



The President's Editorial

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,



We are coming close to the end of the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your colleagues and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2015.

2014 has been an extremely busy year for me as EBLIDA President, having been involved in lobbying and advocating events for libraries throughout the whole of Europe. I very much enjoyed promoting the role of librarians in the information society, making libraries visible among European institutions and ensuring their representation at all possible fora.

My two latest presentations were in Brussels for the event *Copyright 2015, changed rules for changed times?* (<http://www.europeanvoice.com/event/copyright-2015/>), organised by the newspaper "European Voice" where I sat on a panel with Google, sky and BEUC among others. Although the main discussion was of a strictly commercial nature, it was good that libraries were represented and have a voice among the approximately 200 attendants from European Commission, C4C, FEP and other stakeholders.

On 27 November, I participated in the EUROLIS seminar on e-books. EUROLIS is a union of the largest foreign institutes in London (Goethe, Cervantes, Camoes, France and Italy). Six quite different presentations for 70 attendants who were mainly librarians from the UK, but also from Denmark (Lone Knakkegaard had her press release concerning the new Ereolen Treaty), Sweden and the Netherlands (<https://eurolis.wordpress.com/seminar-2014/>).

All this work could not have been possible without the support and understanding of my colleagues in the library of Essen. That's why I now would like to extend my thanks to them here. I would also like to express my gratitude to the German Library Association, the EBLIDA EC and staff. This work has been possible thanks to you, members and colleagues at EBLIDA, and your continuing support of EBLIDA's missions.

Elections will take place for a new Executive Committee at the Annual Council meeting on 7 May 2015 in Riga, in Latvia. Please save the date in your diaries! Within the current Executive Committee members, there will be some outgoing, and I myself have decided to step down as President.

I have been working in libraries for 35 years, have been involved in library associations for 32 years, and more specifically within EBLIDA for 14 years. This has brought me joy and fulfilment, but I feel that the time has come for me to move on and to make way for another to fill my shoes and to lobby for libraries at European level.

I am confident that my successor (male or female) will be a proactive supporter of libraries in the information society, who will promote libraries as key to delivering a knowledge-based society.

I strongly believe that libraries are here to stay. Libraries are flexible enough to adapt to the technological changes and resist the crisis because they have become an indispensable place for democratic debate, social inclusion and remain a trusted focal point for free access to information.

Information about the elections will be circulated in due course to all EBLIDA members so that as library associations, you will have enough time to discuss at national level the possibility of being elected to the Executive Committee of EBLIDA. Please keep this in mind.

Klaus-Peter Böttger,
EBLIDA President

Merry Christmas once more and happy reading!

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EBLIDA Activities

THE RIGHT TO E-READ



A brief overview of one year's work and next steps

Almost one year after the launch of our pan-European Right to E-Read Website (www.eblida.org/e-read) focusing on the issue of access to e-books through libraries, here's a look at what's happened this year.

The campaign aims at raising awareness among politicians, librarians and the general public about the obstacles faced by libraries in the digital environment. It also aims to obtain the provision of e-books by libraries all over Europe with a change of the copyright framework.

During the year we have used of the following communications tools:

- Press Releases
- Press Conferences
- Events (Conferences, Exhibitions, Stakeholder Seminars)
- Publications
- Campaign website and Materials (leaflets, banners, posters,...)
- Campaign petition

We have been in contact with 758 MEPs, organised press conferences (with our members) in several countries in Europe.

We have learned that the situation is changing and that discussions around e-books and libraries differ from one country to the other and are developing at different stages.

Since then, the EBLIDA Executive Committee has been working on different scenarios to be worked out, and the e-books task force is convening a meeting on the 15th of January 2015 in London to work practically on the future of the campaign based on the different scenarios.

Last but not at least, the Task Force is happy to welcome a new member: Mikkel Christoffersen (pictured right), senior adviser & special digital consultant at Copenhagen Libraries, who has extensive experience of e-books and digital libraries.



We are looking forward to working actively in the coming months to better promote our actions.

EBLIDA Activities

Meeting with the EU Commission Copyright Unit, Brussels, 13 November 2014

The Copyright Unit, previously hosted under the Directorate General Internal Market and Services has moved to DG Connect.

On Thursday 13 November 2014, EBLIDA Director met with two representatives of the Copyright Unit to discuss libraries' issues in the digital environment.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Copyright Unit to gain a better understanding of the roles and missions of libraries and to learn more about the differences and similarities.

The Commission is interested in receiving statistics about libraries throughout Europe, specifically about the differences between national libraries, university and public libraries in terms of daily running, as well as identifying the current obstacles faced by the libraries with the shift to the digital environment. EBLIDA is currently collecting all necessary information to exchange with the Copyright Unit.

