The EBLIDA Newsletter is published monthly on European library & information society issues, programmes, news and events of interest to the library, archive and cultural heritage community.

Issue No. 7-8  July-August 2015.

The President’s Editorial

Jukka Relander
EBLIDA President

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

Welcome to the traditional July-August Summer issue of EBLIDA news.

As always, a lot is going on in libraries with the recent WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), the scheduled vote of the European Parliament
on the JURI report on 9 July and not least, the upcoming IFLA WLIC in Cape-Town where I look forward to seeing many of you!

Let me start with a short report on an open workshop I organised in Porvoo and Helsinki on 25 and 26 June.

The meeting was open not only to EC members, but also to partners interested in working for the benefit of our organisation. I was very delighted that in addition to EC members Jean-Marie Reding (Luxembourg), Uldis Zarins (Latvia) and Ulrika Domellöf Mattsson (Sweden), the meeting also welcomed Roxanna Theodorou (EEB, Greece) and Martin Engman (SLA, Sweden) who both gave valuable contributions to our discussions. We had some guests too invited for part of the meeting both via Skype and live. Ms. Caroline de Cock (Copyright for Creativity), presented the copyright situation within European institutions; Ms. Ilona Kish (Public Libraries 2020) presented the work of her organisation and the next steps of the recently launched European Advocacy lab; Mr Martin Mullin (Better World Books), followed-up on his previous presentation made after the EBLIDA Council at Riga and expressed his will to work together with EBLIDA. Ms. Maija Berdnstson presented the volunteer-based pilot project Library Ranking Europe.

One of the key reasons to get together for me personally, as newly elected chair, was to gain a better understand about where EBLIDA is coming from and to figure out what
challenges are ahead of us in the near future, as well as thinking about what actions related to libraries are surrounding EBLIDA and might be of interest to us. Part of the discussions focused also on the current issues that are on the EBLIDA agenda: working closer with other library organisations such as LIBER, strengthening Brussels’ activities, the current situation of the copyright legislation and moving forward with expert groups and task force. I wish to express my gratitude to the participants for illuminating the whereabouts of EBLIDA, knowing that it is a learning process for me as well.

Now briefly on WIPO (see full article here), we can only be disappointed by how the European Union is acting in this forum. Although the EU has clearly stated a plan to introduce copyright reform in 2015 as part of the Digital Single Market initiative and recognised that the opportunities in the digital world must be addressed if we want to advance European countries, at WIPO, the EU has shown a plan to prevent international activity with the same objective (see page 2)! EBLIDA is now closely following up on this issue, and we’ll keep you posted about any further development. Should we obtain high level meetings in Brussels for the beginning of September with Vice-President Ansip and Commissioner Oettinger, we’ll make sure that WIPO SCCR will be on the agenda for our discussions.

At the time of writing this editorial, the EU Parliament should vote on the JURI report. At EBLIDA, and along with all our members at national level, we call on the MEPS to support and vote yes to this report (see here).

Now I hope you’re looking forward to your Summer break. I wish you all wonderful holidays and again hope to see many of you in Cape-Town.

Yours Sincerely,

Jukka Relander
EBLIDA President

Inside Brussels

JURI Vote on review of INFOSOC

The vote on the report took place Tuesday 16 June. Read below an excerpt of the press release:
The Legal Affairs Committee of the European Parliament passed an amended version of a copyright evaluation report of Mrs. Julia Reda with a broad majority. The amended report was supported by all political groups – the only two opposing votes were cast by MEPs from the far-right French Front National. For the first time, the Parliament asks for minimum standards for the rights of the public, which are enshrined in a list of exceptions to copyright that up to now have been completely optional for the Member States to implement. The introduction of completely new exceptions is also on the table, namely:

- to allow libraries and archives to digitize their collections efficiently,
- to enable the lending of e-books over the Internet.

The complete version of the report as amended and voted by JURI is accessible in the 23 EU official languages here.

Today 9 July, European Parliament to vote on the JURI - here are EBLIDA recommendations.

Despite some manoeuvring behind closed doors, it looks like the report should be voted in plenary mostly as is. It looks like the delicate (fragile) balance reached among all the political groups on this report should not lead to any substantial amendment. However, oral amendments might still be proposed by individual MEPs. This could change the balance reached so far.

Considering that the report is bringing some progress on the copyright debate and is backing the need for copyright reform from the EU Commission’s President Jean-Claude Juncker, EBLIDA is calling on MEPs to vote YES to the report, see here.

