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These minutes have been approved by the EBLIDA President.

Participants: Claudine Belayche, Klaus-Peter Böttger, Mogens Damm, Berndt Fredriksson, María Pía González Pereira, Arja Riitta Haarala, Teresa Hackett, Britt-Marie Häggström, Pedro Hípola, Antonio José da Pina Falcão, Anna Maria Mandillo, Jan Ewout van der Putten.

1. Opening and announcements

Britt-Marie Häggström (President) opened the meeting, welcomed the Executive Committee to Angers and thanked Claudine Belayche for her nice and exciting welcome to Angers.

María Pía González Pereira was presented to the Members of the Executive Committee as the new Director of EBLIDA.

Claudine Belayche asked Britt-Marie Häggström to give a short presentation about EBLIDA to the staff of the *Bibliothèque Municipale d'Angers*, and announced the other activities programmed for the weekend, including a special dinner within the City Hall of Angers on Friday 14 at 19'30 and a guided visit to the *Chateau d'Angers* and its famous tapestry on Saturday morning. Claudine Belayche also offered to show the ancient books of Angers' Library Archives on Saturday afternoon for those who may wish to attend.

There were no further announcements.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence have been received from Frode Bakken.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

Under "Any Other Business":

Teresa Hackett comment on EBLIDA's web page translation into French

Under "Qualifications for Librarians in a European context: progress report":

Britt-Marie Häggström reported on the CERTIDoc Project Inquiry

4. Approval minutes Executive Committee meeting, Vienna, 25 October 2002

The [minutes](#) were approved with the following additions:

Under "EBLIDA Council meeting, Uppsala, 9 - 10 May 2003":

Britt-Marie Häggström replaced the request to the City Hall for a request to the University of Uppsala to host a reception.

Under "Recruiting new Director February 2003":

Antonio José da Pina Falcão proposed the substitution of the former paragraph for the following one:

Antonio José da Pina Falcão said that, in order to cover the full range of policy issues of EBLIDA

strategic plan and to strengthen the capacity of intervention of EBLIDA, the model of focal point for some of the topics present in that plan, if they were willing and have the conditions to become that and following a decision of the Council.

Under "Country Reports: Recent key developments. Portugal":

Antonio José da Pina Falçao proposed the following text:

A new law on legal deposit is planned and the Higher Council for Libraries began to discuss the topic of a law for public libraries.

BAD succeeded in a very difficult struggle to obtain a new legal authorization for a five years period to go on doing the initial training of library and archive technicians. This made it possible to give continuity to the activity of BAD in that matter, that started in 1975 and made it possible to train over 4.000 library and archive technicians since then. The courses are 700 hours long. There is no governmental financial support at all for the library association to carry out the courses.

Under "Qualifications for librarians in a European context":

Antonio José Pina Falçao said that even if one model is not desirable and possible for the whole of Europe, it is important to become aware of the different situations at present, and to intervene in order to get a more balanced picture concerning quality of education and adequacy of professional competences to the needs of the labour market. Otherwise, in what concerns librarians and archivists, the competences divide would deepen inside Europe.

Under "Any other business":

New European association NAPLE:

Ana Maria Mandillo said that in her opinion it is not appropriate to mix under the same association governmental organisations and professional groups, especially when the goals and the activities of both could be different and even in contrast.

5. EBLIDA Finances and travel subsistence rates

Teresa Hackett reminded that expenditure is increasing and income is falling. Membership fee is not increasing; therefore we are having a 4% of income reduction every year.

Teresa Hackett explained that postage costs are reduced by 1.000 Euro per year because EBLIDA has now only one publication (*Hot News*).

Klaus-Peter Böttger asked if *Hot News* is being sent to all members and proposed to send only one copy to Germany and he would distribute it to the rest of the German members.

Teresa Hackett raised the question if we really had to send it to all the members in paper.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten said it has to be done like that because we have to give the members the services they request.

