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.

The President’s Editorial

Jukka Relander
EBLIDA President

Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues,

The refugee crisis continues to dominate news headlines throughout Europe. EBLIDA has been very active on this issue, finding ways to raise awareness about the excellent support libraries all over Europe are providing to welcome newly arrived persons. Read below in the next article for details on the wonderful work being carried out in libraries.

EBLIDA published a statement on the role of libraries in the crisis, and contacted all
Members of the European Parliament to inform them about the invaluable work being done by libraries on this front.

We have also been active on other fronts, continuously monitoring copyright issues within Europe, as well as on the WIPO front.

Indeed, as I write this editorial, EBLIDA Director, together with Barbara Stratton (CILIP) and Christina de Castell (IFLA) are participating in the General Assemblies 2015 (A55 / GA47) to ensure visibility of libraries during the Report of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR). Each organisation published a statement on the importance of continuing the discussions related to exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives. You can read the EBLIDA one here.

This work is important if we want to keep libraries and archives on the SCCR agenda and move towards an international solution for exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives.

I am delighted to inform you that our Newsletter now has over 700 subscribers (100 more than in May this year). We hope that it reaches an even broader audience through you own network. We want to be visible all over Europe and to be in touch with all of you.

Last but not least: I am also very happy to inform you that our the next EBLIDA Annual Council and EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference will take place in The Hague, the Netherlands on 9 and 10 May 2015. We are thankful to FOBID for their kind support. We will soon let you know more about the title, programme and speakers. For now, save the dates in your agenda!

Yours Sincerely,

Jukka Relander
EBLIDA President

Inside Luxembourg

The European Union Court of Justice ruled on Safe Harbour

Tuesday, the European Union Court of Justice ruled out on Safe Harbour. In the conclusion appearing in the press release, "[...] the Court declares the Safe Harbour Decision
invalid. This judgment has the consequence that the Irish supervisory authority is required to examine Mr Schrems’ complaint with all due diligence and, at the conclusion of its investigation, is to decide whether, pursuant to the directive, transfer of the data of Facebook’s European subscribers to the United States should be suspended on the ground that that country does not afford an adequate level of protection of personal data”.

The full text of the judgement is accessible here in the 23 official languages of the EU.

Impact and consequences of this court ruling to be continued.

**Inside Brussels**

**Migrants and refugees**

During the month of September, the refugee crisis was the headline of every newspaper and magazine. Europe seemed to be fragmented with member-states pulling in different directions.

However, a clear message was sent by libraries all over Europe (see Inside EBLIDA and the article on migrants and refugees). At EBLIDA, we believe that our MEPs need to know that libraries are active players in the crisis and have a lot to offer. For that reason, we contacted the 751 MEPs to let them know that the library community helps Europe to welcome refugees.

We are just at the start of the process, and it looks like this issue won’t end anytime soon, but is here to stay. With nationalistic movements resuming their call against refugees and foreigners and playing on fear, there is a strong need to act at European level and to build trust among the population.

To be continued.

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**Follow-up on Copyright reform**

EBLIDA is following-up on the topic of copyright reform with the European Union Commission.

The European Commission is still in the process of collecting information from all stakeholders to work on impact assessment.
Inside EBLIDA

Migrants and Refugees – a pressing issue at European level

EBLIDA has been very active on the issue of refugees over the past months. In September we issued a press release “Public Libraries in Europe Welcome Refugees”, on the back of the Danish Press Release of the 11th of September 2015.

We then asked our members to let us know about actions at national level. We received numerous impassioned and enthusiastic responses to our request - a big thanks for that!

We have really enjoyed reading about and following the activities of our members - let's keep the momentum going!

We would still love to hear from those of you who have not yet contacted us - it's not too late to submit your activities and have them displayed on our online platform at http://www.eblida.org/special-event.html

Here is an overview of some of the wonderful initiatives and actions at national and local level:

Austria:

Library magazine - focused on a culture of welcome for refugees in libraries
Welcome A1 -poster (in 30 languages)

“Reading without borders” project

- Pool of best-practice-examples
- Training courses
- Book packages for libraries – e.g. Silent books
- Library Card Terms and Conditions to download in 20 languages

Denmark:

"De danske folkebiblioteker byder flygtningene velkomne"

"Danish public libraries welcome the Syrian refugees"

France:

"Migrants in libraries: what do they need, how to welcome them, which services to provide?"

