



Minutes Executive Committee Meeting, 22-23 February 2002, Rome

These minutes have been approved by the EBLIDA President.

Participants: Frode Bakken, Claudine Belayche, Klaus-Peter Böttger, Mogens Damm, Berndt Fredriksson, Arja Riitta Haarala, Teresa Hackett, Britt-Marie Häggström, Anna Maria Mandillo, Jan-Ewout van der Putten.

Observer on Day 1: Gianni Lazzari (AIB)

1. Opening and announcements

Britt-Marie Häggström (President) opened the meeting, welcomed the Executive Committee and thanked the AIB for hosting the meeting. There were no further announcements.

2. Apologies for absence

The secretariat received apologies of absence from Marian Koren, António José De Pina Falcão, Winnie Vitzanzky.

Nuria Lloret Romero was not present.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

Under *Project Proposals*: to add the NEEDS project proposal (*T.Hackett*)

Under *Any Other Business*:

EBLIDA constitution - 1997 amendment (*J.E. van der Putten*)

EC workshop on digital rights management systems (*T.Hackett*)

EC Communication on public sector information (*T. Hackett*)

4. Approval minutes Executive Committee meetings 29 September 2001

The minutes were approved.

Mogens Damm requested that minutes are made available as quickly as possible.

At the suggestion of Jan-Ewout van der Putten, it was agreed that the minutes be approved by the President only before publication, in order to speed up the process.

5. EBLIDA magazine Information Europe: contract wrap-up

The last issue of Information Europe is Winter 2001, Vol. 6(4), as decided at the last Executive Committee meeting. This contains an editorial explaining

the decision, which was circulated in December 2001 to the Executive Committee for approval. EBLIDA members were informed about the decision and there has been no reaction so far.

The following is a summary of the conclusion of the agreement between Beishon Publications and EBLIDA. The agreement terminates on 25 January 2002.

EBLIDA should ask Beishon for the following:

- up- to-date database of EBLIDA members it has kept;
- up-to-date database of subscribers to the magazine it has kept;
- copies of the production expenses records to termination;
- copies of the gross receipts records to termination;
- a final account showing gross receipts, production expenses and net profits to termination.

The legal position between the parties after termination is as follows:

- Beishon loses the right to produce sell or distribute the magazine;
- Beishon is granted a further limited right to try to sell its old stock of past issues of the magazine for a period of 5 months from termination, but must give 35% of the net profits from this to EBLIDA. This right is non-exclusive, i.e. EBLIDA or any third party can sell magazines as well;
- if the final accounts show a net profit, EBLIDA is entitled to 35% of this from Beishon;
- EBLIDA and Beishon have joint copyright in the material published in past magazine issues;
- EBLIDA has sole copyright in the material published in the magazine in any issues created after termination;
- EBLIDA has the sole right to use and exploit the database of members;
- EBLIDA has the sole right to use and exploit the database of subscribers;
- save as above EBLIDA has sole rights to use, sell and exploit any rights relating to the magazine;
- breaches of contract between the parties are still enforceable post termination.

Beishon will send EBLIDA an invoice for 2001 issues, as usual, to be paid pending delivery of the last issue and satisfactory conclusions to the above.

Britt-Marie Häggström asked who now owns the title of the magazine. The Director confirmed the status with Emanuella Giavarra, EBLIDA Legal Advisor, as follows. The title to the magazine is owned by EBLIDA. EBLIDA licensed to Beishon, the publisher, the right to publish a magazine called "Information Europe". On termination all rights revert to EBLIDA including the right to assign publication to another of a magazine of the same name. By accepting the licence, Beishon recognised EBLIDA as having better title to the name "Information Europe".

EBLIDA Council meetings

6. EBLIDA information products (including EBLIDA website): analysis

and findings

A review of all EBLIDA information products is underway. In addition, the Director has been gathering informal opinions from members and others, including the Danish Library Association, the Danish Union of Librarians and the VVBAD. As an example of what EBLIDA could produce in future, a copy of a daily digest of Dutch government press releases was distributed. This is received by the Director as an email and is well presented and readable (<http://www.govnews.nl/>).

The secretariat will produce a matrix of our information requirements, an analysis of our publications and our target groups. It will seek to match these to identify the overlaps and the gaps. Klaus-Peter Böttger had prepared a graphic illustration to aid discussion. But apart from anecdotal evidence, there is no hard information on the information needs of members and target groups. Therefore we need to do a survey. The Director presented a draft survey for discussion.