Klaus-Peter Böttger agreed that it is necessary to have a stronger connection between the members of EBLIDA and therefore we need to combine the strengthening of the relation between the members and the savings in postage. He pointed out that sometimes members are too much concerned about national problems instead of focusing in the view of Europe. He proposed to receive in Germany one copy of *Hot News* which he would deliver to the other German members.

Britt-Marie Häggström intervened to say that, if possible, we should make a greater connection with the members because some associations feel that they pay too much for EBLIDA and would not be happy to pay more for postage.

Mogens Damm said that there are national problems in some countries and to avoid further problems we should keep the fees like they are now and try to gain more income in other fields.

Teresa Hackett said that EBLIDA will get extra income because of the new German members and because, with the approval of Jan-Ewout van der Putten, the income from workshops has increased due to charging expenses plus fee for the workshop *Getting a better deal from your information licences* (CILIP, London, 10 February 2003).

Mogens Damm asked about the German new members issue.

Teresa Hackett answered that this is due to a re-structuring of the German members. She explained that the BDB (Organisation of German Library Associations) allows four members to be individual members of EBLIDA and explained the changes in payment band that would take place for the BDB and the new members.

Britt-Marie Häggström asked for the current situation of the Danish members and Teresa Hackett answered that it still has to be resolved and that it was not very clear.

Klaus-Peter Böttger asked for the Greek situation.

Teresa Hackett answered they are not members anymore. Their membership is cancelled.

Extra expenses

Jan-Ewout van der Putten raised the issue that we do not have in the budget an item for extra expenses, like recruiting a new Director in 2002, and that maybe from now on we should provide a reservation for extra expenses.

Mogens Damm commented that we do not need to do it for 2003.

Teresa Hackett assured that due to the early payment of more than half of the membership fees we will probably be able to keep our savings untouched until the third quarter of 2003.

Savings policy

Britt-Marie Häggström said that it is important to have the figures for the Council of Uppsala and asked if we need a savings policy or to invest EBLIDA's money.

Mogens Damm said that he would not recommend to do this and that the savings should be kept in the savings account. And that we should have a report on the accountancy for the Members at the Council of Uppsala.

Membership fees

Jan-Ewout van der Putten asked whether we should increase membership fees or go to more workshops and ask the members to pay for them to increase our income.

Britt-Marie Häggström said the Council has to decide on this subject.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten said the Executive Committee could make a proposal on a fixed amount.

Teresa Hackett commented that during the Executive in Vienna, the 25 October 2002, it was agreed that we were going to use the rate of inflation for the Netherlands for the annual increase.

It was finally agreed to include this issue in the Agenda for the Council in Uppsala so a decision can be made on this subject.

Travel subsistence rates

Teresa Hackett commented she had searched different rates used by other associations as well as the Dutch regulations, detailed in the Agenda Supplement. The current 25 Euro per day rate is insufficient and has not been raised since 1992. Teresa Hackett proposed to increase it for 2003 and then make a yearly increase according to the inflation rate in the Netherlands.

After discussion the Executive decided a 40 Euro per day subsistence rate with effect as of January 2003.

6. EBLIDA Council Meetings

2003 - Uppsala, 9 and 10 May
2004 - location and date
2005 - Cork

2003 - Uppsala

Britt-Marie Häggström confirmed it will take place at the University of Uppsala and there will be a reception with the Rector of the University who welcomed us very warmly.

She also said she have had talks to have a special guest, Mrs Lena Hjelm Wallén, on Friday afternoon who could talk about the Convention on the Future of Europe and the IGC of 2004. There is also a plan to have library and archive visits and other arrangements. Britt-Marie Häggström also brought brochures of Uppsala and pointed out the possibility for an Ingmar Bergman stroll. Arrangements are already being made for Friday's dinner at a local restaurant.

Britt-Marie Häggström said that there should be a presentation on the GATS topic, so the Council can know what it is exactly about, and offered to contact someone to do this. Contacts have already been made by EBLIDA to have Swedish Professor Audunson.

