

## The President's Editorial



Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

October is the month that the world-famous Frankfurt Book Fair is held.

This year, EBLIDA will be present at the book fair at several events. Our director is at the European Literacy Network meetings in Höchst (close to Frankfurt) and will make his way to Frankfurt from there. We have been invited to an event organised by the Federation of European Publishers.

The visibility of library representatives during the Frankfurt Book Fair is very important to me. These fairs have become real meeting places for policy-makers, publishers and others all over Europe. We believe that our attendance at these events are of great significance for the following reasons:

- Ideal way to keep up to date with the latest changes in the world of books;
- Opportunity to be visible to other stakeholders from the book ecosystem;
- Take an active part in events organised during book fairs;
- Good opportunity to network with policy makers, authors, publishers, booksellers.
- Way to promote libraries and have a larger audience outreach.

I would like to take the opportunity of this editorial to encourage each of our member association to participate in their local/national book fair and make libraries more visible.

Following an invitation from the Goethe Institute Lisbon, I participated on 16 and 17 September in an event on "Advocacy for Libraries". I presented, the talk "From Branch to Europe - Advocacy and Lobbying, Success and Disappointment". In a few days, I will go to Zagreb for the Annual Croatian Library Conference where I will also talk about advocacy.

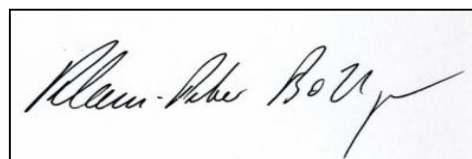
And more on advocacy: I am proud to announce that we will organise some special EBLIDA advocacy events in Brussels on 4 and 5 November, just after the EBLIDA EC meeting (3 November 2014). All of our members should by now have received the invitation to participate. In total there were about 25 seats available, with only a few free places now remaining. This event is for EBLIDA members only, and we will report on it in more detail in the next newsletter of November.

Later on in November, I also plan to participate in the following event in Brussels on 20 November: "Copyright in 2015: This Time it's Different". It could be that this event may seem to be a little against any changes in the copyright environment and it will be my duty to advocate for copyright reform at the EU level for libraries to keep pace with technologies if they wish to fulfil their missions of delivering access for all to information in all formats.

Access to information and knowledge is key if the EU wants to achieve a highly-educated and truly democratic society.

Enjoy reading!

Klaus-Peter Böttger,  
EBLIDA President



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# EBLIDA Activities

## THE RIGHT TO E-READ



We are into the last days of signing the petition to support the Right to E-Read (<http://tinyurl.com/mw86xz4>). To raise greater awareness on the campaign, EBLIDA has launched the October Photo Contest.

### EBLIDA The Right to #eread October Photo Contest

#### WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Our challenge is to collect as many pictures as possible to create a huge online photo wall that can be used to prove to the EU that European citizens want the "Right to E-Read".

We are looking for striking, creative, original, ingenious, funny, silly images that showcase the "Right to E-Read" at your library, at your workplace, or in your home anywhere in Europe and beyond! Be creative, surprise us!

Show us how you used the "Right to E-Read" poster, the thumbs up logo or how you signed the [Petition](#) and / or what have you done with our free [Campaign Material](#).

#### !! PRIZES !!

**1st Prize : 1 free entrance to the EBLIDA Conference + complimentary conference dinner + the EBLIDA "Right to E-Read" bag;**

**2nd Prize : 1 free entrance to the EBLIDA Conference + the EBLIDA "Right to E-Read" bag;**

**3rd Prize : 1 EBLIDA "Right to E-Read" bag.**

The winners will be judged at the next Executive Committee meeting in Brussels in November, and announced shortly after that by the EBLIDA secretariat.

**This contest is open to everyone who cares about the "Right to E-Read" in the library and is open for submission from the 1st to the 31st of October 2014.**

Please do enter and raise awareness among your families, friends, colleagues and everybody. Blog it, Tweet it, Pin it, Facebook, Google+, Instagram or wherever your friends & community might see it!