Britt-Marie Häggström thought it a good idea to ask members.

Klaus-Peter Böttger advised to send less information, but more often. For politicians, it is important to keep up a visible presence by staying in regular contact, The question of providing "value for money" cannot apply to lobby organisations. A question on which information services are missing should be included in the survey. He also suggested to involve EBLIDA more strongly in national discussions e.g. by distributing EBLIDA news to national lists in Germany.

Claudine Belayche commented that this would not work for France, asked to ensure that national library associations were involved in the survey and offered to translate the survey into French.

Anna Maria Mandillo thought that a news summary by email and a web update is sufficient. Information to politicians should be in hardcopy.

Mogens Damm said that it was an excellent idea to ask members for their views. We should also consider how ambitious we want to be; full members and policy makers are our main priority, the general public are secondary. A question about the website should be included in the survey.

Arja Riitta Haarala still wants hardcopy information. However, if future information products are only on the web, then there should be a printer-friendly format.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten agreed that EBLIDA was producing little targeted information for politicians, but pointed out that, as members of the EU, this is also the responsibility of the national associations. For the survey, the general question about EBLIDA information products should be removed as it will not yield any useful results.

EBLIDA information products are in English. This is a barrier to take-up at national level. Britt-Marie Häggström asked if there was EU funding available for translation, supported by Mogens Damm.

Action: The Director will amend the draft survey and send it to the Executive Committee before distributing. It will be available on the web as a reply form and should be circulated widely by the national associations.

Action: Teresa Hackett will enquire about EU funding for translations.

Action: The secretariat will provide the Executive Committee with a list of EBLIDA members in their countries.

EBLIDA website

Discussions were started with the Danish Union of Librarians in December 2001 to provide support for a re-design of the EBLIDA website and some useful ideas were gathered. At this time, it is not possible for the Danish Union to provide further support. Other possibilities are being investigated by the Director. In the meantime, the content is being re-structured and new sections added. The secretariat now have new tools which will improve efficiency and content.

Klaus-Peter Böttger asked if web statistics were available. Teresa Hackett replied that we do have web statistics, but this is raw data and not useful. As part of the website development, useful web usage reports are being sought.

7. EBLIDA Council meeting The Hague, 3-4 May 2002. Update on organisation and planning.

A draft programme was presented by the Director for discussion. This takes into account feedback from the meeting last year, suggestions from members for topics and prior consultation with the Executive Committee.

At the suggestion of the Executive at the last meeting, several well known authors were invited to give a keynote speech, but none were available. The secretariat had direct contact with Umberto Eco.

Action: Claudine Belayche suggested the author Richard Hoggart. Teresa Hackett will follow up.

The meeting will include a reception hosted by the Mayor of the Hague. We will draw up a list of extra people to invite e.g. key contacts, former EBLIDA members, etc. and full members are invited to make suggestions. There will be a special EBLIDA cake sponsored by a local baker. We will have dinner at the Peace Palace (<http://www.vredespaleis.nl/>), the home of the International Court of Justice, a unique institution not only in Europe, but in the world. The Peace Palace is a Carnegie building with a renowned law library. For security reasons, the Peace Palace need the names of attendees 14 days in advance, so the Council registration form will ask for the names of any accompanying persons.

Costs, sponsors and promotion

The main costs are the townhall venue, the reception and the Peace Palace and a detailed budget is being drawn up. We will seek to cover essential costs from sponsorship. We will try also cover the dinner costs (approx. 50 Euro per person). The city of the Hague will pay a contribution towards cost of the reception. We are seeking sponsorship from a range of library and local contacts. We will issue a press release and organise publicity, etc.

Mogens Damm asked to think carefully about what our message is.

Klaus-Peter Böttger said that it is important for the press release that we look forward. What are our successes, threats, challenges.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten suggested using statistics to illustrate that we are a big organisation. It is also important to show that we impact not just on libraries, but on consumers and citizens.

Frode Bakken said that we should focus also on the issues i.e. cultural heritage including archives, education including lifelong learning, access to information including freedom of information.