Mogens Damm said that it is important to make clear for the people that GATS is really connected to libraries and that it could be useful to have a clear separation between the Council itself and the conferences programme.

Klaus-Peter Böttger insisted on the fact that the information has to be released in a n effective way so as people can easily understand the impact on libraries.

The discussion on how to organise the Council Agenda took place and the following options were discussed:

* Executive Committee on Thursday 8 May; Council on Friday 9 May in the morning with Conferences on interest topics in the afternoon; continuing Council on Saturday 10 May in the morning, focusing on other businesses (supported by Jan Ewout van der Putten)

* Executive Committee on Thursday 8 May; Council Friday 9 May; Topics conferences on Saturday morning (supported by Mogens Damm so as to make a clear distinction between the Council meeting and Conferences programme)

It was agreed that the Director (Ms María Pía González Pereira) and the President (Ms Britt-Marie Häggström) will draft the Agendas and see which option is more suitable according to availability of the speakers and related matters.

2004: location and date

Some places were proposed and discussed to hold EBLIDA's Annual Council meeting in 2004: Hungary, Slovenia, Check Republic.

Teresa Hackett reminded that traditionally one of the Member Associations invites the Executive Committee to hold their meeting and they are responsible for local costs and organisational purposes, so we could wait to have a full member from these Eastern countries in the Executive Committee.

Antonio José da Pina Falçao said it could be held in Portugal, but previous consultation with his Board is required.

Britt-Marie Häggström said we could send them a letter and ask them if they would join EBLIDA as members and host the Council for 2004.

Teresa Hackett said we could tell them what we require for this purpose and see if they are able to

provide for it. She commented her former good working experience with Prague and that they will be able to become full members in 2004.

Ana Maria Mandillo said she would like to be able to host the EBLIDA Council for 2004, but she has to wait for the elections process of her organisation to finish in June. After that she would be delighted to do it.

Britt-Marie Häggström concluded that we could wait for the decision of Portugal and if it were not possible, we would go back to other possibilities.

The provisional preferred dates for the Council meeting were agreed for the 14 - 15 May 2004. Antonio José da Pina Falçao commented they have their National Conference on May 2004 and asked if it would be inconvenient that both events coincide on time.

Klaus-Peter Böttger said that it was a good idea to introduce EBLIDA to other colleagues so as to come closer and show that EBLIDA stand for libraries in Europe.

Britt-Marie Häggström also agreed on the idea and said when they know the exact dates of their meeting, they could let us know for organisational purposes.

2005: Invitation to Cork

Teresa Hackett said that the Library Association of Ireland agreed on providing the venue and other support with the organisation. The new Director of EBLIDA will keep in contact with them for further organisation.

7. EBLIDA Executive Committee elections 2003 - 2005 and EBLIDA working groups - Elections

Teresa Hackett opened the discussion asking the present eligible members to comment on their intentions to stand for re-election. She reminded that, according to EBLIDA Constitution, the maximum number of members of the Executive is 10 and the minimum is 4.

Mogens Damm said that his successor in the Danish Library Association would probably stand for election.

Arja Riitta Haarala said that Virpi Johansson, from the Finnish Society for Information Services, would probably like to present herself.

Mogens Damm said that it would be appropriate to do some work in order to get the British "on board".

Britt-Marie Häggström said it was important to contact the full members to ask for answers on this subject but in any case the voting procedure will take place during the Council of Uppsala.

Ana Maria Mandillo said she was not standing for re-election because she is preparing her retirement, but suggested the name of Tomasso Giordano, Deputy Director of the Library of the European University Institute of Florence.

Klaus-Peter Böttger asked who decides on the size of the Executive Committee.

Britt-Marie Häggström replied that the Council should decide on this.

A discussion took place on whether it would be more convenient to have 10 or 8 members in the Executive Committee.