EBLIDA Activities

SAVE THE DATE: FROM 7 TO 9 MAY 2015, 23rd EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting & EBLIDA- NAPLE Conference, Riga, Latvia

It is with great pleasure that we announce the dates and location of our 23rd Annual Council meeting and Conference. Please keep the 7th, 8th and 9th of May free for the Council, Conference and social event respectively. More details will be released as the programme is developed. We are very excited to be hosted by this fabulous location in Riga, with state of the art architecture and beauty, see below the photo of the National Library of Latvia! See you there :)

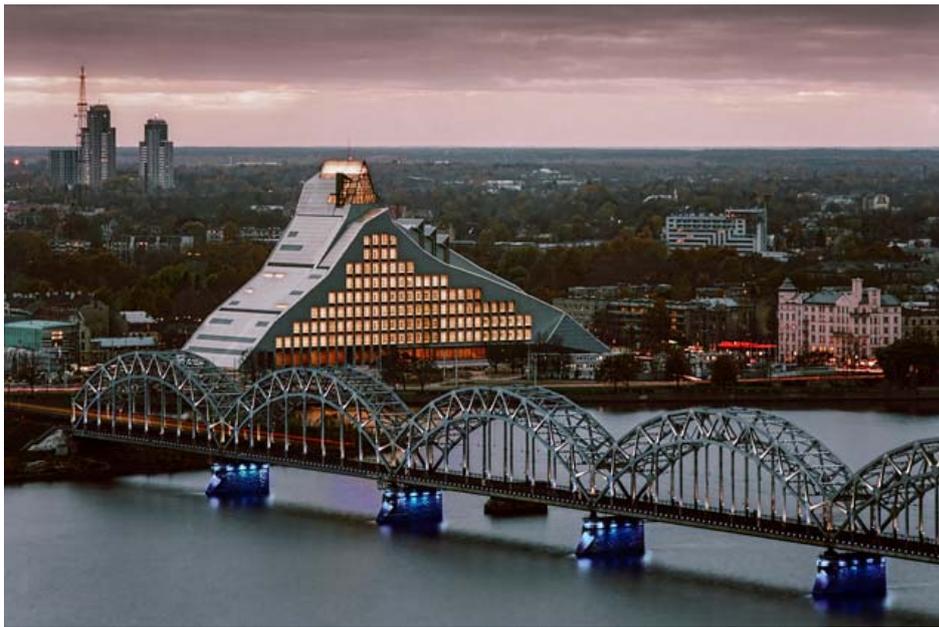


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EBLIDA Activities

EBLIDA work into the ELINET Project

Since the ELINET General Assembly in Höchst at the beginning of October, EBLIDA has been working hard on the ELINET project.

As a member of team 7, EBLIDA will be actively involved in preparations for the **International Literacy Day** to be held on **8th September 2015** in Brussels (Belgium) or Strasbourg (France) (more information to come in the next issues).

The International Literacy Day should be the most important public event organised during the ELINET project with a potential large outreach at European level.

In light of this preparation, EBLIDA is helping to draft a campaign movie with several other team members. EBLIDA has also been commissioned to work on an elevator pitch to raise awareness on the issue of low literacy as well as following-up on the idea of setting up workshops for librarians to recognise literacy problems.

In addition to the monthly team skype meeting, EBLIDA Director will go to the next ELINET General Assembly in Budapest (Hungary) on 20 and 21 April 2015. To be continued.



News round-up Europe



Imaginer et construire ensemble les futurs du livre



| Partenariat Interprofessionnel du Livre et de l'Édition numérique |

avec le soutien de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles

New co-existence? The future of the making available of ebooks

On 2 December 2014, in Brussels, the Interprofessional Partnership on Book and Digital Publishing (Partenariat Interprofessionnel du Livre et l'Édition numérique, PILEn) and the Wallonia-Brussels Federation organised an annual day of reflection titled: *New co-existence? The future of the making available of e-books.*

The day was organised in 2 main sessions.

In the morning, there was a round table with information from Quebec and Europe and discussion with the room. Among the participants, Jan Braeckman, Director at Bibnet (Belgium) presented information on the report commissioned by NAPLE (National Authorities for Public Libraries in Europe), and highlighted differences between countries. He used a colour-code showing that the level of discussion between librarians and authors is very different from one country to the other. Not much green though, since in most of the country, the situation is at best qualified as "semi-conflicted". Denmark and Norway appear different from the majority of situation with a high level of discussion among librarians and publishers. EBLIDA Director voiced his belief that in the UK, the situation was conflicted, and informed the audience that for every 100 e-book titles commercially available, only 15 were accessible to public libraries.

Anne Bergman-Tahon, Director of FEP, made a presentation on the European situation as well highlighting the need to experiment. The moderator provided the EBLIDA Director with an opportunity to highlight the fact that while a dialogue has been initiated among representatives of librarians, authors, publishers and booksellers on the question of remote access to e-books via libraries and bookshops, the demand for a copyright reform was voiced by librarians only. He underlined the fact that licences only can not be a solution because the situation is that librarians are not able to select the content they want for their users due to the fact that access to e-books is subject to authorisation of the author. This was not the case with physical books. He reminded the audience that libraries are in favour of a fair copyright system that balances the right of the rights holders with other fundamental rights.

