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The President’s Editorial

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Dear EBLIDA Members, Dear Colleagues,

I hope all of you had a relaxing summer, and that you are fighting fit and ready for the coming months.

While the sun warmed up most parts of Europe (except for Finland where it was a bit colder), the library wheels kept turning.

In July, the Reda report was voted by a broad majority at the EU Parliament (see the
article below).

In August, I had the pleasure of meeting colleagues from all over the world during the IFLA WLIC in Cape-Town, South Africa, where we talked about Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation.

Libraries are transforming and adapting themselves to the changing society in which we live. At the same time, libraries are more than ever becoming an essential place in today’s society, since the library is one of its kind, a public space that provides free access to information for all.

It is a chance to see that the library sector is represented throughout the world by professional library associations from IFLA to EBLIDA and many others whom coordinate their work with national associations to firmly place the library on the political agenda and to ensure they are visible in today’s society.

This was also part of the discussion during our very recent EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting in Berlin. We strongly believe that people’s participation in society is increased if they are library users, and that Europe has a very special role to play in empowerment people to use the incredibly huge library network that exists throughout Europe.

The current pressing migrant issue is challenging Europe’s core values. I believe that there are benefits for all as long as the library can be enabled to fulfil its role in literacy development, including digital literacy.

I wish you all a wonderful September.

Jukka Relander
EBLIDA President

What happened over the Summer?

Overview of activities that took place during the summer, with a focus on the IFLA WLIC.

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Further to EBLIDA’s support of the report (see here), the adopted text of this own initiative report, although not as ambitious as the original version, is available on the European Parliament Website here and available in the 23 official languages of the EU.

Despite the fact that own initiative reports don’t hold any legal value, the report was voted in right on time for the Commission to start its work on copyright reform.

EBLIDA is following the issue, and we will inform you in due course of the evolution of the situation.

With the European Parliament just resuming after the summer break, the work is slowly getting back on track.


Usually, after an own initiative report is voted by the Parliament, the EU Commission publishes its comments.

Because of the timing of the Summer break, which was after the adoption of the INFOSOC report by the Parliament, and the highly pressing issue of migrants and refugees, the EU Commission hasn’t yet published its opinion.

We are looking forward to their comments and will inform you when these are available.

**EU Commission Consultation on CONTRACT RULES for Online purchases of digital content**
The EU Commission launched a Consultation on CONTRACT RULES for Online Purchases of Digital Content and Tangible Goods starting on 12 June to last until 3 September.

Following the publication of EU’s Digital Single Market Strategy adopted by the Commission on 6 May 2015, on which EBLIDA commented on 9 June, the EU Commission identifies one of the main problems preventing businesses and consumers from fully benefitting from the Digital Single Market as differing contract laws that apply in cross-border sales within the EU.

As mentioned on the website, the purpose of this public consultation is to collect interested parties’ views on the possible ways forward to remove contract law obstacles related to the online purchases of digital content and tangible goods. It does not aim at addressing copyrights related issues as this will be subject to a separate course of action.

However, because EBLIDA promotes provisions making null and void any contractual commercial clause contrary to the rights, exceptions and limitations enshrined in law EBLIDA asked its experts to have a look at the consultation and suggest a response.

The response should soon be published on the Commission website.

Inside EBLIDA
Summer, current and coming activities

Council of Europe, 2nd multi-stakeholder Platform on Culture and Digitisation "Smart Creativity, Smart Democracy", Linz, Austria, 4-5 September 2015

The Council of Europe, the "UN of Europe" consisting of 47 member-states on the continent, organised its second multi-stakeholder Platform on Culture and Digitisation “Smart Creativity, Smart Democracy” in Linz on 4-5 September 2015.
The event was organised in co-operation with the 2015 Ars Electronica Festival “Post City-Habitats for 21st Century” (3-7 September 2015).

The platform addressed several issues such as:

- How can digitisation be best used for facilitating access to and participation in culture and creativity with a view to strengthening democratic participation?
- What are the examples of recent innovative cultural practices and digital applications in Europe, what are their specifics?
- How were they set up and financed?
- Do they actually boost audience engagement, creativity and participation?
- What are the lessons learned, and can these be translated into principles for innovative cultural policy making, to be recommended by the Council of Europe to its member States?

All of these issues have to be considered in perspective of the drafting of the recommendation on the Internet of Citizens, a pendant to the Internet of Things, addressing the question of the impact of digitisation on culture, encompassing a human rights approach fully respecting the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The Conference was practice-oriented and was a mixture of short presentations and round table discussions with senior policy makers, artists, cultural producers, practitioners from cultural institutions and professional associations as well as researchers, civil society actors and representatives from international bodies active in this field.

**EBLIDA Executive Committee Meeting in Berlin**
Executive Committee (EC) members held their first EC meeting in Berlin on 7-8 September in the Zentral- und Landesbibliothek (ZLB).