EU Presidency, Luxembourg takes over Latvia

On July 1st, Luxembourg took over Latvia for the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Luxembourg Presidency will continue until 31 December 2015.

As announced on the Council of the EU website “The work programme is based
around 7 headings: stimulating investment to boost growth and employment; deepening the EU’s social dimension; managing migration, including freedom, justice and security; revitalising the single market with a focus on its digital dimension; placing EU competitiveness in a global and transparent framework; promoting sustainable development and strengthening the EU’s presence on the global stage.

For more information, check:

- The Luxembourg Presidency website
- The Luxembourg Presidency work programme
- Provisional calendar of meetings under the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council

---

**Inside EBLIDA**

**EBLIDA Director and EC members participation in the French Librarian Congress in Strasbourg, France, 11-13 June;**

Anne Vermeuil (ABF), Glòria Pérez-Salmerón (FESABID / IFLA) Vincent Bonnet (EBLIDA) Gérard Leitner (BVÖ / EBLIDA / IFLA) Jean-Marie Reding (ALBAD / EBLIDA)
From 11 to 13 June, the **French Library Congress** was held in Strasbourg. The congress welcomed international guests among which Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, IFLA President-elect. Ms. Pérez-Salmerón gave a presentation of the study launched by **FESABID** (Spanish Federation of Libraries, Archives and Documentation Associations) on the impact of the crisis on Spanish libraries and the contribution of libraries to the national economy. It also welcomed Gerald Leitner (EBLIDA EC member) who gave a presentation on the National Reading Campaign **Austria Reads, Libraries Meeting Points**.

EBLIDA Director attended the congress to facilitate easier discussions with the French audience and translate the questions and answers between the audience and the speakers.

The congress was also a good opportunity to meet with EC Member Jean-Marie Reding (Luxembourg) to talk about further fundraising projects for EBLIDA, as well as meeting with French librarians to discuss library advocacy and the connections to better support copyright reform in France.

The high point of the congress was the arrival of Member of the European Parliament, Julia Reda, who participated in a session to highlight her work in the European Parliament. Mrs Reda thanked the library community and EBLIDA in particular for their strong support on the report that help her to get this through. She stated that librarians are not criminals and their support gave credibility to her requests for copyright reform. She was confident on a broad majority to be passed on her report within the JURI committee the following week (see article above).

The French Librarian Congress, because it was held in Strasbourg, also increased visibility of MEPs grouped in Plenary earlier this very week, and opportunities for on the spot lobbying for EBLIDA.

---

**Launch of the Libraries Change Lives publication by Public Libraries 2020 in Brussels on 16 June**
EBLIDA took part in the high-level event organised on 16 June by Public Libraries 2020 together with decision-makers, library users and other important stakeholders gathered to exchange ideas on the positive contribution of libraries to the everyday life of Europeans, as well as to the political agenda.

It was also the official launch of Libraries Change Lives publication.

Read a full report on Public Libraries 2020 website here.

During the second part of the day, EBLIDA participated in a network discussion of the first European Advocacy Lab with selected stakeholders on the best way to move forward the library agenda at the European level.

---

EBLIDA participation at World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Geneva (Switzerland) 30 June to 2 July
EBLIDA participation at World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva (Switzerland) 30 June to 2 July.

Four years ago, IFLA, in collaboration with ICA, EIFL and Corporación Innovarte, proposed for discussions at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Standing Committee on Copyright & Related Rights (SCCR), a project for an International Treaty for Libraries and Archives (aka TLIB).

Across the world, libraries and archives are dealing with different copyright laws while the development of the digital environment changes the way information is accessed and tends to erase borders at least to the circulation of information. With this proposed treaty, IFLA, notably supported by EBLIDA and a lot of other library and archive associations, is calling for a minimum set of exceptions and limitations to copyright that would help libraries and archives worldwide to pursue their mission of providing access to information and knowledge. Only a legally binding instrument can define minimum conditions applicable worldwide as is the case with all international treaties. Following the recent agreement to end the book famine for visually impaired people with the signature of the Marrakesh Treaty, TLIB is seen as a step forward in the right direction to open up access to information and knowledge worldwide.

