

The President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,



Firstly and most importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year for 2014. I would also like to wish all libraries, documentation centres, and information professionals from all over Europe a very Happy New Year with large enough budget, reasonable enough politicians, successful daily work with satisfied patrons.

Last but not least, I wish EBLIDA a successful 2014 with lots of progress in the right direction!

2014 will definitely be a year of battles.

We, librarians and information professionals must remain strong and stand with solidarity to fight these battles together. Under the current regime and in the development of the Internet age, we are in the middle of a transition. Transition means changes within and outside the library world. Changes also mean crisis, on top of the existing economic crisis that continues to hit our continent.

Hence the Annual Conference title "*Libraries in transition. Changes? Crisis? Chances!*" (see pages 3-4). During this time especially, we have to look for the opportunities hidden within the layers of change in this crisis, to create chances for the future wealth of information, and for the future of our profession.

And that is why EBLIDA is trying to raise awareness to show that libraries continue to play an important role in the 21st century. We are doing this in our everyday work, through our Annual Conference and through our *Right to e-read Campaign* that I am proud to officially launch today!



In addition to the information that will be progressively added to the website, I am pleased to remind you that EBLIDA has launched a call for its members wherever possible to please participate and/or initiate a conference or workshop at national level in Europe to raise awareness about the issue of the right to e-read! A workshop in Portugal has already been organised in November last year, and we will also be present in Czech Republic in February, but **if you would like our support to promote "the right to e-read" in one of your events, please contact us!**

Libraries have rights! Users have the right to e-read. Let's get together to ensure that we can *legalise it!*

Enjoy reading!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President



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News round-up (EBLIDA and the EU)

Quick feedback from IFLA at WIPO in December 2013

During the 26th Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) at WIPO from 16th to 20th December 2013, IFLA representatives noted the following declaration made by EU representatives before the audience:

"Concerning the limitations and exceptions in favor of libraries, archives, educational and research institutions the European union and the Member States believe that the current international copyright framework provides for sufficient legal space for Member States of WIPO to ensure meaningful limitations and exceptions in the analog and digital context while respecting the necessary balance to ensure that copyright continues to be an incentive and reward for creativity. Definitely we believe that there is no need for further rule making at international level in this regard."

Just at a time when the Commission launched its public Consultation on the review of the EU Copyright rules (see below), EBLIDA hopes that the results of the Consultation will showcase the need for new regulation for the digital age in libraries.

Follow-up on the public consultation on review of EU Copyright : 5th December, 2013 to 5th February 2014.

On 5th of December 2013 the EU Commission launched its public consultation on the review of EU copyright rules. The consultation is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2013/copyright-rules/docs/consultation-document_en.pdf .

EBLIDA is currently drafting its response, and is having a thorough look to the 80 questions that are of utmost importance to libraries.

Within the list of 80 questions on the review of the EU copyright rules, there is a chapter on limitations and exceptions in the Single Market, with an item focusing on access to content in libraries and archives. This item is of direct interest for the library community and EBLIDA is encouraging all its members to reply to the consultation at least by responding to this part.

Meanwhile, we also worked in coordination with our usual colleagues at IFLA and LIBER and also with other organisations such as C4C. Under the C4C banner, we coordinated our responses. And C4C managed to create an Answering Wizard with the opportunity to provide a response according to the selected category at the beginning of the wizard.

This is a useful tool if you want to answer quickly and give your feedback to the Commission. As many answers as possible could tip the balance in favour of libraries, archives and other cultural institutions.

You are most welcome to use <http://youcan.fixcopyright.eu/> and spread the word about it in your local community so that as many answers from librarians as possible are sent to the Commission.

Written declaration on the impact of public libraries in European Communities

The result of the Written Declaration is that 214 MEPs signed.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/written-declarations.html?action=0&tabActif=tabCurrent#sidesForm>

More information available: <http://www.wdpubliclibraries.eu/>

What will the next steps be?

We shouldn't see this result as a failure, but rather as an encouraging way to promote libraries. We know that MEPs deal with busy agendas full of meetings of various interests, events, and brainstorming sessions. Especially in this pre-electoral period, and just out of the Christmas break.

We, as librarians, can be proud that 28% of MEPs signed a written declaration in support to the social role of Public Libraries as an important factor for the coming elections. This is the first step on the road to make libraries more visible than ever to European politicians and policy makers.

This is why, having built up on this written declaration, and after we have the list of signing MEPs, we will ask our members to follow-up with them and help them find time to address libraries on their electoral programmes. The German coalition did it, so why not the other?

More information to come in the next newsletter.

News round-up (EBLIDA and the EU)

58th National Conference of Italian Library Association: an opportunity to launch "The right to e-read—your library" campaign at a national level

On 28th and 29th November 2013 the 58th national conference of Italian Library Association was held in Rome . On the agenda was the working conditions in Italian libraries as well as the recognition of the status of library professionals. Those subjects were chosen for two main reasons: first, to urge efficient work policies for libraries by local and national governments, specially regarding the hiring of young professionals; second, to discuss the new role assigned to professional associations by the law n. 4 issued on 14th January 2013, to assess and certificate the requirements needed to be considered a librarian professional in Italy.

