



Editorial

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The VOB, the Dutch Public Library Association, host to the EBLIDA Secretariat in The Hague, is about to execute some major changes. Discussions are ongoing about how to split the organisation in two; some staff have already moved to new locations and more changes are on the way as explained by Marian Koren in our main article this month.

Due to the summer holidays the next newsletter will be issued in August for the months July and August.

News Round-Up

IFLA election results: board positions for four staff of EBLIDA member organisations.

Ingrid Parent (Canada) is elected to serve as IFLA President-elect for the term 2009-2011 and to serve as President for the term 2011-2013.

The following are elected to the IFLA governing body:

1. Jesús Lau (Mexico) (2nd term)
2. Sinikka Sipilä (Finland) (2nd term)
3. Barbara Schleihagen (Germany) (2nd term)
4. Helena Asamoah-Hassan (Ghana) (2nd term)
5. Danielle Mincio (Switzerland) (2nd term)
6. Qiang Zhu (China)
7. Tone Eli Moseid (Norway)
8. Donna Scheeder (United States)
9. Paul Whitney (Canada)
10. Pascal Sanz (France).

We congratulate all successful candidates, especially those who also work in EBLIDA member organizations: Sinnikka Sipilä, Barbara Schleihagen, Tone El Moseid, and Pascal Sanz.

Norway celebrates World Book and Copyright Day by giving the public free access to thousands of copyrighted books.

From Frode Bakken, EGIL Group.

A pilot project has begun in Norway whereby the National Library will digitize thousands of Norwegian books from the 1790s, the 1890s, and the 1990s and make them available for free at all Norwegian IP-addresses. The agreement between Kopinor, the organization which represents Norwegian copyright holders, and the National Library means that between May this year and 2011, thousands of books that are still under copyright protection will

be made available to the public for free.

The project, called Bokhylla.no or 'Bookshelf', was launched in May and already includes 10,000 books under copyright: <http://www.nb.no/bokhylla>

For more information on the agreement, read the announcement:

<http://www.kopinor.org/avtaler/avtaleomraader/nasjonalbiblioteket>

Open Access publication can save the Netherlands up to 133 million Euros

John Houghton, an Australian economics researcher, continues his study of the financial implications of Open Access by turning his interest to The Netherlands where he finds again, that there is huge money to be saved:

<http://www.surffoundation.nl/en/actueel/Pages/OpenAccesspublicationcansavetheNetherlandsupto133millioneuros.aspx>

His finding and methods are, unsurprisingly, controversial amongst publishers.

He explains the project in more detail at the recent OAI6 workshop in Geneva where slides of the presentation are available and we understand the video will shortly appear:

<http://indico.cern.ch/contributionDisplay.py?contribId=10&sessionId=4&confId=48321>

"10 ways to make a public library work / Update your libraries".

From: Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, President of FESABID, Spain.

Ten ideas for updating the public library in the context of our modern society are recently published on IFLANET, the IFLA website:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/10-ways-to-make-a-public-library-work-update-your-libraries>

The paper updates and suggests new ways to enhance the mission of the public library in the context of the Information and Knowledge Society. Confirming the importance of maintaining the essence of the 'library' on the principles already expressed in the Manifesto of the UNESCO Public Library 1994, it presents the ideas from the working group of the Public Libraries Section of IFLA following the revision of UNESCO's Manifesto.

UK biannual conference 14-15 July: Umbrella 2009. CILIP, the UK's Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, organizes a biannual event for all UK librarians. This year Umbrella 2009 is subtitled "Making connections, the power of people, partnerships and services".

Over 600 people are registered and the conference also features a free-to-enter exhibition of library suppliers and poster sessions.

<http://www.umbrella2009.org.uk/>

New EBLIDA members in May

- ◆ CALIS - Cyprus Association of Librarians and Information Scientists
- ◆ Istanbul Bilgi University Library and e-Resources, Turkey (Associate member)
- ◆ SULSIT - State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, Bulgaria (Associate member)

Major changes for the Netherlands Public Library Association in 2010.

Marian Koren explains some of the changes foreseen for the VOB (Vereniging Openbare Bibliotheken—The Netherlands Public Library Association) and the Association's current priorities.

The Netherlands Public Library Association (VOB), a member of EBLIDA and host of the EBLIDA Secretariat's offices, will be split in two from 2010 after the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science decided to form a new (public) library institute which will advise on strategy for the public library sector, in line with a number of other cultural sector institutes. The tasks of this body will be separated out, leaving the advocacy part of the organisation, which will continue to be the Netherlands Public Library Association.

Discussions are going on during 2009 to identify and make changes to staffing, activities, and funding.

An investment of 20 million Euros for the period 2008 – 2012 will help to secure the digital infrastructure, products and content for public libraries across the country. The network of 1100 public libraries has already been strengthened by creating larger regional library organisations, numbering 160 in total, and certification of these is ongoing to 2012.

In 2008 the members of the Association agreed on a strategic plan called '*Agenda for the Future*'. It is a midterm plan (valid until 2012), and written as a response to major research findings and advisory reports. The Agenda aims to improve the innovative capacity of public libraries, by responding to new developments and opportunities using a vision based on 'the curious Dutch (wo)man'. It focuses on four themes:

1. Digital library services (a common IT infrastructure

and digital library, with interactive and personalized services (mylibrary.nl) for different groups and learning levels).

2. Netherlands Collection which takes a global look at the collections in the Netherlands.

3. Media wisdom, concerning the new citizen's skills in managing and coping with information overload, and with new learning environments and programmes.