Journée d'étude "Les migrants : un public de bibliothèque? Quels besoins, quels accueils, quels services?"

Germany:

"Bibliotheken heißen Flüchtlinge und Asylsuchende willkommen"
Erklärung des Deutschen Bibliotheksverbandes

(Statement of the German Library Association)

Germany:
"Books say welcome": German book sector launches initiative for refugees

Germany:

Bibliotheksangebote für Flüchtlinge und Asylbewerber
(List of German Libraries and related institutions involved in various ways in the work with refugees and asylum seekers and thus contribute to a welcoming culture)

Netherlands:

Vluchtelingen in Nederland
(The Dutch Library Journal "Bibliotheekblad" calls for ideas to help refugees)

Netherlands:

Library information Handout for refugees created by the Bibliotheek Zuid-Kennemerland in Haarlem, Netherlands.

The creators allow anyone to download and change the flyer - in English & Arabic - to their local situation.

Printed flyers (double sided) can be distributed in refugee housing and other places.

File format: Power Point Presentation

Netherlands:

Zeven ideeën hoe uw bibliotheek vluchtelingen kan helpen
(Seven ideas on how your library can help refugees)
Norway:

*Mer penger til arabiskspråkig litteratur i bibliotekene*
(Norwegian National Library has given a grant of EUR 10 000, to buy more books in Arabic)

Sweden:

"Refugees are welcome to Linköpings stadsbibliotek"

Switzerland:

"Silent Books, from the world to Lampedusa and back"
(Since 2012)

United Kingdom:

Library leaders across England and Wales confirm the welcome offered to refugees and asylum seekers from public libraries
(Statement by the Society of Chief Librarians (SCL), along with the Association of Senior, Children’s and Education Librarians (ASCEL))

United Kingdom:

Welcoming Refugees to the UK (and to Libraries)
(Blog by John Vincent on the CILIP website outlines the situation in the UK.)

United Kingdom:

How can the cultural sector support
Next Library Festival, Aarhus, Denmark from 12 to 15 September follow-up

EBLIDA, together with the Latvian Library Association, organised a Library Advocacy Workshop consisting of a role play.

The workshop was a good opportunity to discuss the positioning of libraries in relation to literacy, to highlight the importance of the ongoing ELINET project (see picture) as well as to discuss messaging and how to convince politicians.

EBLIDA Director was also invited to participate in the panel discussion library as a global force. The panel actively engaged in discussions on how networks and connections among and between library workers and leaders can help position libraries as a global force for change and community development.

During his talk, EBLIDA Director highlighted the fact that libraries are not an EU competency, and that library issues are addressed through specific topics such as copyright, literacy and social/digital inclusion. He also mentioned that to improve work across networks, the approach to working
needs to be decided: either vertical (top-down approach) or horizontal (work with peers), with the second being highly recommended. He concluded by drawing a quick map of networks to look at where the connections are (topics, people etc…), i.e. a hints map.

The conclusion of the discussion following the active participation of the audience, was that building a force for change across networks needs to rely on common ethics/values. The hints map proposed by EBLIDA was considered an interesting point to work with.

ELINET, Literacy week in the EU result and follow-up

Literacy week was a huge success with many participating from all over Europe. The week culminated in the closing event held in Brussels on 17th September.

The event started with an opening statement by Commissioner Tibor Navracsics posing the question: “How can we face the future when 1 in 5 Europeans is struggling with literacy?” While there is no direct answer to this question, throughout the event multiple ways on how to help solve this problem were highlighted.

Glòria Pérez Salmerón, President Elect IFLA, talked about how Public Libraries can help accomplish a more literate Europe, by using the network of the 65.000 public libraries in Europe: “Public Libraries can help construct a new world where everyone can read and write”.

Public Lending Right Conference, 24-25 September, The Hague, The Netherlands

Background information on the Conference

“EBLIDA wants to see every e-lending model accommodate libraries’ missions and needs (among which the freedom to select the e-book titles they want), wants to ensure the continued vitality of books and reading, and wants to support authors to continue creating new works.