During the conference the president of AIB, Mr. Stefano Parise, has announced the launch in Italy of EBLIDA international campaign "The right to e-read – your library", previously illustrated by Mr. Gerald Leitner in Milan on 15th May and then officially started in Singapore last August during the WLIC 2013.

Italian Library Association is starting in January a campaign to inform National government and Parliament members and make them aware that libraries must be enabled to guarantee their services through digital resources without binding limits. The campaign also pleads for the Italian Government to take a stand to urge the European Commission to issue copyright rules more in favour of libraries.

EBLIDA Activities

Save the Date 22nd EBLIDA Annual Council and Conference, Athens, Greece, 13th and 14th of May 2014—programme overview

Day 1 - Tuesday May 13th 2014

EBLIDA Council Meeting (for EBLIDA members only)

Time: 13-17 (incl. coffee)

Place: Technological Educational Institute of Athens (TEI), Ag. Spyridonos str., Egaleo

Reception

To be announced (the reception is included in the conference fee)

Day 2 – Wednesday May 14^h 2014

2014 Conference: "Libraries in Transition. Changes? Crisis? Chances!"

Conference registration: 9.00 – 10.00

Conference: 10.00 – 16.30 (lunch/coffee included)

Place: Technological Educational Institute of Athens (TEI), Ag. Spyridonos str., Egaleo

Early registration fee (before March, 31th)

- EBLIDA or NAPLE or EEBEP members: 60 euros
- non members: 70 euros
- students: 20 euros

Standard registration fee (from April, 1st):

- EBLIDA or NAPLE or EEBEP members: 75 euros
- non members: 85 euros
- students: 35 euros

Conference Dinner

To be announced

Optional – Fee: 40 EUR (to be confirmed)

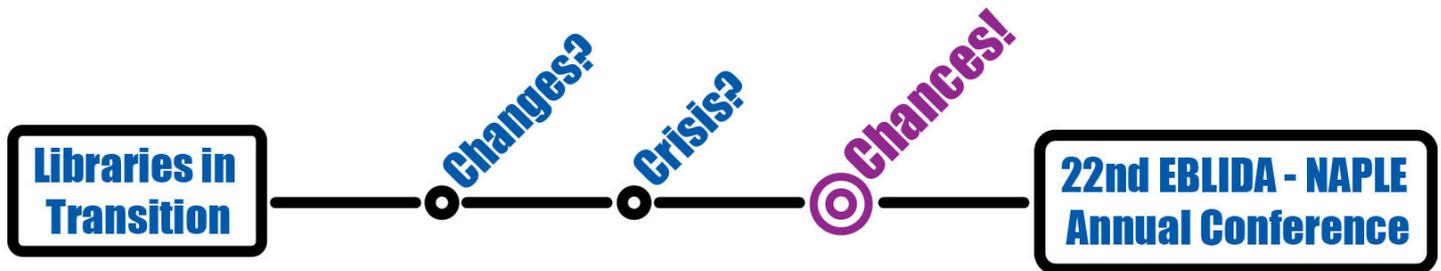
Day 3 – Thursday May 15th 2014

Cultural event to be announced

Optional - Fee: 40 EUR (to be confirmed)

EBLIDA Activities

22nd EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference registration opens on 1st of February 2014



The word of invitation by Giorgos Glossiotis, President of the EEBEP



"It is my pleasure to welcome you all to Athens, for the 22nd EBLIDA-NAPLE Annual Conference.

With the title "Libraries in Transition. Changes? Crisis? Chances!", EBLIDA, NAPLE and EEBEP, we want to showcase that there is still hope for libraries and librarians in the 21st Century.

In times that economic crisis coexists with a political crisis throughout Europe, it is our duty, as Library professionals, to work together for and within our communities with solidarity. By solidarity, I want to emphasise that we have to be present, always, no matter how different the conditions are. To paraphrase a famous song by Bob Dylan, I believe that Libraries, they are a-changin'.

In fact, they've been "a-changin'" for centuries! Libraries and librarians have always been adapting to new environment. This profession is flexible enough to cope with the current depressing situation and reverse it by coming-up with inspired new proposals, ideas and models.

We are building a great programme for you that is going to be available soon at: <http://eblida2014.eebep.gr/>.

Kind regards,

Giorgos Glossiotis,

President of the EEBEP"

THE RIGHT TO E-READ



EBLIDA E-books Corner by Gerald Leitner

Dear colleagues,

As promised, and just in time, the dedicated EBLIDA website for our *Campaign the Right to e-read* is up and running. You can check it out at: <http://www.eblida.org/e-read>

On the website, you will find information on the campaign, downloadable material in your own language, and information to use in your communications with your colleagues, library users and policy makers.

