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Press Release

EBLIDA President is re-elected and new Executive Committee appointed

At the 17th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting, by unanimous agreement, **Gerald Leitner was reappointed President of EBLIDA for the period 2009-2011**. His acceptance speech highlighted his determination to reach the ambitious goals set in the EBLIDA work programme and his belief and trust in the team appointed to the Executive Committee. He thanked personally in turn each of the outgoing members of the Committee adding what a pleasure it had been to work with them.

The outcome of the Executive Committee elections that took place during the Council meeting resulted in the following changes:

- Ms Jill Martin, CILIP UK: re-elected.
Appointed to position of EBLIDA Vice-President.
- Mr Klaus-Peter Böttger, BID Germany: newly elected.
Appointed to position of EBLIDA treasurer.
- Ms Lene Byrialsen, Danish Library Association: newly elected.
- Mr Berndt Fredriksson, Swedish Association of Archivists: newly elected.
- Ms Saara Ihamäki, Finnish Library Association: re-appointed.
- Ms Gloria Perez Salmerón, FESABID Spain: re-appointed.
- Mr António de Pina Falcão, BAD Portugal: re-appointed.
- Mr Aldo Pirola, AIB Italy: re-appointed.
- Ms Erna Winters, VOB Netherlands: newly elected.

Outgoing members (reaching the end of their term in office):

- Ms Barbara Lison, Vice-President.
- Mr Bas Savenije, Treasurer.
- Ms Karin Åstrom Iko
- Mr Toby Bainton.
- Mr Pernille Drost.

Full biographies of the new Committee members will be available from the EBLIDA website.

The 17th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting took place on Thursday May 7th in the beautiful Austrian Academy of Sciences and was followed on the 8th May by a very well-attended and successful conference "A Library Policy for Europe". Full details of these two events are available at: <http://www.conference.bvoe.at/>

EBLIDA, European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations, was established in 1992 as a non-governmental, non-profit umbrella organisation representing libraries on a European level. Subjects on which EBLIDA concentrates are culture, copyright, Information Society related matters and information technology. More info at www.eblida.org