



# Minutes

## Executive Committee meeting

### Bordeaux, France, 29 February – 1 March 2008

These Minutes have been approved by the EBLIDA Council.

#### **Chair: Gerald Leitner**

**Participants:** Andrew Cranfield, Pernille Drost, António José Pina Falcão, Saara Ihamäki, Gerald Leitner, Barbara Lison, Jill Martin, Carla Sotgiu and Bas Savenije

Not present were Toby Bainton, Pedro Hípola & Karin Åstrøm Iko

#### **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

#### **1. Opening and announcements**

Gerald Leitner (GL) opened the Executive Committee meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked Barbara Lison (BL) for suggesting and helping to arrange the meeting in Bordeaux and Andrew Cranfield (AC) for his preparation for this meeting.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Toby Bainton, Pedro Hípola & Karin Åstrøm Iko. GL welcomed António José Pina Falcão to the meeting as a replacement for Helena Patricio who will no longer serve on the EBLIDA Executive EC. The Portuguese Library Association (BAD) will inform the EBLIDA secretariat of Helena Patricio's replacement by the end of March 2008 and GL thanked Helena for her valuable contribution to EBLIDA and the Executive Committee.

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved, but agenda item 8 (EBLIDA work plan 2008) would be discussed after item 12.2 along with a discussion of a membership campaign

#### **4. Approval Draft Minutes Executive Committee meeting Tallinn, October 2007.**

Minutes approved without further comment. Some EC members may not have received the NAPLE white paper (as mentioned p. 4 Tallinn minutes) and AC agreed to resend this document to the members of the EC. *White paper resent on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008.*



## **5. EBLIDA internal matters**

### 5.1 Announcements

No announcements

### 5.2 Financial Statement

EBLIDA's treasurer, Bas Savenije (BS), gave a report on the financial statement 2007 from the accountants, Bouwer and Officier and that the net result for 2007 amounted to EURO 12.775 which has been added to the capital. It was agreed that the Director and Treasurer would meet during March and revise the financial documents, revised budget 2008 and draft budget 2009 and this would be sent out to the EC by the end of March (*Meeting to be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>*)

Under discussion were also the annual membership invoices for EBLIDA members and the sending out of these. It was decided that from November 2008 all members would be invoiced at this time. In September 2008 all full members will receive a letter informing them of this change of procedure and that EBLIDA will use the latest available ANP figures to determine the band payment. If the member changes band based on new ANP figures, then the member will either be invoiced or credited for the difference. This change of procedure will be included on the agenda at the council meeting in The Hague.

### 5.3 Revised budget 2008

The EC agreed that it was necessary to budget for the employment of a new director and that it was essential to ensure a smooth transition from one director to the next, by a period of overlap. This figure will appear in the revised budget for 2008 and 2009.

GL stated that he thought it imperative that EBLIDA invest time and effort in recruiting a new director.

BS went through the revised budget for 2008 and stated that EBLIDA did not expect a surplus from the joint workshops to be arranged in cooperation with IFLA, due to the nature of the funding of these workshops.

BS mentioned the Anna Lindh foundation might be worth investigating in order to establish networks between Europe and the countries of the Mediterranean. AC would follow up on this in cooperation with Karin Åström Iko (KAI).

AC ended this agenda item by informing that 3 associate members of EBLIDA were up for deletion according to the rules of EBLIDA (that no member may be more than two years in areas). These members would be submitted for deletion at the council meeting in May 2008. One of these was the Turkish Librarians' Association and it was agreed that AC would contact them prior to the Council Meeting, as it was important to have EBLIDA representation here.

### 5.4 EBLIDA secretariat

AC informed the EC about some of the problems at the secretariat but that everyone was working towards improving internal working procedures. AC also said that it was the intention to continue with the same amount of staff in 2008.

## 5.5 EBLIDA News

At the suggestion of Pernille Drost (PD) the EC decided to reduce the publication frequency of EBLIDA News to 12 issues pr. annum from 2008

## 5.6 EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting

AC informed the EC that plans for the Amsterdam conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May were proceeding according to plan and that he would visit the public library in Amsterdam on March 11<sup>th</sup> to see the venue etc.

For the Council meeting itself on the 8<sup>th</sup> it was decided that the two main issues for the agenda would be the EBLIDA Information & Knowledge Centre and a discussion of membership strategy and membership rights.

## 5.7 Report from the joint EBLIDA/LIBER workshop (Copenhagen) and the Librarian@2010 conference (Lisbon)

AC reported that both events had created revenue for EBLIDA, raised the profile of the organisation and cemented cooperation with other European and national associations. Both conferences also resulted in tangible outcomes in that a list of recommendations on the basis of discussions in Copenhagen were sent to the European Commission and a selection of articles from the Lisbon conference will be published in Education for Information #1, 2008.

The EC decided to support the idea of a new LIBER/EBLIDA conference to follow up on the set of recommendations in 2009. The joint EBLIDA/EUCLID conference attracted less delegates than expected and it was only through the hard work and support of the BAD that it had been possible to make a small surplus on this event. Therefore the EC was hesitant about a new conference in 2009, though António José Pina Falcão (AJPF) hoped that it might be possible for be a new conference to follow up on the Lisbon conference focusing on LIS education in 2009.