EBLIDA Strategy Review

8. Publication and implementation of the EBLIDA Strategy Review

Strategy review aspects - progress

Ref.	Item	Action
2.1	Mission statement	Actively promote & EBLIDA homepage
2.2	Objectives	Actively promote & EBLIDA homepage
2.3	Policy issues	Add policy issues to website with short summary, policy documents and links.
4.1.1	Increasing membership EU applicant countries Archive associations	Frode Bakken met CELIP Steering Group, November 2001 EBLIDA/PULMAN presentation at Turkish Library week, March 2002 PULMAN extension proposal to INCO countries EBLIDA meetings with EBNA/ICA
4.2	Co-operation with other organisations	Informal contacts & meetings (see also above)
4.3.1	Financial resources	Voluntary contributions in kind e.g. website development
4.4	Improving products & services Hot News & Update EBLIDA website Projects Conferences & workshops	Under review. Basic improvements made (contents list/better layout & typeface). Development underway Two new project proposals 2 workshops organised, proven revenue stream
4.5	Business planning & reporting Annual report Role of the executive committee	Planned for 2002 Specific responsibilities assigned (see Item 9 Minutes Executive Committee 29.9.2001) K.P. Böttger: improving information products and services / marketing M. Damm: attracting greater political influence B. Fredrikson: becoming more representative of archive organisations J.E. van der Putten: financial resources and personnel.

The final version of the strategy review has yet to be published, although aspects of the strategy review are being followed through.

Development of membership

Klaus-Peter Böttger is interested in developing membership and to know why some countries/organisations participate more than others.

Britt-Marie Häggström agreed that the situation was different in each country.

Frode Bakken said that as an umbrella organisation, our main emphasis is on library and archive associations. PULMAN is important for developing associate members.

Arja Riitta Haarala asked about the role of associate members and what EBLIDA delivers to them.

Mogens Damm agreed that our main focus are full members, but we also need associate members and sponsors who support the EBLIDA objectives and ideals. We should show our appreciation to our associate members e.g. at the Council meeting.

Echoing a previous comment by Klaus-Peter Böttger (Item 6), Jan-Ewout van der Putten stressed that members are buying into a set of values in much the same way as people join other interest groups e.g. Friends of the Earth or Amnesty International.

9. Discussions with archives: European Bureau for National Archivists (EBNA), ICA

European Bureau for National Archivists (EBNA)

EBLIDA was invited to give a presentation on EBLIDA to the heads of the national archives in Europe in Brussels on 21/22 November 2001. One of the aims of the meeting was to establish a new organisation called the European Bureau of National Archivists (EBNA) with a secretariat in Brussels, funded by the Belgian national archive.

EBNA wish to co-operate with EBLIDA and librarians. The agenda proposed that initially they will use the programme of EBLIDA.

As a result of the meeting, the Belgian national archive has joined EBLIDA. Jan-Ewout van der Putten and Teresa Hackett will meet with the Dutch national archivist in April 2002 for further discussions. Information packs on EBLIDA have been sent to thirty national archives.

International Council on Archives

On 17 December 2001, EBLIDA was invited to take part in a meeting between IFLA, the ICA (Joan van Albada and Björn Lindh) and the European Commission on Preservation and Access (Yola de Lusenet). The Director presented EBLIDA and the PULMAN project, which also deals with developing co-operation between archives, libraries and museums.

Teresa Hackett said that it would be useful to identify individuals as co-operative partners. A cross-sectoral meeting will be organised by EBLIDA in

June 2002 under the PULMAN project. Concrete issues will be identified e.g. standards development, joint access to virtual resources, etc.

Arja Riitta Haarala reported that archives were involved in the copyright group in Finland.

Berndt Fredriksson will help to identify individuals for co-operation.

Projects

10. CELIP project : wrap-up report

Background information on CELIP: Executive Committee minutes September 2000, March and September 2001 and www.eblida.org/celip.

CELIP ran for 15 months until 31 January 2002. Workshops took place in ten CEE accession countries and the third (and final) steering group meeting was in Helsinki in December 2001, to co-incide with the European ICOLC conference. The Commission decided that it was not necessary to have a final review for the project.

The Commission paid the first cost statement amount in November 2001, with two subcontractor payments withheld until the second cost statement. The second and third cost statements are currently being prepared.

Because the EBLIDA travel budget was underspent, a budget transfer request to the European Commission was made on 21 December 2001. This was for personnel for nine non-costed days worked by EBLIDA (3845 Euro) and a transfer of 2755 Euro to fund travel for two SG members to attend the EBLIDA copyright expert meeting in London on 31 January. After a lot of administration, the transfer request was approved on 8 February.