With two third of new members present, the new EC is learning about how EBLIDA is organised, the way the Association works and its relationship with other organisations. It was a good opportunity for all the members to get to know each other, and start working on issues libraries and library associations are facing.

EBLIDA would like to thank Barbara Lison (EBLIDA Vice-President), the personnel of the Zentral- und Landesbibliothek (ZLB) as well as BID for their support in organising the meeting in an efficient manner. The next EC meeting will be held in two month time in Luxembourg City (Luxembourg) and will be hosted with the kind support of ALBAD.

Next Library Festival, Aarhus, Denmark from 12 to 15 September

This year, with the opening of the brand new Public Library of Aarhus, Dokk 1, Next Library will offer a brand new environment for its fantastic conference with “fun, creativity, participation and emulation” as key words.

This Conference will bring together more than 300 participants from all over Europe. Vincent Bonnet, EBLDA Director has been working in cooperation with the President of the Library Association of Latvia, Kristīne Pābērziņa, to animate the interactive session Do pitch yourself! A Library advocacy 4 EU role-play.

The aim of the session is to work on common advocacy tools and techniques during a limited time-frame through role-play.

The idea is also to emphasise the importance of library associations and the involvement of professionals in these structures, as well as to inform the audience on upcoming major evidence-based advocacy actions at European level in the coming months.
EBLIDA Director together with other panellists will interact with the audience for a special session on Monday afternoon entitled ‘Libraries as a Global Force’, addressing the issue of moving the library agenda to a global scale.

**ELINET, Literacy Week in the EU and the UN**

Team 7 of [ELINET](#) in charge of awareness raising, is organising the [International Literacy Week](#). There are over 100 registered events taking place throughout Europe over the course of the week from 8 to 17 September.

The aim of the Literacy Week is to raise awareness on the importance of literacy and ELINET’s vision to ensure that every European citizen can read and write well enough to fully and independently participate in society.

It also centralises information on the 100+ events organised throughout Europe, some of which have been motivated by suggestions from ELINET’s partners.
Literacy Week commenced on Tuesday 8 September 2015 with International Literacy Day and will close with a special **Literacy Week Closing Event** on September 17 in Brussels from 14:00 to 18:00.

Through an interactive programme, the closing event will look back to what happened during the week while looking ahead to how ensure the vision stays alive into the future.

**Speakers include:**

- Mr Tibor Navracics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport;
- Mrs Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility;
- Mrs Barbara Bush, Founder Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy;
- H.R.H. Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development.

There will also be contributions from visionary experts, a learner ambassador, and a ceremony for the 2015 Literacy Week Innovation Award.

Register now at [http://www.literacyweek.eu/registration](http://www.literacyweek.eu/registration). The deadline is 10 September. Should you have organised and registered an on the Literacy week website, or should you wish to support actions to raise awareness on literacy, please spread the news on twitter [@ELINET_EU](https://twitter.com/ELINET_EU) and #literacyweek2015.

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This very week, UNESCO organised in Paris a 2 day conference **Literacy and Sustainable Societies.** As highlighted on the UNESCO website, this conference “prepares the ground for literacy action in the post-2015 era, in particular:

- **key issues to be addressed in light of the Education 2030 Framework for Action discussed at the World Education Forum 2015 (Incheon, Republic of Korea, 19-22 May 2015) for adoption at the 38th session of UNESCO’s General Conference**
- **monitoring of literacy progress**
• effective global coordination to ensure sustained and coordinated efforts for literacy.

More information is available here.

This international conference is a wonderful opportunity for ELINET to be exposed to an international audience, and raise awareness on how Europe is tackling the literacy issue, hopefully thereby inspiring other regions in the world to follow with similar initiatives. Christine Garbe together with David Mallows and Greg Brooks presented the ELINET project to the Global literacy community on Wednesday morning.

It is a timely moment to introduce ELINET to the Global Community of the UN since United Nations are celebrating their 70th Anniversary, and the 50th Anniversary of International Literacy Day
At the beginning of August, IFLA welcomed the 2030 Agenda, which refers specifically to some core library values: access to information, safeguarding cultural and natural heritage, access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and, not the least, universal literacy.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should be discussed and hopefully approved by all UN member states in a conference at the end of September in New York, providing that they get support from individual member-states of the United Nations.

There is no doubt that the text (available in the 6 official UN languages) should become an important reference document for all ELINET partners, and above all to the library community as a whole.

To be continued.