## 5.8 Report from the EBLIDA/CENL meeting, January 2008

AC reported from a successful meeting that he and Toby Bainton (TB) had had with representatives from the CENL. The main areas of discussion and future cooperation were rights clearance, the use of the “model license” and digitisation activities in general. The conclusion to the meeting was that this had been a good discussion and that the two organisations should stay in close contact.

BL asked why EBLIDA was not represented in the EDL foundation. AC said that EBLIDA did not represent large “content suppliers” (i.e. national and academic libraries) and was therefore not in a position to bring content to the EDL.

## 5.9 Report from the EBLIDA/FEP meeting, February 2009

TB and AC met with representatives of the Federation of European Publishers in Brussels in February to follow up on discussions on orphan works, license agreements, database about orphan works etc.

## 5.10 COMMUNIA project

A member of the EGIL attended the first workshop of the COMMUNIA project in Turin and will report on this at the next EGIL meeting in Paris in April. AC will attend the next workshop in Vilnius on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and report from this at the next EC meeting in The Hague.

## 6. Discussion on the EBLIDA Knowledge and Information Centre (KIC)

GL reported from the December 2007 meeting in Copenhagen and expressed his gratitude to those who had attended the meeting and contributed with ideas and outlined the structure of the KC and its aims and goals. The KIC will provide a platform for EBLIDA to formulate policy and positions on central themes in the European library sector – and respond to the agenda of the European institutions. The KIC should provide information on European projects and calls for projects – a tool that would also be very useful to the institutions that make up the associate members of EBLIDA. The Copenhagen group produced a matrix outlining the structure of the KIC

### EBLIDA MAP OF EUROPE

Information law	Digitisation and online access	Culture and information society	Education and LLL	Professional education
Introduction/mission statement	Introduction/mission statement	Introduction/mission statement	Introduction/mission statement	Introduction/mission statement
Relevant European papers, directives, recommendations etc	Relevant European papers, directives, recommendations etc	Relevant European papers, directives, recommendations etc	Relevant European papers, directives, recommendations etc	Relevant European papers, directives, recommendations etc
Lobbying activities / position statements and statements	Lobbying activities / position statements and statements	Lobbying activities / position statements and statements	Lobbying activities / position statements and statements	Lobbying activities / position statements and statements
Information on calls for projects on the different EU programmes	Information on calls for projects on the different EU programmes	Information on calls for projects on the different EU programmes	Information on calls for projects on the different EU programmes	Information on calls for projects on the different EU programmes
Country reports, best practice etc	Country reports, best practice etc	Country reports, best practice etc	Country reports, best practice etc	Country reports, best practice etc
Expert Group members and contact details	Expert Group members and contact details	Expert Group members and contact details	Expert Group members and contact details	Expert Group members and contact details

The KIC should also provide a library “map of Europe” detailing e.g. issues of legislation, funding of PLR schemes, statistical data etc.

Phase 1 of the process will be to collect and make available the relevant European papers (e.g. from the European Commission, Parliament, Council of Ministers etc). From these papers the expert groups should analyse the European political agenda and prepare statements/position

papers in relation to these. In connection with this password protected “members areas” will be established for members of the EC and for all members of the expert groups. A debating forum for organizations/associations will also be established.

GL said that there had been interest from European colleagues for these ideas and also to create a platform for dialogue and discussion among associations and organisations on policy and strategy in Europe.

BL supported the proposal, but did comment that this would mean a lot of work for the organisation and the secretariat and it might be possible to use other resources in the build up of the KIC. There was approval for the suggestion to gather information on national library legislation within the European Union.

JM said it would be necessary to build up the country reports over time, as this was a lengthy process. JM added that there should be a focus on the remit of the expert groups and there should be a joint responsibility between the EC, the expert groups and the secretariat for the establishment of the KIC.

PD said that entrance to the information of the KC should be at the country level and not at the subject level, which the EC was in agreement with.

*BS also underlined the necessity to reuse information already available and endorse positions and statements that had already been made. (To discuss).*

AJPF strongly supported this initiative and felt that this would help the position of EBLIDA on the European library scene and would be an important tool for the associations.

Saara Ihamäki (SI) thought this was a good way to make visible what EBLIDA does and to show what the organisation does. This will obviously be a network project that will require strong organisation.

GL commented on projects like PULMAN and CALIMERA and the work of MDR partners. He recognised the contribution that these had made to providing relevant information in a European context, but thought that it had been difficult to establish business models that could ensure updated information. Therefore it was important to ensure the input of all the relevant European library organisations and associations and to create a new European network for this task.

BL asked to what extent social networks (blogs, wikis etc) would be used as an integrated part of the KIC. AC that at this stage, it would not be possible for anyone to upload information directly to the KIC, but that the discussion forums would make use of these tools. JM agreed that there should be a closed environment for “controlled information” and an open environment for discussion.