11. PULMAN project: progress report

Background information on PULMAN: Executive Committee minutes March & September 2001.

EBLIDA hired two sub-contractors to produce the two EBLIDA guidelines; Sandy Norman, UK LA copyright consultant, for the public interest in copyright protected materials and licensing initiatives and Professor Charles Oppenheim for legal issues in the technical environment. Draft guidelines were presented to the PULMAN country co-ordinators at a workshop in Helsinki on 18-19 February. These will be the core content of the national workshops September-December 2002 and EBLIDA will write an evaluation report on the outcome of the workshops.

EBLIDA is responsible for organising the high level policy conference in Oeiras, Portugal on 13-14 March 2003. Margo de Groot, PULMAN project assistant, visited Portugal in January with the project manager to meet the Portuguese support team. A visit was also arranged with Rolf Hapel, organiser of the PUBLICA conference in Copenhagen.

The first cost claim was sent to the project manager in December 2001. EBLIDA will progressively undertake more travel and expenses in the

project, especially towards the end of the year and in the first quarter of 2003 with the conference expenses. We must monitor this very carefully for cash flow problems.

The annual project review will take place in The Hague in June 2002.

12. Network of excellence on legal aspects in purchasing electronic material to libraries: project proposal

EBLIDA received a revised proposal from Tuula Haavisto in January 2002. The Executive Committee decided that EBLIDA could not participate as a partner for reasons of resources. It is understood that the proposal is not being made.

13. Cultural Heritage Applications Projects - Assessment and Dissemination of socio-economic impact and results (CHAPAD): project proposal from Pricewaterhousecoopers

CHAPAD addresses the need for impact assessment of IST projects in the cultural heritage area, using an IT-based strategy for managing results, as well as traditional impact assessment methods. EBLIDA could play a role in publicising the tools and results to the library community via our network. Friso Visser, the project manager, is from the museums area, worked in Luxembourg with the European Commission and is now working as a consultant for Pricewaterhousecoopers.

The Executive Committee agreed to lend support to the proposal. This requires no financial commitment and EBLIDA can choose to disseminate as much or as little as we wish. EBLIDA therefore gets opportunities for visibility with no cost on our part.

14. PULMAN INCO extension

The PULMAN project manager is preparing a proposal to extend PULMAN to countries outside the CEE accession countries i.e. Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine. A dossier of information has been produced which outlines the situation in each country.

EBLIDA have been asked to participate in the project. The aims are to develop policies for the digital public library, to create a professional capacity for the digital era and to extend the European research area. The EBLIDA task would be to broker and mediate twinning arrangements between professional library associations responsible for public libraries in each of the PULMANExtend countries and those elsewhere in Europe, defining digital knowledge-exchange programmes between the professional communities which can be sustained and continued after the duration of PULMANExtend. The advantages to EBLIDA are to promote EBLIDA in neighbouring countries and maintain visibility with a large number of European partners.

The proposed duration is fourteen months. EBLIDA would be a sub-contractor to the co-ordinator, which reduces administration and ensures prompt payment to EBLIDA. The EBLIDA budget would be 18.000 Euro including three months work and travel costs. The EBLIDA PULMAN Project

Assistant would do the work. The deadline for submission is 28 February.

Mogens Damm thought the proposal is a good idea.

Frode Bakken said that there are two important arenas - people in libraries and library associations. It is very important to work with developing library associations and it is in the interests of EBLIDA to build strong library associations in Europe.

The Executive Committee agreed to the proposal.

Action: Teresa Hackett will inform the project manager.

15. NEEDS Network of Excellence for Exploitation and Dissemination Strategies

EBLIDA has recently been asked to be a partner in a project proposal called NEEDS. The aim is to create an easy access point for results of digital heritage projects across programmes (IST, eContent, etc.), to promote the results especially to the library community and to ensure that the library community continue to be involved in FP6. Other aims are to enhance the knowledge base for exploitation, increase awareness about funding opportunities and increase the demand for digital culture.

The EBLIDA task involves working on the creation of a monitoring and results network. This involves building and harvesting a knowledge database. The knowledge base will be collected through weekly monitoring of key media, associations, socio-economic research institutes, and project sources, all in the fields of digital culture, creativity and content. The media monitoring will mainly cover newspapers and industry magazines at international and national levels, in addition to key web services covering the targeted industries. The monitoring will harvest already existing knowledge collections, such as EBLIDA's information products.