#### HOW TO ENTER:

**You may submit as many photos for the contest as you wish.**

**Images can be submitted via**

**Facebook on the timeline by using the hashtag #eread**

**Facebook entry form: [https://www.facebook.com/Eblida/app\\_451684954848385](https://www.facebook.com/Eblida/app_451684954848385)**

**EBLIDA's home page: <http://www.eblida.org/e-read/photo-contest.html>**

**Twitter: by using the hashtag #eread**

Please include your name, organisation / affiliation, country and the caption of your photo. Please make sure to post them using the #eread hashtag.

Digital images that are sent via email with the proper credentials (name, organisation / affiliation, country and information about your photo) will also be accepted. (Please send it to: [eread@eblida.org](mailto:eread@eblida.org)).

Thank you for your participation.

# EBLIDA Activities (continued)

## LIBRARY EVENTS IN OCTOBER TO HIGHLIGHT THE CAMPAIGN

Since October is e-read month, there are lots of library events going on, with ample opportunities to raise EBLIDA's profile and raise awareness about the Campaign:

**4 October**, National Library Day in Italy, with the official launch of the Bibliopride in Lecce that is lasting until 31 October throughout the country (see below).

**8-12 October**, A Passion for Reading (La Fureur de Lire) in French-Speaking Belgium that goes beyond libraries to address the issue of reading through all channels.

**20-26 October**, "Austria reads. Meeting Point Library" presented about 5000 events in libraries throughout the countries with a strong focus on the Right to e-read Campaign.

**24 October**, Library in Germany with lots of events in libraries all over the country.

## THE ITALIAN BIBLIOPRIDE: AN EXAMPLE TO HIGHLIGHT RIGHT TO E-READ CAMPAIGN



EBLIDA actively participated in the official launch of the Italian Bibliopride in Italy.

EBLIDA was officially represented by Aldo Pirola (Member of the EBLIDA Executive Committee and chair of the Expert Group on Culture and the Information Society) and by Rosa Maiello (Member of the Expert Group of Information Law).

Our Director also produced a video message in Italian to be displayed during the opening event. In his speech, he highlighted that, as is the case with our society in general, libraries are also in transition, and that librarians should either accompany or better influence the transition should they wish to succeed. I called Italian librarians to take action by:

1. Asking their colleagues, friends and library users to sign the petition;
2. Inviting students to sign the petition, to support the campaign by distributing badges and posters to them and by inviting them to advocate for their rights;
3. To talk about the campaign at every opportunity, both during professional work events and in their private lives.
4. To set-up dedicated computers in their libraries so that users can sign the petitions;
5. To participate in and make other librarians and library users participate to the October Photo Contest of EBLIDA.

## UPCOMING EGIL MEETING

The Expert Group on Information Law will meet in London on 23 October. The event is kindly hosted by the British Library. With the change in the EU Commission and the issues in relation to Copyright, a lot will be discussed and decided upon. More information should follow at the beginning of November with the production of useful documents to support members advocacy role in the fast changing digital environment.

## ELINET GENERAL MEETING IN HÖCHST (GERMANY)

Around 63 people from different organisations working on Literacy in Europe, gathered in Höchst, close to Frankfurt, Germany for the ELINET General Meeting. During the event, EBLIDA Director had the opportunity to talk about the role libraries can play in achieving the ELINET goals of delivering a higher level of Literacy throughout Europe, and to be supported by the strong and well connected European Library Network. Team 7 (of which EBLIDA is a member) focuses mainly on raising awareness on the issue and promoting best practices. During the meetings, EBLIDA had the pleasure to chat with Anne Marie O'Dwyer from

the Libraries Development Local Government Agency of Ireland and to exchange ideas about how to improve the visibility of libraries in the network and active users of the resources ELINET will soon provide.

To be continued...



# News round-up (EBLIDA and the EU)

## Case (C-117/13) Technische Universität Darmstadt v Eugen Ulmer KG

On September 11, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) issued its judgement on the case opposing the Technische Universität Darmstadt to Eugen Ulmer KG.

