


## President's Editorial

The hot summer is coming to an end and offices across Europe are getting back to normal as everyone returns from holiday. The EBLIDA office too is back to being staffed and we will return to our regular monthly newsletter schedule.



The summer has not been idle, however. The Expert Group on Culture and Information Society worked hard on their first response for the European Commission. The consultation was in connection with a Green Paper on cultural and creative industries and although not directly aimed at libraries, we decided that an EBLIDA response would show that libraries, though not usually profit generating, are also part of the cultural industry landscape and also need consideration. We sent our submission to EBLIDA members in advance of the Commission's deadline in case any member would benefit from input to their own submission. The group has now already started to prepare for the more important consultation on the future EU strategy for culture which is expected next month with a deadline in December. We encourage you all to consider preparing a response to show that libraries are interested in culture and can contribute to the development of culture if supported politically and financially.

The EBLIDA office also had the surprising news at the start of summer that the current Director will leave to have a baby at the end of the year. This is the reason we have launched a search for a new Director as Joanne will return to the office but cannot continue to fulfil her current travel duties and the full commitments required of the EBLIDA Director. She intends to join us part-time in a slightly different role following her maternity leave and in the meantime, we hope you will help us to find a good replacement Director. Please help motivate good candidates and promote the vacancy on your networks.

 Gerald Leitner,  
EBLIDA President

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## EBLIDA Job Vacancy

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Searching for an ambitious and talented library colleague who ideally has 10 to 15 years' experience in libraries and is interested in entering the European library world and expanding their network of contacts.

The role is varied and challenging so the selection committee is keen to encourage good candidates of any background or level to discuss the possibilities of working together.

EBLIDA is looking to appoint the new Director at the latest from December 2010. **The deadline for applications is September 15th.** The post is based in The Hague in The Netherlands. Details of the vacancy including how to apply are at: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=vacancies>

We would be very grateful if you would circulate news of the vacancy on your mailing lists and publish the job advertisement in your media to reach the maximum number of people. Please also help to motivate potential candidates and encourage them to apply for this exciting opportunity.

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## News round-up: E.U.

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### Orphan Works report shows that urgent legislation is needed

EBLIDA members helped earlier this year to supply data and evidence on the scale of the orphan works problem for the European Commission's DG Information Society & Media. The Commission has just published the results in a report entitled "[Assessment of the Orphan works issue and Costs for Rights Clearance](#)" >>

The report clearly shows that the scale of the problem is very large for books and other printed media such as newspapers but even more so for other media such as sound, films and photographs. Tracing rights holders is both costly and cumbersome and far outweighs the cost of the actual digitization itself.

The examples presented are detailed and far-ranging and EBLIDA members can be proud of the input they gave to help produce this clear body evidence. The conclusions are loud and clear: that Europe needs a more efficient way to clear rights and to solve the orphan works problem, specifically to solve both the clearance of individual titles and the kind of clearance needed when dealing with a large-scale digitization problem. The report will feed into the Commission's deliberations on how to solve the problem but they have been clear to state that this report does not prejudge the outcome of that work.

## EBLIDA response to the Consultation on Culture



In July the EBLIDA Expert Group on Culture and Information Society (EGCIS) sent a response to the Green Paper consultation "Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries". The response was written by the members of the group with some input from the Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL). [Read the response >>](#) The Commission will produce a report summarizing the results in September.

The EGCIS group is already preparing for the consultation expected to be launched in September which will feed into the EU's new strategy for culture from 2014. We must show what libraries can contribute in the field of culture to help ensure that policy and funding will support the continuation and evolution of our work in this growing area of EU interest.

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# News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

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## Delivering Digital Europe in Public Libraries: September e-Inclusion event

EBLIDA and NAPLE are busy contributing to the preparations for the European Congress on e-Inclusion (ECEI10) which will be held in Brussels on 20–21 September in association with the Belgian Presidency of the EU and the Flemish Government among others. The event promises to be just as challenging and interesting as last year when approximately 200 people from many different fields (not just librarians) met to discuss "Technology and Beyond in Public Libraries". The wide range of people and representatives from the European Commission led to lively and stimulating debates and the same is expected this year. We are also hoping for input and discussion on a "European Policy for public libraries: what will it say, what can it do?" which follows our discussions in Vienna in 2009 and Helsinki in 2010 on a possible library policy for Europe.

EBLIDA members will receive an invitation to register and attendance is free so we highly recommend joining the event:

ECEI'10 (2010 European Congress on E-Inclusion)

"Delivering Digital Europe in Public Libraries",

Brussels 21st–22nd September 2010

<http://www.ecei10.eu/>

## Communia final conference reports available



Videos, slides and reports from the Communia final conference, University and Cyberspace which took place in Torino, Italy in June, are available now on the [conference website >>](#)

## Europeana: 9 million items and the new European Data Model published

In June, Europeana announced it had reached the milestone of 9 million items in its collection. It aims to reach 10 million items during 2010. It is possible to see the [latest content on the Europeana site >>](#)



The Europeana v1.0 project has just published the European Data Model (EDM) which it intends to start using from January 2011. The EDM will allow a new way of using metadata to take advantage of semantic web technology and of making links between items with similar search terms.

The EDM is available for all to use in the different domains contributing to Europeana: libraries, museums and archives, to be able to better share metadata in future. The EDM definition and primer are therefore available to download from Europeana's [European documents and deliverables >>](#) and circulate among our networks.

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# EBLIDA activities

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## Expert Group on Information Law—EGIL

Members of EGIL have been meeting in small groups to develop a strategy plan for the coming year and met again in Gothenburg to prepare for a meeting of the full group in Copenhagen in September. Members who are also on the IFLA CLM group contributed to the meeting of that group and discussed a number of topics which the group is watching including the work at WIPO on copyright exceptions, and the development of the ACTA negotiations. They do not propose that EBLIDA becomes involved in these at this time but they remain aware of developments and will propose action if and when necessary.

**Next meeting: 1—2 September, Copenhagen.**

## Expert Group on Culture and Information Society—EGCIS

Members of EGCIS met in Gothenburg on 11 August to start preparing for the next culture consultation as reported earlier in this newsletter. They reviewed the result of the July consultation submission and also discussed updates and new links for the [culture links page >>](#)

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## Events and Dates

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### Events in September

Further details in EBLIDA's calendar of European events:

[www.eblida.org/index.php?page=european-events](http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=european-events)

ISIC: The Information Behaviour Conference

1 September 2010: Murcia, Spain

14th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries: ECDL 2010

6—10 September 2010: Glasgow, Scotland

ALAI Study Days 2010: the Duration of Copyright and Related Rights

9—11 September 2010: Vienna, Austria

INCLUSO (Project) Conference: eInclusion of Youth at Risk

13—14 September 2010: Leuven, Belgium

**ECEI10: European Congress on E-Inclusion 'Delivering Digital Europe in Public Libraries'**

**21—22 September 2010: Brussels, Belgium**

[www.ecei10.eu](http://www.ecei10.eu)

Includes a workshop in co-ordination with EBLIDA and NAPLE on "A European Policy for public libraries: what will it say, what can it do?"

2nd International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World

22—24 September 2010: Ankara, Turkey

PEP-NET Summit - Pan-European eParticipation Network

23 September 2010: Hamburg, Germany

ICT 2010 EU: Digitally Driven

27—29 September 2010: Brussels, Belgium

### Funding Calls and Deadlines

There are currently no new or open calls.