This could be an interesting proposal in view of the current analysis of information products and it compliments EBLIDA role and knowledge skills. As the project intends to re-use EBLIDA products, it may be good to gain some benefit from this.

The project co-ordinator is Stig Marthinsen, currently working on the eContent programme in Luxembourg. The proposed duration is 18-24 months. EBLIDA would be a partner and the proposed EBLIDA budget would be approx. 50.000 Euro for 16 hours per week. The EBLIDA EU Information Officer would be contracted to do the work. The deadline for submission is 28 February.

Mogens Damm asked if EBLIDA could be a sub-contractor to reduce administration.

Frode Bakken agreed and said that the project ideas were close to the mainstream of EBLIDA activities.

Britt-Marie Häggström and Klaus-Peter Böttger were not sure how the project would help libraries in FP6.

The Executive Committee asked if the EBLIDA role could be changed to a sub-contractor. If yes, then the Executive agree to the proposal.

Action: Teresa Hackett will discuss with the project manager.

Lobby activities

16. EU copyright Directive : progress report

The EBLIDA copyright group met in London in January 2002 preceding the EBLIDA copyright workshop (see also Item 24 EBLIDA events). EBLIDA has been monitoring national implementation and has produced an overview of the current situation in each country. Our role continues to be to share information and interpretation of exceptions. Most library associations have produced position papers. Most are not expecting major changes, and some countries are trying to include new rights e.g. illustration for teaching purposes in France, digital copying in Sweden. Rightowners are active in most countries e.g. publishers in the UK and Germany, collecting societies in Scandinavia, strong music lobby in Denmark. In November, EBLIDA spoke at a joint copyright platform lobby in Belgium.

The copyright group continues to function well. Ireland is now represented and Greece, Portugal and Luxembourg remain the only unrepresented countries. Belgium nominated new members from the Dutch and French speaking communities and the new legal advisor to the National Library of Norway attended as an observer. For the first time, a representative from a CEE country was present (CELIP steering group member from Lithuania). It was proposed that the next meeting take place in Prague so that the Czech member can attend.

Helmut Rosner, who represents the German library association (BDB), will retire at the end of 2002 when the German library institute in Berlin closes. It is important to identify a suitable replacement so that Germany continues to be represented.

Frode Bakken mentioned the threat to information in the public domain and the danger of it being subject to technical protection measures or new regulations.

Anna Maria Mandillo distributed a paper on the copyright situation in Italy to the EBLIDA copyright workshop and said that there was a problem with music publishers.

17. Update on EBLIDA participation in the Frankfurt Group

The fourth meeting of the Frankfurt Group took place on 8 February.

VAT on electronic publications

EBLIDA and Jean-Pierre Devroey, Director of Universite Libre de Bruxelles, on behalf of Elmar Mittler from LIBER, met with the European Commission in November 2001. The purpose of this informal meeting was to gather information on which issues the Commission are currently reporting on, what views they are taking, how far they have got, whom they are consulting, etc. Agenda items included the current status of VAT Directive proposal; current

status of Commission review of Annex H of the 6th VAT Directive and introduction to the Frankfurt Group and the VAT statement. Before more progress can be made, however, talks between the Frankfurt Group and related organisations must take place. FEP (Federation of European Publishers) and the UK Publishers Association are concerned about some aspects of the strategy. It is planned that we meet the UK PA in London in April.

Retrodigitisation is the next topic on our schedule and a position paper is under discussion. The paper deals with definitions (e.g. incidental, systematic, course pack retrodigitisation), legal considerations, goals and agreed statements. The EBLIDA copyright group have given their comments and Harald van Hielmcrone has agreed to liaise with EBLIDA. The paper is in very early stages and has a long way to go before it is acceptable to EBLIDA.

18. European Commission Communication on lifelong learning

In November 2001, the Commission issued a Communication on lifelong learning and will report to the European Council and the European Parliament in 2003 on progress made with lifelong learning in the Member States and at the Community level. Libraries are now mentioned twice, instead of once (3.2 & 3.4) and the context is better than the memorandum.

The Commission have a new website on lifelong learning, containing full information on the Communication, national responses and progress reports and an overview of Commission actions. Go to: <http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/life/index.html>

European Council 15-16 March 2002, Barcelona

The aim of the European Council is to give fresh impetus to Europe's agenda for reform. One of the priorities is to improve the education and training of Europe's students and workers and increase their scope for mobility.