This website will also give you access to your national brothers, i.e. when a national association creates a dedicated website or webpage, you will be able to see it. In the newsroom, you will also find articles and publications related to the Campaign.

Please note that the website will be fed progressively and that information will be made available over time.

We want this Campaign to be a success, and together with you, we want to guarantee *the right to e-read* to library patrons all over Europe. This is just a beginning of a long term action, so let's start!

Events and Dates

January 2014

January 17, Doctoral Open Day: Digital Research

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event155919.html>

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 BOB-CATSSS 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 20 – 23, 15th International Vilnius Book Fair

Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

URL: <http://2014.vilniausknygumuge.lt/en>

February 20 – 24, Brussels Book Fair

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Sponsor/Organizer: Exhibition Management

URL: <http://flb.be/>

February 24 – 25, Association of Subscription Agents & Intermediaries (ASA) Annual Conference: "Transforming the Publishing Landscape"

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://subscription-agents.org/conferences>

February 26, Journal Development 1: Practical Plans for Improving Journal Success

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=371>

February 26 – 27, Handheld Librarian 9 (HHLib9) Online Conference: "Encouraging Innovation and Technology"

Place: Online only

URL: <http://nine.handheldlibrarian.org/>

February 27 – 28, Faster, smarter and richer. Reshaping the library catalogue (FSR 2014)

Place: Rome, Italy

URL: <http://www.aib.it/attivita/congressi/c2014/fsr2014/>

March 2014

March 3 – 4, 8th International Workshop on Value Modeling and Business Ontology

Place: Berlin, Germany

URL: <http://www.csw.inf.fu-berlin.de/vmbo2014/>

March 3 – 6, 7th International Conference on Health Informatics – HEALTHINF 2014

Place: Angers, France

URL: <http://www.healthinf.biostec.org/>

March 4 – 7, iConference 2014: Breaking Down Walls: Culture-Context-Computing

Place: Berlin, Germany

URL: <http://ischools.org/the-iconeference/>

March 5, Developing Open Access and Hybrid Journals

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=372>

March 6 – 7, i2c2. Innovation, Inspiration and Creativity Conference: "Using Positive Disruption to improve libraries"

Place: Manchester, UK

URL: <http://i2c2conference.org/index.html>

March 12, Introduction to Journals Publishing

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=385>

March 13 – 16, Leipzig Book Fair

Place: Leipzig, Germany

URL: http://lemmon.leipziger-messe.de/LeMMon/buch_web_eng.nsf

Events and Dates (continued)

March 19, Strategic Journals Finance

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=377>

March 20, What do researchers want.....and what are we doing about it? (ALPSP Seminar)

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://alpsp.org/Ebusiness/ProductCatalog/1403WRW.aspx?ID=398>

March 22 – 24, 4th International Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (ICIST 2014)

Place: Valencia, Spain

URL: <http://www.ijist.net/ICIST14/>

March 24 – 27, Bologna Children's Book Fair

Place: Bologna, Italy

URL: <http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it/en/home-page-bologna-childrens-book-fair/878.html>

March 25 – 26, Search Marketing Expo (SMX) München

Place: Munich, Germany

URL: <http://smxmuenchen.de/>

March 26 – 28, Research Data Alliance (RDA) 3rd Plenary Meeting

Place: Dublin, Ireland

URL: <https://rd-alliance.org/rda-third-plenary-meeting.html>

March 28, Measuring Academic Productivity: The Role of Publication (NFAIS Virtual Seminar)

Place: Online only

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

April 2014

April 1 – 3, 6th International Conference on Computer Supported Education (CSEDU 2014)

Place: Barcelona, Spain

URL: <http://www.csedu.org/Home.aspx>

April 1 – 4, ACM International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval (ICMR 2014)

Place: Glasgow, Scotland

URL: <http://www.icmr2014.org/>

April 2, Understanding eJournal Technology

Place: London, UK

URL: [Understanding eJournal Technology](#)

April 3 – 5, 10th International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies - WEBIST 2014

Place: Barcelona, Spain

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

April 7 – 9, Digital Media Europe 2014

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.wan-ifra.org/events/digital-media-europe-2014>

April 8 – 10, London Book Fair

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/>

April 8 – 10, IFINTEC Finance Technologies Conference and Exhibition

Place: Istanbul, Turkey

URL: <http://www.ifintec.com/EN/519/Conference/About-Conference.aspx>

April 10 – 11, 6th European Conference on Intellectual Capital (ECIC-2014)

Place: Trnava, Slovak Republic

URL: <http://academic-conferences.org/ecic/ecic2014/ecic14-home.htm>

SAVE THE DATE:

**EBLIDA 22nd COUNCIL
AND EBLIDA-NAPLE
CONFERENCE**

Date: 13-14th May, 2013

Venue: The Council and Conference

will be hosted by the [Technological](#)

[Educational Institute of Athens,](#)

[Greece.](#)