The court ruled out among other that "[...] a Member State may authorise libraries to digitise, without the consent of the rights holders, books they hold in their collection so as to make them available at electronic reading points [...]".

Harald Müller, Member of EBLIDA-EGCIL declared that this court ruling "[...] is a milestone. It clearly defines the limits between interests of the general public in the field of freedom of information, and the commercial interests of publishers. The constitutional court of Germany some years ago decided that every copyright protected work becomes after publication a "public item". So licence offers in the Darmstadt case cannot overrule digitizing activities by libraries.

As to dedicated terminals, he believes that this results from a technical understanding from 15 years ago, and that "[...] Today the provision could be fulfilled by a smartphone app or something similar. It must NOT be a hardware solution. [...]"

*The case also shows clearly that the digital evolution goes on much faster than copyright law. The law must be brought into the digital area, as soon as possible. Laws from the analogue times are no longer valid in these digital times. And we need one law for all the EU states, not this chaos of 28 different copyright laws. Information does not stop at a national border!".*  
To be continued.

## The EP's position on the General Data Protection Regulation threatens EU Research! A LERU statement

On October 6, LERU, The League of European Research Universities (LERU) expressed "[...] serious concern at amendments made by the European Parliament to the European General Data Protection Regulation and calls upon the Council of Ministers to oppose the amendments that would be highly detrimental for scientific research, in particular amendments to Article 81 and Article 83. [...]"

*Prof Kurt Deketelaere, Secretary-General LERU, expresses his worries: "If the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs are not able to undo these EP amendments, significant research projects and programs, including several funded and/or set up by the EC, are endangered! Protection of privacy is justified, of course, but one has to be aware of too far reaching measures, which will put European researchers in a clearly disadvantageous position compared to colleagues worldwide."*

To read the extended version of the statement, go to <http://www.leru.org/index.php/public/news/the-eps-position-on-the-general-data-protection-regulation-threatens-eu-research/>

## Frankfurt Book fair 2014



# FRANKFURTER BUCHMESSE

The Frankfurt Book fair is considered the largest world book fair in terms of exhibitors and visitors.

In 2013, according to the Book Fair website, it hosted "7275 exhibitors from 102 nations, 631 literary agents, about 9300 journalists, of which there were 1000 bloggers, 275.342 visitors and 170.664 professional visitors".

We'll see what the figures will be this year. But already EBLIDA will be present at the Book Fair on Wednesday 9 October and will take part at the Lit Cam Conference where Anrdoulla Vassiliou (Outgoing Commissioner for Education and Culture) will speak.

We will also be present on Thursday and will participate in an event organised by the Federation of European Publishers (FEP) and featuring Mrs Kerstin Jorna (Director of Intellectual Property—DG Internal Market and Services of the EU Commission) and Mr Jens Nymand Christensen, Deputy Director-General - Education and Culture à la DG EAC.

## Hearing of Commissioner for Education, Culture Youth and Citizenship



Mr Tibor Navracsics (Hungary), the Designate Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship of the Juncker Commission was rejected by the vote of MEPs after his hearing on 6 October 2014.

MEPs believed that he is not a suitable candidate for Education and Culture. Negotiations between political groups seem to indicate that he could however be nominated to a kind of similar position but could lose some of current issues listed on his portfolios.

More information in the coming weeks.

Picture courtesy of [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibor\\_Navracsics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibor_Navracsics)





# 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: VVBAD, Belgium



## The Flemish Library and Archive Association VVBAD

In 1921 the Belgian Parliament accepted the first library law. This was a only a small step towards the professionalisation of the library sector in Belgium, as it merely confirmed the existing networks of small libraries mostly run by ideological organisations.

In the same year, the VVBAD was founded as an association of Dutch speaking librarians in Belgium. From the very beginning our association has been lobbying for better library legislation and education. Already in 1922 the VVBAD launched the magazine De Bibliotheekgids ('The Library Guide').