Mogens Damm said we could recommend the Council to elect 10 members for the Executive Committee in order to have a larger representation of countries and more involvement.

Britt-Marie Häggström concluded that this is stated in EBLIDA's Constitution.

As for the President of the Executive Committee, Mogens Damm said that it is important that this Executive Committee can provide suggestions that could bring balance to the Executive and that we have to look to the Constitution to obtain the procedure regulations.

8. IFLA President Elect and Governing Board elections

After discussion the Executive Committee decided not to vote on [IFLA](#) President and Governing Board elections.

9. Country Reports

Denmark

Mogens Damm talked about two issues:

- Electronic Bookshops: a new system for libraries to buy books online is being developed.
- Library Law: the Danish Library Association has made a survey on how money for Libraries is managed.

The Netherlands

Jan Ewout van der Putten commented about the [NAPLE](#) issue that EBLIDA can cooperate with NAPLE but not be a member.

The Dutch Copyright law is underway but the Ministry has not decided yet on this issue. Apparently there will be a major restructuring for the Dutch Libraries, starting with the cutting down of the budget assigned for them, which could mean a strong divide between strong and smaller libraries.

As for Licences, for the first time in The Netherlands, libraries and publishers have worked together on getting a joint catalogue.

Finland

Arja Riitta Haarala commented that they are having elections soon.

France

Claudine Belayche said the French Law on public lending right is expected for May or June 2003. About the implementation of the European Copyright Directive she said the French text was very restrictive for public libraries in France and Public Libraries are planning to unite in a Consortium so as to deal with electronic services issues (paid databases).

Germany

Klaus-Peter Böttger said that before the second reading of the copyright law they had a working group that seemed a repetition of the discussion at the European Union level. He spoke in Vienna about the project of the Bertelsmann Foundation and handled some brochures to the Executive members.

He also commented that the GATS issue is becoming more important in Germany. They have made a statement against GATS and contacted the German Council for Culture.

Italy

Anna Maria Mandillo adjoin the following text:

- The implementation of the EU Directive 2001/29:

In December 2002 the Council of Ministries approved a legislative decree, just in time before the deadline. It is under examination in a Parliament committee whose advice is not mandatory, so the Government can issue it, even if the committee's advice is negative or critical. After that, the decree will be published in the Official Gazette.

The amount of "fair compensation" that will come out of the price of blank media (digital or analogical), has caused a long debate between right holders and producers of the carriers and the consequent delay. At the end this amount was reduced in the decree.

The lobby activities of the professional associations, especially AIB and IAML/Italy, and the users organisations, did not achieve the expected results in order to amend the copyright law in some articles related to the limits in photocopying (only 15% of books and periodicals) and the prohibition for musical libraries of lending and reproducing their holdings.

- Legal deposit:

A new government bill is also under examination in the Parliament, to amend the old, but still in force, legal deposit law (1939).

AIB and the professionals community are critical on the new Government proposal, because it does not cover adequately all the new media, included the web publications, and moreover it is very vague and confusing on the matter of the definition of the libraries responsible for the deposit. This matter is deferred to a subsequent and generic regulation, which is a sort of secondary law.

- Funding:

This year Italian Libraries, and in general cultural Institutions, suffer from a new severe cut (up to 20%) in funding. This situation will affect the traditional libraries services and the projects for new innovative services based on IT.

The Government has inserted an article in the Financial Act for 2003 which states that the 3% of the future possible extra-funding for public works, such as bridges and highways, should be devoted to preservation and restoration of cultural heritage (which includes paintings, frescoes, churches, buildings, archaeological sites, ...and libraries and archives).

- Recognition of the library professions:

CNEL (the National Council of Economy and Labour), has presented a bill of law about the not recognised professions. The bill proposes to establish the legal recognition of professional associations according to a set of predefined parameters. A special register of such associations will be created at the Ministry of Justice. AIB will follow carefully this initiative.