PD was also concerned about the amount of work that has to be done, but said that before EBLIDA could get European funding for the KIC, it would be necessary to have a product or template to show the aims and structure of the KIC.

GL agreed with PD, but said that EBLIDA would still try and get funding at the earliest possible window. Without the services of the KIC, EBLIDA is much less relevant as a European organisation.

SI asked if EBLIDA needed to invest economic resources in the web site to incorporate all this new information. AC said that it would be possible to use the existing structure and no major investment should be necessary at this time.

## **7. Reports from the chairs of expert groups**

### 7.1. Report from the EGIL

AC reported from the last meeting of the EGIL in Vienna November 2008 where the main issues for the group were discussed and various small strategy groups were established. The EGIL strategy and the KIC will be the main agenda items for the April meeting in Paris (15/16 April).

The EGIL has also sent a response to the EC open consultation on content online in Europe and this will be available on the website.

### 7.2 Report from the JEGDO

The JEGDO held its first meeting in London on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January and discussed the framework for the group and the idea of the KIC. The meeting was held as the JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee) and also included a presentation on JISC digitisation activities in the UK. BS will prepare an “example” on the issue of open access for could be used in the KC, while Paul Ayriss will prepare a template on what one should keep in mind in the digitisation process. The JEGDO will hold its next meeting in Copenhagen on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April.

SI proposed Pirjo Lipasti from the Helsinki public library for the group.

### 7.3 Report from the Professional Education Group

JM is in the process of contacting proposed members of this group and to hold a meeting in London on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 7.4 Report from the expert group on lifelong learning and education

PD is contacting experts for this group and will try and arrange a meeting before the EC meeting before the Haag Council meeting.

### 7.5 Report from the expert group on culture and information society

BL reported from this group and the names of those who had agreed to participate. This group will hold its first meeting in Berlin on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. BL is trying to get participation from Italy for this group, there should also be participation from the UK and/or Ireland (JM will suggest someone) and AC will contact Carl Gustav Johansen from the Danish Library School to see if he can recommend someone from Eastern Europe.

For the expert groups it may be possible to include students, PhD students etc who are focusing on an area in line with the terms of reference of the expert groups, it does not need to be people at the top of their profession.

The EC decided to set up a small working group to look at the regulations for expert groups as these may need a revision due to the establishment of many new expert groups. BL will chair this group, which will report back at the next EC meeting in The Hague.

The next expert group meetings –

EGIL – Paris, 15/16 April 2008

JEGDO – Copenhagen, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008

PEG – London, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008

Culture/info soc – Berlin, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Education/LLL - TBA

## **9. EBLIDA Website**

AC presented the proposal from CIM Consult regarding the setting up of closed working environments for the EC and for the expert groups. The EC accepted the offer from CIM Consult.

## **10. EBLIDA brochure**

AC presented the proposed design for the EBLIDA brochure and the EC expressed its enthusiasm for the brochure. A couple of changes were suggested and AC will contact the designer regarding these. AC will also agree copyright terms with the designer.

The EC agreed that the four sponsors of EBLIDA would be offered the opportunity to have their logo on the brochure at a cost of 1.000 EURO. AC will contact sponsors, detailing how the brochure will be distributed and print-runs.

## **11. ENTITLE Project**

GL and AC introduced the aims and goals of the project and suggested that EBLIDA join the project. EBLIDA will be allocated 15 days from the other project partners from the total project personnel resources. The EC decided to sign a contract enabling us to join the project, as it was in line with the overall strategy of EBLIDA in the area of education and lifelong learning.

## **12. Joint workshops with IFLA**

AC presented a proposal for two joint workshops with IFLA/FAIFE, with economic support from the Swedish development agency, on the issues of copyright and data privacy. The workshops will be budgeted with a surplus/deficit of 0. PD thought the workshop ideas were good, but warned on making the issues to political. The EC also underlined the importance of a European perspective in these workshops. The EC decided to approve the concept of these two workshops.

## **8. EBLIDA Work Plan 2008**

AC introduced the work plan for 2008, saying that the main task was the establishment of the KIC and the start-up of the 5 expert groups. The EC approved the work plan after a short discussion with no major changes.

The EC also discussed a membership campaign. EBLIDA will offer membership to potential full members in EU countries where EBLIDA is not represented with the offer that was agreed at the EC meeting in Tallinn.

A discussion followed as to giving voting rights to associate members and whether this should be done. There was a general agreement that in principle associate members should have the right to vote, but some EC members thought that there should be the opportunity to consider the wider implications of such a change to the structure of EBLIDA.

The EC agreed to put this on the agenda for the next EC meeting, where the secretariat would prepare a document outlining the implications of voting rights for all types of membership. GL noted that since this item had been raised at the last council meeting in Iceland the EC was obligated to discuss this issue and to bring it on to the council agenda.

## **13. Next EBLIDA EC Meeting**

The EC agreed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 for its autumn meeting. Venue to be decided at the next meeting.

## **14. Annual Council Meeting, Vienna 2009**

No comments

## **15. Any other business**

No items

## **16. Closure of meeting**

GL closed the meeting, thanking everyone for their participation.