Events and Dates

September
September 7 – 11, 41st Annual Conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) and 16th European Regional Group of IAMSLIC (EURASLIC) Biennial Meeting
Place: Rome, Italy
Sponsor/Organizer: Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) and European Regional Group of IAMSLIC (EURASLIC)
URL: http://www.iamslic.org/conf2015/

September 7 – 18, Sustainable Development Goals: The Impact of Access to
Information on our Societies

Place: Online only
Sponsor/Organizer: Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR), International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
URL: [https://dgroups.org/fao/ciard-econsultation/sdgs-impact-access-information-societies/](https://dgroups.org/fao/ciard-econsultation/sdgs-impact-access-information-societies/)

September 9 – 11, What do we lose when we lose a library?
Place: Leuven, Belgium
Sponsor/Organizer: University of Leuven, Goethe-Institut Brüssel, and British Council Brussels

September 10, UKeIG Training: New Google, New Challenges
Place: Manchester, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: UK eInformation Group
URL: [http://www.cilip.org.uk/uk-einformation-group/events/ukeig-training-manchester-new-google-new-challenges](http://www.cilip.org.uk/uk-einformation-group/events/ukeig-training-manchester-new-google-new-challenges)

September 11 – 14, 11th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Applications and Innovations (AIAl’15)
Place: Bayonne/Biarritz, France
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee

September 12, Library Camp East of England
Place: Ipswich, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: CILIP East of England

September 12 – 15, Next Library Festival 2015
Place: Aarhus, Denmark
Sponsor/Organizer: Aarhus Public Libraries
URL: [http://www.nextlibrary.net/](http://www.nextlibrary.net/)

September 14 – 15, MmIT 2015 Conference: “With Power Comes Great Responsibility – How librarians can Harness the Power of Social Media for the Benefit of its Users
Place: Sheffield, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
Place: York, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: National Acquisitions Group (NAG)
URL: http://www.nag.org.uk/events/2015/06/conference-2015/

September 14 – 17, 18th International Conference on Text, Speech and Dialogue (TSD 2015)
Place: Pilsen, Czech Republic
Sponsor/Organizer: Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of West Bohemia and Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University
URL: http://www.kiv.zcu.cz/tsd2015/

September 14 – 18, 19th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (TPDL 2015)
Place: Poznan, Poland
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://tpdl2015.info/

September 15 – 17, 7th Conference on Open Access Scholarly Publishing (COASP)
Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Sponsor/Organizer: Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)
URL: http://oaspa.org/conference/

September 15 – 18, Austrian Library Conference: "Open E-Libraries: New approaches, new structures, new opportunities"
Place: Vienna, Austria
Sponsor/Organizer: Austrian Library Association
URL: http://bibliothekartag2015.univie.ac.at/

September 17 – 18, Danish Research Library Association (DFFU) Annual Meeting
Place: Aarhus, Denmark
Sponsor/Organizer: Danish Research Library Association (DFFU)

September 18, 5th International Workshop on Semantic Digital Archives (SDA)
Place: Poznan, Poland
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://sda2015.dke-research.de/

September 19 – 23, European Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work (ECSCW 2015)
Place: Oslo, Norway
Sponsor/Organizer: ESCSW Foundation
URL: http://www.ecscw2015.no/

**September 19 – 25, Autumn School 2015 for Information Retrieval and Information Foraging**
Place: Katlenburg, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: https://www.uni-hildesheim.de/fb3/institute/iwist/veranstaltungen/asirf2015/

**September 21 – 24, International Conference on Integrated Information, IC-ININFO 2015**
Place: Mykonos, Greece
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.icininfo.net/

**September 23, Evolving Scholarly Communication Models (NISO Virtual Conference)**
Place: Online only
Sponsor/Organizer: National Information Standards Organization (NISO)
URL: http://www.niso.org/news/events/2015/virtual_conferences/scholarly_models/

**September 24 – 27, 31st Göteborg Book Fair - Bok & Bibliotek**
Place: Göteborg, Sweden
Sponsor/Organizer: Göteborg Book Fair/Bok & Bibliotek i Norden AB
URL: http://www.bokmassan.se/en/

**September 25, UKeIG Training: Getting to grips with developing and managing e-book collections: an introduction**
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: UK eInformation Group

September 25, Lead the Change: Transform Your Stacks to Drive Circulation
Place: Hanover, NH
Sponsor/Organizer: Library Journal
URL: http://lj.libraryjournal.com/lead-the-change/locations/2015-locations/#_

**September 28 – October 2, Big Data, Smart Data and Semantic Technologies (BDSDST 2015)**
Place: Cottbus, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee

**September 28 – October 2, 2015 International Congress on Digital Heritage**
Place: Granada, Spain
**Sponsor/Organizer:** Organizing Committee

**September 29, 3rd Annual STM and General Publishing Conference**
**Place:** London, UK
**Sponsor/Organizer:** Rave Technologies - A Northgate Public Services Company

**September 29 – October 1, 45th Congress of the Association of Directors and Management Staff of University Libraries and Documentation (ADBU)**
**Place:** Besançon, France
**Sponsor/Organizer:** Association of Directors and Management Staff of University Libraries and Documentation (ADBU)
**URL:** [http://adbu.fr/congres/](http://adbu.fr/congres/)

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