4. Reading and its promotion.

The Agenda is still current and there are plans to strengthen marketing, human resource management and IT infrastructure to achieve its aims.

The Association's Annual Plan for 2009 is in line with the Agenda, and includes the following interesting elements:

- The two major portals for reading (Leesplein.nl) and for literature (Literatuurplein.nl) will be adapted to Web 2.0 requirements.
- The successful *The Netherlands Read* campaign will be continued.
- IFLA Guidelines for services to babies and toddlers have been translated and discussed: the *Dutch Book Start*.
- Libraries will cooperate, with the help of new programmes and digital tools, with Job & Learning Centres, local media, and agencies for cultural diversity and (il-) literacy.
- Libraries will respond to the information and other needs identified in recent surveys of library (non-)users.
- Discussions will continue about the introduction of games to the libraries' collections (the UGame ULearn project).
- Some libraries have started to apply retail concepts in the presentation of their collections, others are working on the 'branding' of 'Library'.
- The Association's 2009 International Madurodam Conference had the theme '*How green is my library?*' and explored sustainability in the library sector.

International exchange of knowledge, research and vision is being encouraged through workshops and professional visits for VOB staff, and by hosting foreign visits.

To read more about the VOB and to keep up to date with news of the changes, keep watching their website:

<http://www.debibliotheken.nl/english>

EBLIDA Expert groups

As mentioned in the last issue we'll be highlighting news as and when it comes from the Expert Groups. This month we focus on EGIL (Expert Group on Information Law) and the issues they need to stay aware of.

Expert Group on Information Law.

Chair: Toby Bainton, toby.bainton@sconul.ac.uk

Next meeting: 29 September 2009, London.

The group have recently been watching the following issues develop:

Controversial HADOPI Law in France to govern Internet behaviour

In France, everyone interested in copyright has been watching the controversial progress of the HADOPI law. This month the French Supreme Court rejected the section of the proposed law which gives copyright holders the right to have Internet access blocked (permanently) for anyone suspected of breaching copyright, irrespective of proof or legal processes. The law had support from French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Contributors to Wikipedia seem to be doing a good job keeping up-to-date with the news so it is a good source to watch:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HADOPI_law

A detailed Wikipedia site is also available in French, with brief articles in Polish and Swedish.

Another good source for news on this issue is the citizens group "La Quadrature du Net" which has lobbied hard to get the law rejected:

<http://www.laquadrature.net/en>

JISC report on Orphan Works highlights what the UK stands to lose under current copyright laws

Orphan works are still a topic under heavy discussion in Europe. They are works for which the copyright owner is either no longer known, or is known but cannot be found, resulting in problems for organisations wishing to digitize or otherwise copy this material for preservation, distribution, etc.

Evidence indicating the extent of the problem in terms of the number of orphaned works, and the resulting loss of information for EU citizens, is needed to help the lobbying cause. This report from the UK is therefore extremely useful and also goes towards suggesting some solutions, including changes to copyright legislation, which would help the situation. Similar reports from other countries would also be useful.

Press release including link to the report:

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/news/stories/2009/06/podcast81infromthecold.aspx>

ARROW seeks to build a database of rights holders to support digitization projects

Members of EGIL are also involved in the ARROW project:

<http://www.arrow-net.eu/>

The project is related to the problem of orphan works as described above, seeking to build a database of rights holders which can be traced and therefore conversely identify items which might be considered to be orphaned. The database would make digitization projects easier by providing information on rights holders and the permissions they have already given. ARROW is linked to the Europeana project.

Expert Group on Culture and the Information Society.

Next meeting: November 18th 2009, to be confirmed.

Information and Library Education Group.

Next meeting: January 2010, to be confirmed.

Joint Expert Group on Digitisation and Online Access.

Next meeting: 19th October, 2009.

Expert Group on Education and Lifelong Learning

Next meeting: Milan IFLA conference, to be confirmed.

Events in June-July

Full details of events in bold are on the web site at

www.eblida.org/index.php?page=european-events

- ◆ 22 – 25 June : **Second International i³ 2009 Conference** : <http://www.i3conference.org.uk>
- ◆ 28—30 June : **2nd Communia Conference**: <http://communia-project.eu/conf2009/programme>
- ◆ 29 June – 3 July : **EBLIP5 Conference** <http://blogs.kib.ki.se/ebliip5/welcome.html>
- ◆ 30 June – 3 July : **LIBER 38th Annual General Conference** <http://liber2009.biu-toulouse.fr/>
- ◆ 2—3 July : **3rd FLOSS International Workshop on Free/Libre Open Source Software** : <http://www.decon.unipd.it/personale/curri/manenti/floss/floss09.html>

Director's Report

During the summer I will spend some time on preparations for our European project bid which we hope will lead to funds next year for developing a web-based Knowledge and Information Centre. I also have some follow-up to the last EGELL meeting which is long overdue. Apologies to those people who came to the meeting in Vienna—I haven't forgotten you!

LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on the Digitization of Library Material in Europe

19—20 October 2009, The Hague, Netherlands:

<http://www.libereurope.eu/node/391>

Claudia is involved in preparations for the Digitization conference in October which is being organised jointly with LIBER. The programme, available from the website, is looking great with just a few more speakers to confirm.

Registration is open and with places limited to 180, we recommend you apply early. EBLIDA member organisations can benefit from a discount of €100 on the usual fee, therefore paying €250 per person.

Correction

Correction in issue 4/5: Gerald Leitner's nationality was wrongly stated as being German. He is, of course, Austrian and we apologize for this error which escaped our proof-reading and caused us more than a little embarrassment!