11 cluster topics have been identified as key within TLIB:

1. Preservation,
2. Right of reproduction and safeguarding copies,
3. Legal deposit,
4. Library lending,
5. Parallel importations,
6. Cross-border uses,
7. Orphan works, retracted and withdraw works, and works out of commerce
8. Limitations on liability of libraries and archives
9. Technological measures of protection
10. Contracts
11. Right to translate works

Considering that NGO’s seated at the back of WIPO’s conference hall could offer extended experience and knowledge on the issues at stake, WIPO SCCR’s chair, Mr Martin Moscoso, proposed to go through the 11 cluster topics and work out an introductory paragraph that would accommodate participants’ needs.
The paragraph reads as follows: “This chart is designed to serve as a useful tool to provide a structure to discuss the substance of each topic, drawing on the many resources before the Committee. This will allow the Committee to have an evidence-based discussion respecting different views, understanding that the goal is not to guide the discussion toward any particular or undesired outcome but instead to lead to a better understanding of the topics and of their actual relevance to the discussions and the intended outcome”.

During the two and a half days of discussions, the European Union constantly slowed down the process by being procedural and addressing substantial comments to the process. The EU isolated itself from the group b (developed countries) by attempting to hijack the discussion by concentrating on calling on best practices.

EBLIDA prepared a general statement that was eventually not delivered because the chair made clear that to benefit from NGO’s concrete experience on practical issues, the meeting would proceed based on topics as listed in the proposed table rather than general statements. The time frame for discussion didn’t allow the session to go further than the first topic, i.e. preservation. Even if this issue was not supposed to lead to controversy, the discussions were already quite intense. Again EU representatives attempted to delay the discussions into procedural arguments, and EBLIDA therefore picked up the topic of preservation to highlight the EU’s contradictions. EBLIDA Director delivered a statement highlighting that the current issues libraries are facing with the licensing of digital resources puts the long-term preservation of these resources at serious risk. The strong point was on the quote of the European Commission Recommendation of 27 October 2011, recital 16 highlighted that “[...] in spite of progress made across the EU on the preservation of digital material, in several Member States no clear and comprehensive policies are in place on the preservation of digital content. The absence of such policies poses a threat to the survival of digitised material and may also result in the loss of material produced in digital format (born digital material).”

This was a way to back up the need for an international solution providing a minimum level of international standards for preservation exceptions regardless of the format of publication, to support the development of comprehensive policies for the preservation not only of physical materials, but also of digital content in perpetuity.

While the European Union has developed regulatory tools within its borders defining minimum standards in copyright law applicable to libraries, it denies permission to foreign countries, especially those in transition or developing countries, to benefit from their experience.
The EU is speaking here as one state, talking on behalf of its 28 Member-States, whereas WIPO is an assembly of individual member-states. The question is why isn’t the EU working towards an international instrument that wouldn’t harm its current copyright regime?

How come individual member-states of the EU do not voice their concerns on this issue even though libraries remain one of their key competencies and is not a competency of the EU itself?

Why do EU member-states all align with the dreadful position of the EU?

Considering the current call for changes on copyright within the EU, we hope its position at WIPO on an international library treaty will evolve over the months.

There is a lot of work ahead of us.

---

**ELINET Next Steps**

Over the last weeks, EBLIDA has been working on guidelines for the animated movie. The animated movie has been created and is currently under review to raise awareness on literacy difficulties among the population at European level.

It is a cartoon that delivers a general message that can be adapted with specific figures and information at national level, and linked to national literacy organisations so that it fits people’s needs.

In addition to this work, all the tools developed over the months by Team 7 (awareness raising) are now being tested by pilot countries for rolling out after the major literacy event of September. Closer work with pilot organisations picked up in different countries with different languages and traditions is currently ongoing. This stronger coordination with pilot countries is of great help in giving legitimacy to the tools developed, test their efficiency and testify that ELINET is a credible organisation.
Take part in the Literacy week!

8th of September is International Literacy Day by UNESCO, and will be the start of the first Literacy week developed by ELINET. A dedicated website has been developed in order to give visibility to all the events taking place from 8 September until 17 of September. Throughout the 10 days, events will take place all over Europe highlighting the dynamism of literacy organisations, libraries and others in raising awareness about literacy.

Should you plan to organise a literacy event in your country, please add it here so that it appears on the mapping of European literacy events. The more events displayed on the map, the merrier.

The climax of the week at the European level is the closing ceremony organised by ELINET on 17 September. The event is organised in close cooperation with the European Commission and will welcome more than 150 policy-makers, experts and practitioners from national and European institutions and organisations.