It is a question of democracy, of access to information and of cultural diversity”.
11th SGDL Forum EUROPE OF BOOKS AND CREATION

EBLIDA Director will participate to the 11th forum of the Société des Gens de Lettres (SGDL) in Paris on 22 October 2015.
Free entrance against registration at communication@sgdl.org (first come first served).

Thursday, the 22nd of October 2015

9h15 – 9h30 – Opening of the Forum
Marie-Louise, SGDL President

9h30 – 10h30
Author’s rights: views from Brussels
André Lison, Professor, Law School, Namur University

10h30 – 11h00 Break

11h00 – 12h00
Panorama 2015 of the culture economy
and “creative strategy”
Jean-Noël Ferri, Director Région Ile-de-France

11h30 – 13h00
What is the future of author’s rights in Europe?
Mary Butler-Pryce
Head of the Copyright Unit, European Commission Internal Market Directorate

14h00 – 16h15
E-learning for librarians: what are the European solutions?
Introduction & round table: Europe in motion
Ann Buchanan-Taylor, EIFL Director (Federation of European Publishers)

14h00 – 16h15

16h15 – 16h30 Break

16h30 Opening with Fleur Pellerin, French minister of Culture

17h00 – 17h30 – The sense of justice
by Elvire de Luca

17h30 – Europe of writers
Robert McLean Wilson
Harriet Howells
Lila Jorge
Esko Van Roozelaar

19h15 – Manifest of European Authors’s
by Martine Bide, ICE President Council Permanent des Ecrivains

The debates will be live broadcast by WebtvCulture on www.sgdl.tv


We are very happy to announce that we have a date and city for the next EBLIDA Council and Conference! The Council will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 9th of
May and the Conference on Tuesday, 10th May. **FOBID** (FOBID Netherlands Library Forum) of the Hague have kindly offered to host the event. The exact location will be known soon and you will be informed in due course.

**In the meantime, block off the 2 days in your agenda – 9th and 10th May 2016.**

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**Welcome to a new member of EBLIDA: Médiathèque du GrandAngoulême**

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome our new member from France, **Médiathèque du GrandAngoulême**.

L’Alpha, the library of the urban community of GrandAngoulême (16 towns, 110,000 inhabitants) is the leading component of a major urban development and refurbishing project, entitled for the revival of the overall area around Angoulême central railway station. With the extension of the high speed train lines between Paris and South West France, in 2017 Angoulême will be an 1h40 from Paris and 40 minutes from Bordeaux (instead of the current 2h30 and 1h, respectively).

*(Photo: © Loci Anima/IDA+)*

Chosen between 158 applicants, Françoise Raynaud, directress of the Loci Anima agency won the architectural competition. She founded her agency in 2002 in Paris, after having collaborated with the French architect Jean Nouvel for a number of years.

In harmony with the urban renewal of the area, the future library focuses on three main principles:

- **Social improvement**: the library is bound to become a vibrant public landmark that will foster learning stimulation and the sharing of knowledge and culture.
- **Economic development**: the library will consolidate the international position of Angouleme as “the City of the Image”
- **Sustainable building techniques**: the architectural design focuses on the coherent incorporation of the building in its existing environment, the usage of
green energy when possible (900 m² of solar energy panels), hygrometric comfort, acoustic comfort...

The digital revolution and the constantly and rapidly evolving means of communication (new media, social networking...), have changed the basis for library activities. Therefore, it seemed necessary to rethink the physical framework for the future library of Grand Angoulême, l’Alpha. The agency “Café programmation” and the project team decided to create 5 “worlds”:

- “Creation” - arts and leisure: this area focuses on arts (theatre, music, cinema...), sports, gaming and comic books in partnership with the International Cité of Comic Books (CIBDI)
- “Imagination” – literature: novels (adult and youth), with a special children’s section
- “Knowledge” – non-fiction books: a “world” of knowledge, education, career and studies. A collection of old books and manuscripts will be located in this area.
- “From one world to the other”: this space represents the link between the different “worlds”; it will be the most lively and modern department of the project.
- “The factory world”: houses the staff and technical parts of the building

The five worlds have been translated by Loci Anima into five “boxes” whose surfaces add up to 5600 m² building. The inauguration of the library will take place on 22nd of December.