In the afternoon, the session focussed mainly on the specific implementation of the Digital Lending in Library Model (French model) to match user/consumers expectations.



Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe, 4 and 5 December 2014, Brussels.

EBLIDA Director took part in the 13th Assembly of Experts of the Council of Europe / ERICarts, Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe.



This event, organised under the Chairmanship of Belgium of the Council of Europe from November 2014 to May 2015 highlights the role of the Compendium as a key tool for follow-up activities to the 2013 Conference of Ministers of Culture.

EBLIDA Director highlighted the challenges of digitisation to the culture sector with a general appraisal of the effects of digitisation on the culture and with a specific case studies on libraries.

The purpose of his intervention was to show that libraries are experiencing intensive digitisation in their sector and are facing many challenges that need to be tackled if we want a robust knowledge-based society.

He mentioned the challenged faced by libraries with the digital revolution and the current blurring of boundaries through media convergence. He also noticed the change in audience behaviour, especially from younger people who are accustomed to online services and in search of immediate access to new content anytime, anywhere and across all devices. These issues need to be seriously tackled by policy-makers with a view to maintaining cultural and linguistic diversity.



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You can read more at <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/index.php>



EBLIDA who's who?

This month, EBLIDA opens its columns to: Bergen University College, Norway



Photo: Mauricio Pavez

Bergen University College is one of the largest university colleges in Norway. The college offers degrees in teaching, engineering and nursing from BA to MA level, and from January 2015 it will start offering doctoral programmes. The college has about 7000 students and 700 employees distributed between three faculties: The Faculty of Education, The Faculty of Engineering and Business and Administration and the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences.

The university college library aims at contributing to the goals of its mother institution by:

- Making information resources available to students and researchers
- Offering study and research support which enables students and researchers to develop the necessary information literacy competences to use information in their studies, research and career
- Supporting the dissemination of development and research work produced by the university college



Photo: Christoffer Nilsson

Our aim is to provide high quality library services both online and in the physical library space. Over the last two years, the library has increased its focus on Open Access, digital services and research support.

The university college library has 25 employees and serves students and researchers at the college. It is physically located on the two college campuses, Kronstad and Møllendalsvei, with a larger library in Kronstad and a smaller one in Møllendalsvei. The library is led by a library director, who reports to the university college director. The library is organised into three units: Public Services, Study and Research Support, and Information Resources. The library has approximately 48,000 electronic documents (e-journals and e-books) and 90.000 print books.



Events and Dates

December 2014

December 10 – 12, 2014 5th European Workshop on Visual Information Processing (EUVIP)

Place: Paris, France

URL: http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=33788

December 10 – 15, Sofia International Book Fair 2014 and 1st Sofia International Literary Festival

Place: Sofia, Bulgaria

URL: <http://www.abk.bg/articles/view/271>

December 12 – 14, International Conference in Information, Security, and Digital Forensics (ISDF2014)

Place: Thessaloniki, Greece

URL: <http://sdiwc.net/conferences/isdf2014/>

January 2015

January 12 – 13, FORCE2015 Research Communication and e-Scholarship Conference

Place: Oxford, UK

URL: <https://www.force11.org/meetings/force2015>

January 12 – 15, 8th International Conference on Health Informatics (HEALTHINF 2015)

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

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

January 12 – 15, 6th International Conference on Bioinformatics Models, Methods and Algorithms (BIOINFORMATICS 2015)

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

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

January 15 – 16, 4th International Open Access Conference@EKT

Place: Athens, Greece

URL: http://recodeproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Conference_RECODE_ONLINE-PROGRAMME_1410.pdf

January 19, ICSTI 2015 Annual Members' Meeting

Place: Berlin, Germany

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

January 20 – 21, Academic Publishing in Europe (APE) 2015

Place: Berlin, Germany

URL: <http://www.ape2014.eu/html/contact.html>

January 28 – 30, BOBCATSSS 2015

Place: Brno, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.bobcatsss2015.com/wp/>

February 2015

February 2, Copyright & Cultural Heritage 2.0: Protecting creators, sharing content

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

URL: <http://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/copyright/conference>

February 9 – 11, SES London

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://sesconference.com/london/>

February 9 – 11, 1st International Conference on Information Systems Security and Privacy - ICISSP 2015

Place: Angers, France

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

February 9 – 12, 10th International Digital Curation Conference

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc15>

February 11, Encouraging and supporting reading - next steps, policy options and school library provision in England

Place: London, UK

URL: <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/event.php?eid=938&t=8997>

February 16 – 17, Association of Subscription Agents (ASA) Annual Conference 2015: "Research-To-Researcher"

Place: London, UK

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

February 18, Scientific Data Management (NISO Virtual Conference)

Place: Online only

URL: http://www.niso.org/news/events/2015/virtual_conferences/sci_data_management/

February 19 – 22, Vilnius Book Fair

Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

URL: <http://www.eventseye.com/fairs/f-vilnius-book-fair-4062-1.html>

February 26 – March 3, 45th Brussels Book Fair

Place: Brussels, Belgium

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