Britt-Marie Häggström presented a draft letter to send to the national ministers of education and culture reminding them of the role of libraries in the debate on lifelong learning. We must get across the message that libraries are partners, not service providers.

Mogens Damm said that the letter should be action oriented and Arja Riitta Haarala wanted the text to be shorter.

Berndt Fredriksson asked for clarification on what we are urging the ministers to do, the professional skills of archivists and librarians are just what is required.

Claudine Belayche agreed to translate the letter into French.

Action: The Director agreed to re-draft the letter after the meeting for approval in Rome, and to circulate the electronic version the following week. EBLIDA will send the letter to the national ministries.

19. Re-organisation of the EBLIDA WTO group (Frode Bakken)

Frode Bakken, the co-ordinator of the EBLIDA WTO group, suggested a re-

organisation of the group in order to focus on analysing the issues and getting into dialogue with the European Commission and the WTO. It was agreed to ask Kjell Nilsson, BIBSAM Sweden to join the group, as a member of the EBLIDA Copyright Expert Group and with experience of the GATS issues. It was also suggested that Ruth Rikowski, South Bank University, UK is involved as an observer. Rikowski is connected with Information for Social Change, an activist organisation that examines issues of censorship, freedom and ethics amongst library and information workers. More information at: <http://www.libr.org/ISC/TOC.html>. The co-ordinator will approach the remaining members to discuss their future involvement. IFLA produced a position paper in 1999, updated in 2001. It is important that EBLIDA GATS activities complement with IFLA, so we should liaise closely.

Africa, Hong Kong, Iceland and the U.S. have decided to place libraries into the GATS arena i.e. competition in the global economy. So far, the European Union has said that cultural activities, including libraries, will not become part of GATS. The IFLA statement focuses on competition, IPR and cultural diversity. Online data and retrieval services are included. The most interesting areas for commercial development are health and education, but there may be some interesting challenges ahead for libraries.

20. Council of Europe/EBLIDA guidelines on legislation and policy in Europe

The EBLIDA/Council of Europe guidelines on library legislation were discussed during the conference "Libraries and democracy" in Strasbourg in November 1998, adopted by the Culture Committee in October 1999 and approved by the Council for Cultural Co-operation in January 2000. In January 2000, they were adopted by the EBLIDA Executive Committee for approval. They were also approved by IFLA.

The guidelines were not discussed by the EBLIDA copyright group or by the IFLA Copyright & Licensing Matters (CLM) group. The EBLIDA copyright expert group raised a problem with Article 14ii, which concerns legal deposit arrangements. At the intervention of EBLIDA in May 2000, following discussion with Kjell Nilsson, Sandy Norman from EBLIDA and Bendik Rugaas and Ingrid Mauritzen, National Library of Norway, the commentary to the guidelines was amended.

EBLIDA agreed with the Council of Europe in June 2001 that an early revision of the guidelines would be sought on the grounds that the EU copyright Directive would introduce new a stable legal framework for copyright within Europe.

The matter was discussed by the EBLIDA copyright expert group on 31 January 2002 and it was agreed to put forward an amendment to Article 14ii and to delete Article 15v (also relating to compensation for legal deposit items).

There will be a two-way approach to requesting an amendment. EBLIDA will draft a letter to Bendik Rugaas, Director of DG Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, outlining the request. EBLIDA will draft a letter for members of the CoE culture committee. EBLIDA will send this letter to the copyright expert group who will translate the letter and send it to their

national representatives. Contact details to be supplied by EBLIDA. The EBLIDA CEG and IFLA CLM will be kept informed of progress.

21. Library education in Europe

In November 2000, the chair of the Executive Board of EUCLID (European Association for Library and Information Education and Research) contacted EBLIDA for information. EUCLID has about 40 member library schools and departments in universities in countries within the Council of Europe area. There is potential for co-operation between EBLIDA and EUCLID.

Mogens Damm said that EUCLID are an obvious partner for co-operation.

22. Joint Europe logo for public libraries

EBLIDA was contacted in January 2002 by Maija Berndtson, Library Director, Helsinki, Finland and Mats Öström, Head of Culture, Gävle, Sweden on a proposal for a joint Europe logo for public libraries. The proposal makes the case for having a European logo for public libraries. This would be a common symbol or trademark for public libraries throughout the EU and would increase the visibility of public libraries. The library logo could be complemented by an authorised European quality mark. To receive the right to use the library symbol certain criteria would have to be met, along the lines of hotel star ratings. The number of stars would depend on the level of service e.g. numbers of staff and their qualifications, opening hours, media collections, access to the Internet, etc.