- New constitutional reform and public libraries:

The recent constitutional reform has enlarged the jurisdiction of the regions in the domain of cultural heritage.

As a consequence, the regional and local authorities have set up a working group to outline a report concerning new lines of libraries' politics as guidelines to reshape the public libraries' systems in Italy. The group has just started its works.

Portugal

Antonio José da Pina Falção said that they celebrated an international workshop and sent a letter

to the national authorities about the education of libraries' professionals in Portugal. He also commented briefly on the Legal Deposit Law, saying that the number of copies recognised in the proposal are two (different from the present 14).

Spain

Pedro Hípola explained the Spanish situation with regards to the implementation of the EU Copyright Directive. After discussions with Government representatives of Intellectual Property, on November 2002 the Spanish government issued a satisfactory draft for Libraries, but on January 2003 they published a second draft which represents a step back, with the re-definition of the private copy, the issue of the photocopies and the library lending and illustration issues.

Publishers have been lobbying very actively and the Spanish public opinion is very sensitive at the moment with the issue of the piracy of music CD-ROMS.

Further discussions with the Government will take place as well as lobbying on the media representatives to achieve more notoriety.

Sweden

Berndt Fredriksson said they are working with other organisations to try to get a library policy from the government. Also GATS is more and more present in Sweden. An investigation on European Union information to the general public is taking place.

There are more signs that people of high level are taking libraries into account and it is important to catch on this opportunity.

The cooperation between libraries, archives and museums is going on and there is a need for cooperation between local and regional archives, libraries and museums to be strengthened so as to reach the citizen.

The work on the data protection directive is still going on.

10. EBLIDA Strategy for the future 2001 - 2005: discussion. Lobby activities

Teresa Hackett said there are outstanding jobs like implementing a systematic review of the Strategy. There are also new items arising like DRMS and GATS, which also have to be taken into account.

Britt-Marie Häggström said it would be useful to prepare a *Strategy Review for 2003 - 2004* for discussion.

Mogens Damm said that it was of course important, but this is something that the next Executive Committee can discuss with the new Director, María Pía González Pereira. Also pointed out that as for the membership, this could be an issue for the Executive Committee, not for the Council. About the Strategy Review, Mogens Damm also said that we should focus on the more important issues and submit it to the next Council.

Britt-Marie Häggström commented that the Council must have an impact on the priorities.

Berndt Fredriksson offered to help to attract the attention of more archivists on the Strategy.

11. GATS and Libraries: EBLIDA response to European Commission public consultation

Britt-Marie Häggström said the GATS issue must be included in the Strategy Review and Teresa Hackett commented the Austrian case (page 8 of the *Agenda Supplement*).

Ana Maria Mandillo commented that they are trying to translate EBLIDA response on GATS into Italian and trying to have contacts with the Italian representatives.

It was agreed by all that it is important to know who are the representatives in the European Commission dealing with GATS and that every member of the Executive would report to EBLIDA's Secretariat when they find more information on this issue.

12. Digital Rights Management Systems. Draft [EBLIDA policy statement](#)

Teresa Hackett explained the EBLIDA Draft Position on DRMS, provided within the *Agenda Supplement*. She asked the Executive Committee to allow her to issue the EBLIDA draft position paper on DRMS as an EBLIDA Common Position.

Arja Riitta Haarala commented that it is important that we take early action on this issue.

Mogens Damm stated that it is important to introduce what is exactly the situation and on which particular aspects it will have an effect.

13. European Commission proposal for the re-use and commercial exploitation of PSI

Teresa Hackett assured that the definition of PSI was narrowed this year. Everybody agreed that EBLIDA should keep an eye on this issue and follow more closely its development.

14. Qualifications for librarians in a European context: progress report

Britt-Marie Häggström distributed a document on the Project CERTIDoc enquiry, and invited all to distribute it among their Associations to answer to it so that we can receive a feedback.