In 1978, when culture had become a regional matter, the Flemish Community adopted a library decree. Every local authority was to have its own public library. In that same year, the VVBAD was able to recruit its first staff member. Four years later, the Flemish archivists joined the association.

Now, the VVBAD has 1100 members, both individuals and institutions (appr. 50%-50%), representing about 3500 professionals working in libraries, archives and documentation centres in Flanders and Brussels. There are four sections: public libraries, school libraries, scientific libraries and archives, and a working group of art libraries ('ARLIS/Flanders'). The most important activity is the bi-annual conference Informatie aan Zee ('Information at the seaside') in Ostend (next edition September 2015). Each section organises its own activities and once every two years we organise a study tour to visit libraries in other countries (Berlin in 2014, Stockholm in 2012, Barcelona in 2010 ...)

Legislation for libraries and archives has always been an important topic. The VVBAD joined the Samenwerkingsverband Auteursrecht & Samenleving ('cooperation on Copyright and Society'). Its members – institutions of higher education, library organisations and cultural heritage institutions – join forces to hire a lawyer specialising in copyright to act on their behalf and that of their users.

Ever since the Bologna Agreement, there has been an ongoing reorganisation of higher education. This has an impact on the education of librarians and archivists in Flanders. The situation is troublesome. Our association is making descriptions of the competencies required on the different job levels. Further we try to convince educational institutions to invest in training for librarians and archivists.

Investments require money, and not only educational institutions but also local authorities are short of it. The past few years public libraries had to face budget cuts. Although at the moment the situation is not as dramatic as it is in other European countries, we fear the library system that has been developed since 1978 will slowly be cut back. Since 2012 local authorities have more autonomy to organise their public library, and some are clearly using this to make some savings.

To face these and other challenges we need a strong association. The VVBAD has been investing in modernising its magazine (META, since 2011) and is experimenting in using social media. We seek allies everywhere and we use our conference to show the vitality of libraries and archives. In short: we are a library and archive association as any other.



Bruno Vermeeren, Coordinator VVBAD



Cover "Informatie aan zee"

# Events and Dates

## October 2014

### October 8 – 12, Frankfurt Book Fair

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

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

### October 10 – 11, European Guidelines for Co-operation between Libraries, Archives and Museums: "Standards and quality of services" (BAM 2014)

Place: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

URL: <http://www.bam.ba/>

### October 12 – 14, 26th International Conference on Trends for Scientific Information Professionals (ICIC 2014)

Place: Heidelberg, Germany

URL: <http://www.haxel.com/icic/2014/meeting>

### October 13 – 14, ISMTE European Conference

Place: London, UK

URL: <https://ismte.site-ym.com/?page=2014EUConf>

### October 13 – 15, 11th Prato Community Informatics Research Network (CIRN) Conference

Place: Prato, Italy

URL: <http://cirn.wikispaces.com/Conference+Call+2014>

### October 13 – 16, 3rd Innovation in Information Infrastructures (III) Workshop

Place: Oslo, Norway

URL: <http://www.mn.uio.no/ifi/english/research/news-and-events/events/conferences-and-seminars/iiios2014/index.html>

### October 15 – 17, 6th International Congress on Open Access: Information, Knowledge, Democracy, Citizenship (CIBDA 2014)

Place: La Paz, Bolivia

URL: <http://cpcib.org.bo/artmembrete.pdf>

### October 17 – 18, 11th OWL: Experiences and Directions Workshop (OWLED)

Place: Riva del Garda, Italy

URL: <http://www.w3.org/community/owled/workshop-2014/>

### October 19 – 23, 13th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC)

Place: Trento, Italy

URL: <http://iswc2014.semanticweb.org/>

### October 20 – 22, Internet Librarian International 2014

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2014/>

### October 20 – 23, 2nd European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL)

Place: Dubrovnik, Croatia

URL: <http://ecil2014.org/>

### October 21 – 24, 6th International Joint Conference on Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management – IC3K 2014