It will also give the opportunity to award the European Literacy Innovation Prize, launch the campaign toolkit for literacy and discuss future plans for improving literacy in Europe.

ELINET dream is that every European adult can read and write well enough to fully and independently participate in society.

The ELINET vision is that by 2025, no child or adolescent leaves a European school with a backlog in reading or writing skills and all European adults are either fully literate or receiving training to become fully literate.

Together with you, we can make a difference.
July 5 – 9, 36th Annual IATUL Conference 2015: “Strategic Partnerships for Access and Discovery”
Place: Hannover, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: International Association of University Libraries (IATUL)
URL: http://iatulconference2015.org/

Place: Bilbao, Spain
Sponsor/Organizer: Universitat Rovira i Virgili
URL: http://grammars.grlmc.com/InfoSec2015/

July 9, Lead the Change: Transform Your Stacks to Drive Circulation
Place: Elgin, IL
Sponsor/Organizer: Library Journal
URL: http://lj.libraryjournal.com/lead-the-change/locations/2015-locations/#

July 13 – 14, ISKO-UK Biennial Conference: "Knowledge Organization - Making a difference"
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: International Society for Knowledge Organization, UK Chapter (ISKO-UK)
URL: http://www.iskouk.org/conf2015/index.htm

July 13 – 15, 5th International Conference on Web Intelligence, Mining and Semantics (WIMS 2015)
Place: Limassol, Cyprus
Sponsor/Organizer: University of Cyprus
URL: http://cyprusconferences.org/wims2015/

Place: Brighton, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: The International Academic Forum (IAFOR)
URL: http://iafor.org/iafor/conferences/libeuro2015/

July 13 – 16, 17th IEEE Conference on Business Informatics
Place: Lisbon, Portugal
Sponsor/Organizer: IEEE Computer Society
URL: http://cbi2015.inesc.pt/
July 13 – 17, Information and Knowledge Management in Digital Environment
Place: Tallinn, Estonia
Sponsor/Organizer: Tallinn University Summer School

July 14, ALPSP Training Course: Effective Journals Marketing
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP)
URL: http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=418

July 20 – 22, 11th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services
Place: Edinburgh, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: University of York and National Library of Scotland
URL: http://www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/information-directorate/northumbria-conference/

July 22 – 24, 9th European Conference on Data Mining 2015
Place: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
Sponsor/Organizer: Data Mining Conference Secretariat
URL: http://datamining-conf.org/

July 27 – 30, 2nd Annual International Conference on Library and Information Science
Place: Athens, Greece
Sponsor/Organizer: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Computer Research Unit
URL: http://www.atiner.gr/library.htm

July 28 – 30, Science and Information Conference 2015
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: Science and Information Organization
URL: http://thetasi.org/SAIConference2015

July 29 – 31, 7th International Conference on the History of Records and Archives (I-CHORA 7)
Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
August 2015

August 2 – 5, 9th International Web Rule Symposium (RuleML 2015)
Place: Berlin, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.csw.inf.fu-berlin.de/ruleml2015/

August 5, 7th Workshop on Formal Ontologies meet Industry
Place: Berlin, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.csw.inf.fu-berlin.de/fomi2015/

August 5 – 6, ALCTS e-Forum: Patron Driven Acquisitions/Demand Driven Acquisitions (PDA/DDA): The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Place: Online only
Sponsor/Organizer: Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)
URL: http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/upcoming/e-forum/080515

August 9 – 12, 6th Scandinavian Conference on Information Systems (SCIS 2015): "System design for, with and by users"
Place: Oulu, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://scis2015.org/

August 13 – 14, Digitization: Preserving the Past for the Future
Place: Panama City, FL
Sponsor/Organizer: Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN)
URL: http://plan.lib.fl.us/index.php/digitization-conference

August 24 – 26, 3rd International Conference on Future Internet of Things and Cloud (FiCloud 2015)
Place: Rome, Italy
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.ficloud.org/2015/
August 24 – 26, International Conference on Open and Big Data (OBD 2015)
Place: Rome, Italy
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.ficloud.org/obd2015/

August 26, 8th Workshop on Information Logistics and Knowledge Supply (iOG 2015)
Place: Tartu, Estonia
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.informatik.uni-rostock.de/lehrstuhl_fuer_wirtschaftsinformatik/win_research/konferenzenworkshops/log2015/