Mogens Damm proposed to pass this enquiry electronically and make sure we are getting results from this action.

Pedro Hipola asked about the position of EBLIDA on this subject.

Britt-Marie Häggström said we do not have yet a position on this issue but commented that it could be not harmful to collect information on how this is going to be developed.

Antonio José Pina Falcao intervened to say that we should stick to what we agreed in Vienna and that this CERTIDoc issue was a new one and not a priority. We should be more concerned about the qualifications of the profession as there is a divide on this within the EU.

Mogens Damm said we could have a discussion on this at the Council so we see the reactions. It is required to give further explanations on this because if we send it out like this it could be regarded as if we are supporting it.

Britt-Marie Häggström said that any member of the Executive Committee could feel free to send it out if they find it helpful.

15. Libraries and European Commission Communication on Lifelong Learning: progress report

Teresa Hackett said that EBLIDA has written to European Ministers of Education, Culture and Youth meeting in Brussels on 11-12 November 2002. The meeting was chaired by Mr Brian Mikkelsen, Danish Minister for Culture under the Danish Presidency of the EU. According to the Minutes, lifelong learning was not debated at the meeting but the Council resolution on lifelong learning from May 2002 was re-affirmed. When EBLIDA sent its first letter in May 2002, responses were received from Denmark, Ireland (Department of the Arts and Department of Local Government), Norway and the UK.

In response to the letter in October, responses were received from Denmark, Belgium (Wallon),

and Norway.

EBLIDA should to monitor the developments of the Council and send a letter every time there is a movement.

16. [PULMAN](#) Project: Oeiras policy conference, March 2003 and follow-on proposals

Teresa Hackett commented that the preparations for the Conference in Oeiras are going very well. The Conference will issue the [Oeiras Manifesto](#) based on the developments of the public libraries and that it is a responsibility of EBLIDA to manage this Manifesto. Teresa Hackett will be in charge of the Manifesto, as is her wish, as part of her outstanding commitments with EBLIDA. The deadline to include comments to the Manifesto is 28 February 2003.

Claudine Belayche asked what this Manifesto represents, compared to the UNESCO declarations.

Teresa Hackett answered that the situation was similar to that established between IFLA and EBLIDA -being the scope of the former international and the one of EBLIDA European-. The Oeiras Manifesto is more detailed than the UNESCO document, and it is a result of the work done within the PULMAN Project.

Britt-Marie Häggström added that the Oeiras Manifesto includes Libraries, Archives and Museums together, which is the main difference with the UNESCO document.

Follow-on proposals for PULMAN Project

It was decided at the Executive Committee meeting in Vienna, that consideration of a follow-on project and/or sustaining the PULMAN resources should be postponed until a new Director was in place. Re-consideration therefore is now invited, especially in order to get some extra income.

Britt-Marie Häggström said the next Executive Committee has to take up this issue.

The issue of participating in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grants was raised by Teresa Hackett.

After discussion the Executive Committee decided not to apply at the moment but to leave the door opened for future participation.

17. Any other business

Teresa Hackett commented that she was offered by e-mail a translation of EBLIDA's web page into French.

Britt-Marie Häggström asked how much would that cost to EBLIDA.

Teresa Hackett said that she had not forwarded the estimate budget.

María Pía González Pereira asked to what languages the EBLIDA website would be translated and on what basis the decision of the languages was going to be taken.

Klaus-Peter Böttger said that the translations should be done about the most general subjects.

Britt-Marie Häggström concluded that every translation made of the web page should be done on a voluntary basis by the members of EBLIDA.

18. Next meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place in Uppsala, Sweden, on 8 May 2003.

19. Closure

Britt-Marie Häggström thanked the Executive Committee Members for their participation and Claudine Belayche for her invitation and offered her a present in the name of the Executive Committee members.

As part of Teresa Hackett's farewell, the Executive Committee gave her a present and wishes her good luck for her new life and new professional activities, whatever they may be.



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