There followed a discussion on the proposal and also the American Library Association marketing campaign "@ your library" (www.ifla.org/@yourlibrary/index.htm). @ your library has already been adopted by some European library associations, but this wasn't seen as a solution for all Europe e.g. language differences.

Mogens Damm was not in favour of taking up the ALA symbol at European level and supported an identity symbol in principal, but not a quality mark. Britt-Marie Häggström and Jan-Ewout van der Putten agreed.

Berndt Fredriksson expressed some scepticism at the idea and said that archives use a Greek symbol.

There was a consensus that the issue of a quality mark was much more difficult and could serve to highlight disparities instead of creating a network.

EBLIDA is happy to further consider the idea of a European identity symbol. It would be important to have EU and later local authority support (necessary for public signs). Maija Berndtson and Mats Öström are invited to make a further concrete proposal on funding, administration and design.

Action: Teresa Hackett to inform Maija Berndtson and Mats Öström.

23. Update on Greek Library Association membership

The Executive Committee decided in September 2001 that if an approved payment plan with the GLA was not in place by 1 January 2002, membership

of EBLIDA would cease in accordance with Article 9(a) of the EBLIDA constitution.

Anthi Katsirikou, Library Director, Technical University of Crete, a member of the new board of the GLA, contacted EBLIDA in October 2001 to say that the EBLIDA repayment proposals had been accepted and that the official decision would be taken on 8 October 2001. Unfortunately the decision was not taken. After further communication, EBLIDA received a fax on 21 February 2002 stating that the association regrets that they are unable to pay any membership fee this year.

The Executive Committee decided, in accordance with their previous decision, that membership of the Greek Library Association in EBLIDA should cease. The Executive Committee regrets that the GLA are no longer members of EBLIDA and will be happy to re-instate their membership when their economic situation improves. The GLA will be informed in writing and the debt will be written off in the EBLIDA accounts.

Action: Teresa Hackett to inform the Greek Library Association.

24. Dutch language course for Director

In October/November 2001, the Director attended an intensive Dutch course at a well-known language institute (www.reginacoeli.nl/). It was necessary to attend an intensive course because of regular business travel. The Director attended the two week course in her own time and paid for travel and accommodation. The Dutch public library association (NBLC) have generously paid 50% of the costs. The President requested that the Executive Committee approve payment by EBLIDA of the remaining 50%. The actual cost to EBLIDA, after VAT and tax rebates, is approximately 1346 Euro.

The Executive Committee approved the payment.

25. EBLIDA events

The European copyright Directive - the last chapter EBLIDA workshop on the national implementation of the EU copyright Directive, 1 February 2002, London

The workshop was fully booked with over sixty participants from all over Europe. The estimated revenue to EBLIDA is approximately 3000 Euro. The UK Library Association did local organisational support and Sandy Norman, LA copyright consultant, helped with the agenda. EBLIDA would like to express thanks to Sue Brown at the UK LA for support.

The workshop meant good exposure for EBLIDA, who has developed new contacts as a result. There is obviously a lot of interest in the topic and there is scope for future events in this area. More information at: <http://www.eblida.org/conferences/copyright/copyright.htm>

Creating access to information. EBLIDA workshop on getting a better deal from your licenses, 12 April 2002, The Hague

Following the success of the first EBLIDA licensing workshop in September 2001, the second workshop will take place in The Hague in April 2002.

More information at: www.eblida.org/conferences/licensing/licensing.htm

26. Finances and general secretariat

Financial report & accounts

The EBLIDA accounts for 2001 will be finalised on 22 March. To save costs, this will be done on the same day as a routine inspection by the GAK, the Dutch social security organisation, who will inspect the books for the years 1997-2000. The Executive agreed to a suggestion by the Director that the EBLIDA accountants, Bouwer & Officier, give a short presentation on the EBLIDA accounts at our next meeting in The Hague.

New EBLIDA travel agent & insurance

EBLIDA has been trying out different travel agents over the last months after our previous travel agent introduced new charges of 62 Euro per ticket, and have just been accepted by ATP Government Travel, a travel agent that deals mainly with Dutch government ministries and related non-profit organisations. At present, there is no booking fee. At the same time, we have taken out travel insurance at a cost of 0,68 Euro cents per day of travel.

