th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM)
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: http://ais.site-ym.com/members/group.aspx?id=89773

December 14, 6th Annual SIG GlobDev Workshop: ICT in Global Development: Reclaiming the Meaning of Development: ICT and the Path to Community
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: http://www.globdev.org/files/CFP-Milan-GlobDev-Workshop-Final-June-20-3013-1.pdf

December 14, 7th annual Workshop on Information Security and Privacy (WISP)
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: http://www.oru.se/hh/wisp2013

December 15, Reshaping Organizations and Society Through Managing and Designing Information
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: https://ais.site-ym.com/store/ListProducts.aspx?catid=240345&ftr=sigiq

December 15 – 18, 2013 International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS 2013)
Place: Milan, Italy
URL: http://icis2013.aisnet.org/

January 2014

January 5 – 8, 5th International Conference on Information Visualization Theory and Applications (IVAPP 2014)
Place: Lisbon, Portugal
URL: http://www.ivapp.visigrapp.org/

January 22, Data, the universe and everything
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/ProductCatalog/1401DUE.aspx?ID=366

January 29 – 31, 22nd International BOBCATSSS Conference 2014: Library (R) Evolution: Promoting Sustainable Information Practices
Place: Barcelona, Spain
URL: http://bobcatsss2014.hb.se/

February 2014

February 12, Publication Ethics: Fraud and Misconduct
Place: London, UK
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=367

February 24 – 25, ASA Annual Conference 2014
Place: London, UK
URL: http://subscription-agents.org/conferences/asa-annual-conference-2014

February 24 – 25, Association of Subscription Agents & Intermediaries (ASA) Annual Conference
Place: London, UK
URL: http://subscription-agents.org/conferences/forthcoming-

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