Place: Rome, Italy

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

### October 23 – 26, Helsinki Book Fair

Place: Helsinki, Finland

URL: <http://www.messukeskus.com/Sites3/Kirjamessut/en/Pages/default.aspx>

### October 25 – 31, 2014 IEEE Conference on Information Visualization (INFOVIS)

Place: Paris, France

URL: [http://www.ieee.org/conferences\\_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf\\_ID=31216](http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=31216)

### October 26 – November 2, 59th Belgrade International Book Fair

Place: Belgrade, Serbia

URL: <http://www.beogradskisajamknjiga.com/active/en/home.html>

### October 30 – November 1, 10th Annual Mediterranean Editors & Translators (MET) Meeting 2014: "Innovation and tradition: mining the human resource"

Place: Madrid, Spain

URL: <http://www.metmeetings.org/en/preliminary-program:673>

## November 2014

### November 2 – 5, 2014 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM14)

Place: Belfast, UK

URL: <http://scm.ulster.ac.uk/~bibm/2014/index.html>

## Events and Dates (continued)

**November 3 – 8, 5th EUROMED 2014: Progress in Cultural Heritage e-Documentation, Preservation and Protection**

Place: Limassol, Cyprus

URL: <http://www.culturalheritage2014.eu/>

**November 4, Prospects for books, publishing and libraries - digital strategies, revenue opportunities and policy priorities**

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/event.php?eid=856>

**November 4 – 6, J. Boye Web & Internet Conference**

Place: Aarhus, Denmark

URL: <http://aarhus14.jboye.com/>

**November 5 – 7, Editing medical journals - short course**

Place: Oxford, UK

URL: <http://www.pspconsulting.org/medical-short.shtml>

**November 6 – 7, 24th IBIMA Conference:**

"Crafting Global Competitive Economies: 2020 Vision Strategic Planning & Smart Implementation"

Place: Milan, Italy

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

**November 6 – 8, 9th International Conference on Knowledge, Information and Creativity Support Systems(KICSS 2014)**

Place: Limassol, Cyprus

URL: <http://kicss2014.cs.ucy.ac.cy/>

**November 10 – 12, 26th IEEE International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI 2014)**

Place: Limassol, Cyprus

URL: <http://ictai2014.cs.ucy.ac.cy/index.php>

**November 10 – 12, International Conference on Information Society (i-Society 2014)**

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.i-society.eu/>

**November 11, ALPSP Training Course: Understanding eJournal Technology**

Place: Oxford, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=381>

**November 11 – 16, 37th International Book and Teaching Appliances Fair**

Place: Zagreb, Croatia

URL: <http://www.zv.hr/default.aspx?id=1211>

**November 12, Content Marketing - using your publishing assets?**

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/productcatalog/1411CMU.aspx?ID=412>

**November 12 – 14, 7th Spanish Public Libraries Congress: "Public Libraries, connected with you"**

Place: Badajoz, Spain

URL: <http://www.mecd.gob.es/congresobp-vii-14/presentacion.html>

**November 12 – 14, DLM Forum – 7th Triennial Conference: "Making the Information Governance landscape in Europe"**

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://dlmlisbon2014.dlmforum.eu/>

**November 13 – 14, Search and Social Media Marketing Expo – SMX Milan 2014**

Place: Milan, Italy

URL: <http://www.smxmilan.it/>

**November 13 – 16, Basel Book Fair**

Place: Basel, Switzerland

URL: <http://www.buchbasel.ch/>

**November 13 – 16, Buch Wien - International Book Fair**

Place: Vienna, Austria

URL: <http://www.buchwien.at/>

**November 15 – 18, 33rd International Istanbul Book Fair**

Place: Istanbul, Turkey

URL: <http://www.tuyap.com.tr/en/index.php>

**November 16 – 17, 2nd International Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Information Technology - CCIT 2014**

Place: Birmingham, UK

URL: <http://www.ccit.theired.org/>