27. Country reports: recent key developments

Mogens Damm, Denmark, reported that there is a new government. It is uncertain what changes this will bring.

Claudine Belayche, France, reported that the Public Lending Right legislation has not been implemented because parliament has been dissolved for the forthcoming Presidential elections.

Anna Maria Mandillo, Italy, reported that the role of the new copyright office remains unclear especially in relation to the implementation of the EU copyright Directive.

Britt-Marie Häggström, Sweden, reported that VAT has been reduced to European levels and that there is an investigation into the structure and role of archives, libraries and museums.

Mogens Damm requested that country reports be taken early in the agenda.

It was agreed that each country would provide a one page country report for the Council meeting. The Executive are responsible for reports from their countries. The secretariat will ask for reports from other countries.

Deadline: 15 April 2002.

Any other business

28. EBLIDA constitution - 1997 amendment (Jan-Ewout van der Putten)

The EBLIDA constitution was amended in 1997. This appears as an annex to

the constitution. There are two issues which must be considered. The first is technical: the annex must be brought into the constitution in order for it to be legal in The Netherlands, where EBLIDA is registered. The second issue is juridical. The annex has created a confusion between full members of EBLIDA (associations) and the persons representing the associations.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten requested that the Executive consider the issue in time for the Council meeting in May 2002 and the next elections in May 2003.

According to the constitution, full members are eligible to sit on the Executive Committee. The aim of the founders of EBLIDA was to ensure that there was a changing membership on the Executive so that it was representative of the whole of Europe. So a limit was placed on the length of time a full member could serve. In 1997, it was thought that this meant that once a full member had served their term on the Executive, that they could never re-join.

According to the constitution, a full member puts forward a named representative, which can be changed at any time.

The issues to consider are (1) the permanent eligibility of full members (associations) to remain on the Executive and (2) should the constitution regulate the representative put forward by the full member. The constitution clearly states that the Council votes for members i.e. associations. The member names their representative.

Klaus-Peter Böttger said that there should be a provision for a full member to retain their seat, otherwise the Executive could be completely different each term.

Arja Riitta Haarala was in favour of some limits to avoid the danger of members never changing.

Mogens Damm commented that it was important to retain the "personal face" and agreed that the representatives could change but not the members.

Frode Bakken reported that a similar issue had arisen in the Norwegian Library Association.

The Executive agreed to the technical change only i.e. to bring the annex into the constitution. The amendment must be translated into Dutch (the original language of the constitution) and authorised by a Dutch notary.

In order to do this, the Executive agreed to assign powers to Jan-Ewout van der Putten to consult a Dutch notary and make the agreed changes.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten and the Director will consult a notary in April to agree on changes in the Dutch version. This will probably not be possible. In this case, we shall need to re-word the amendment in line with the spirit of the previous amendment. The costs will be approximately 2000 Euro and the NBLC may be able to provide some support.

29. EC workshop on Digital Rights Management Systems (T.Hackett)

Teresa Hackett reported that EBLIDA had recently been invited to a high level workshop organised by DG Information Society of the European Commission in Brussels on 28 February 2002. The workshop concerns digital rights management systems, to promote protection and distribution of digital content on the Internet. Representatives of the content, information technology, and consumer electronics industries, as well as some user and consumer associations, will participate to set out their views on how to make DRMS acceptable to all market players and how to bring about co-operation between them. Erkki Liikanen, the Information Society Commissioner and Frits Bolkestein, the Internal Market Commissioner, will both speak at the event. DRMS are clearly moving up the political agenda of the Commission. This is in relation to implementing Article 6 of the EU copyright Directive which deals with technical protection measures and the implication that levies are phased out as DRMS become more widespread.

30. EC Communication on public sector information (T. Hackett)

The European Commission issued a Communication on public sector information in October 2001, as a follow-up to the Green Paper. This was discussed briefly at the EBLIDA copyright group on 31 January 2002 and it was agreed that Geir Kjell Andersland, Norway, would liaise with EBLIDA on producing a response.

31. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in The Hague on Thursday, 2 May 2002.

32. Closure

Britt-Marie Häggström thanked the Executive Committee for their contributions and the Italian Library Association (AIB) for providing great hospitality and support to the Executive Committee meeting.

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