Key facts and figures:

- 150,000 documents for lending
- 1 conference room with 100 seat for conferences and symposium
- Events, screenings, exhibitions, workshops, book club,
- Activities dedicated to children: stories, nursery rhymes, children's songs and finger plays
- Free Internet and wireless network
- Multimedia area, self-training documents and resources
- Digital library: VOD, press on-line, children devices, self-training (foreign languages, traffic laws...), digital books...
- Cafe and press area
- E-books & tablets devices
- A garden (800 m²)
- 2 rooms for group workstation & co-working

400+ seating places with 25% of them connected to the Internet

Meet the new Chair of EBLIDA’s
Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL)

We are delighted to present the new Chair of EBLIDA’s Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL) from September 2015, Barbara Stratton (@B_Stratton1).

Barbara has been a valued active member of our network since 2003 and it is an honour for us to now benefit from her depth of knowledge and enthusiasm as chair of the group.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ulrika Dommellöf Mattsson for her hard work and commitment during her term as chair of EGIL.

Barbara has been a member of the EGIL since 2003. Formerly, senior policy adviser on copyright and information society issues at CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, she engages with policy issues concerning copyright, access to knowledge, privacy and freedom of expression that increasingly affect libraries and archives and their patrons.

She also serves on IFLA’s Copyright and other Legal Matters Committee and is Vice-Chair and International Spokesperson of LACA: the Libraries and Archives Copyright Alliance (@UKLACA), an umbrella body convened by CILIP of major UK library and archive associations, institutions and experts to advocate for the sector on copyright matters in the UK and EU.

With support from CILIP, for the last decade Barbara has been a member of IFLA’s delegation to WIPO, the World Intellectual Property Organization. After CILIP gained accreditation at WIPO in its own right in 2014, she is now CILIP’s representative supporting the IFLA-led global library and archive campaign at WIPO for minimum international copyright norms for libraries and archives.

EBLIDA Membership

JOIN US!

With over 700 subscribers to our newsletter, we have a wide audience of readers. We would encourage any interested parties to please, contact us should you want any information on how to become a member of our organisation. Here’s a little info on us:

EBLIDA has been an independent umbrella association since 1992.
EBLIDA's mission is to promote and defend the interests of the library, archive and information community working for the European citizens and serving its members by:

- Lobbying at European level;
- Encouraging and supporting lobbying at national level.

Policy issues on which EBLIDA concentrates are:

- Intellectual property rights;
- Culture and information society.

**Why should your organisation join EBLIDA?**

Here are 6 good reasons!

1. taking part in a growing, close-knit, diverse community of library professionals in the information sector at European level;
2. opportunities to contribute actively to the library profession;
3. to make heard the voice of the library and information science professions in European matters;
4. to keep up to date with the latest events affecting the library and information professions;
5. to show concrete cooperation and solidarity with library peers in Europe.
6. Opportunities to network with peers at council and conference events.

How come your organisation has not joined us yet?
Should you wish to do so, please submit a [membership enquiry form](#) or contact our team member Majella by email at majella.cunnane@eblida.org

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**Events and Dates**

**October 2015**

**October 7 – 9, LIBER International Book Fair 2015**
**Place:** Madrid, Spain
**Sponsor/Organizer:** Feria de Madrid (IFEMA)
**URL:** [http://www.ifema.es/liber_06/Noticias2015/noticia03/index.htm](http://www.ifema.es/liber_06/Noticias2015/noticia03/index.htm)

**October 12 – 14, Discovering Collections, Discovering Communities (DCDC15)**
**Place:** Manchester, UK
**Sponsor/Organizer:** Research Libraries UK
**URL:** [http://www.rluk.ac.uk/dcdc15/](http://www.rluk.ac.uk/dcdc15/)
October 13, STM Frankfurt Conference 2015
Place: Frankfurt, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: International Association of Scientific, Technical, and Medical Publishers (STM)
URL: http://www.stm-assoc.org/events/frankfurt-conference-2015/

October 13, The Markets: Global Publishing Summit
Place: Frankfurt, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: Frankfurt Book Fair and Publishing Perspectives
URL: http://publishingperspectives.com/2015/04/introducing-the-markets-global-publishing-summit/

October 13, ISMTE 2015 European Conference
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: International Society of Managing and Technical Editors (ISMTE)
URL: http://www.ismte.org/?2015EUConf

October 13 – 15, 4th Innovation in Information Infrastructures (III) Workshop
Place: Coventry, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: University of Warwick Business School
URL: http://www.wbs.ac.uk/events/view/4751

Place: Basel, Switzerland
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.es2015.org/

October 14 – 18, 67th Frankfurt Book Fair
Place: Frankfurt, Germany
Sponsor/Organizer: Exhibition Management

October 15, Freedom of information, open data and public sector information: transparency, opportunities and policy options
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: Westminster Legal Policy Forum
URL: http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/event.php?eid=1002

October 19 – 22, 3rd European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL2015): "Information Literacy in the Green Society"
Place: Tallinn, Estonia
Sponsor/Organizer: Institute of Information Studies, Tallinn University
URL: http://ecil2015.ilconf.org/
October 20, Library 2.015 Worldwide Virtual Conference
Place: Online only
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee
URL: http://www.library20.com/2015

October 20, Open Science - the 21st century benefits for researchers
Place: Riga, Latvia
Sponsor/Organizer: National Library of Latvia, University of Latvia, and Riga Technical University

October 20 – 21, Internet Librarian International (ILI) 2015: "Dynamic disruption: transforming the library"
Place: London, UK
Sponsor/Organizer: Information Today, Inc.
URL: http://www.internet-librarian.com/2015/

October 20 – 22, Content Workflow 2015: Reinventing STM Literature Management
Place: London, UK (10/20) and Frankfurt, Germany (10/22)
Sponsor/Organizer: Reprints Desk
URL: http://www.contentworkflow.net/

October 21 - 23, 12th National Congress of the National Board of the Portuguese Association of Librarians, Archivists e Documentalists (BAD)
Place: Évora, Portugal
Sponsor/Organizer: BAD
URL: http://www.bad.pt/12congresso/

October 22 – 25, Helsinki Book Fair
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Sponsor/Organizer: Finnish Fair Corporation Exhibition Group

October 26 – 30, 16th International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference (ISMIR 2015)
Place: Malaga, Spain
Sponsor/Organizer: International Society for Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR)
URL: http://ismir2015.uma.es/

October 26 – 30, 14th International Conference on Ontologies, DataBases, and Applications of Semantics (ODBASE 2015)
Place: Rhodes, Greece
Sponsor/Organizer: On the Move Conferences  
URL: http://onthemove-conferences.org/index.php/odbase15

October 26 – November 2, 60th Belgrade International Book Fair  
Place: Belgrade, Serbia  
Sponsor/Organizer: Belgrade Book Fair  
URL: http://www.beogradskisajamknjiga.com/active/en/home.html

October 29 – 30, International UDC Seminar 2015: "Classification and Authority Control: Expanding Resource Discovery"  
Place: Lisbon, Portugal  
Sponsor/Organizer: UDC Consortium (UDCC)  
URL: http://seminar.udcc.org/2015/

**November 2015**

November 2 – 6, 9th International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Modeling and Using Context (CONTEXT 2015)  
Place: Larnaca, Cyprus  
Sponsor/Organizer: Organizing Committee  
URL: http://cyprusconferences.org/context2015/

November 3 – 5, J. Boye Aarhus 15 Conference  
Place: Aarhus, Denmark  
Sponsor/Organizer: J. Boye  
URL: http://aarhus15.jboye.com/

November 5 – 6, 10th International Workshop on Semantic and Social Media Adaptation and Personalization (SMAP 2015)  
Place: Trento, Italy  
Sponsor/Organizer: IEEE Computer Society  
URL: http://www.smap2015.org/

November 5 – 8, Basel Book Fair  
Place: Basel, Switzerland  
Sponsor/Organizer: Verein Literaturfestival Basel  
URL: http://www.buchbasel.ch/s_download.cfm?doc_id=261

November 7 – 10, 34th International Istanbul Book Fair  
Place: Istanbul, Turkey  
Sponsor/Organizer: Tüyab Fairs and Exhibition Organisation Inc.  

November 10, Northern Collaboration 2015 Conference: "Being digital: opportunities for collaboration in academic libraries"  
Place: Leeds, UK