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## Euclid Board Meeting in Parma, 2010

EUCLID BOARD meeting was held during BOBCATSSS symposium (Parma, January, 25-27, 2010) on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, from 18:00 till 20:00 in the Meeting room of the Hotel Stendhal in Parma

Agenda:

1. Welcome and approval of Minutes
2. Review of the activities during 2009
3. Discussion about future actions
  - 3.1. Pre-IFLA Satellite meeting in Boras, Sweden
  - 3.2. The Bologna-process and EUCLID with a focus upon European curriculum development based on the report from the Copenhagen. Are the proposals and conclusions from the Project relevant, realistic and adequate?
  - 3.3. Cooperation with EBLIDA, IFLA and ALISE
4. Other business

The meeting was chaired by Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić and Anamaria Tammaro.

Ad 1) Agenda proposal was accepted unanimously.

Ad 2) After the Agenda proposal was accepted the Board discussed its activities during 2009. The Chair's Report for the activities in 2009 was published in Newsletter No 25. Special attention was paid to efforts to continue with Euclid's Newsletter which did not get published in 2008. The Newsletter 24 and 25 are available at the web site that was successfully given the .eu domain.

The Board decided that the Bobcat of the year 2009 should be awarded to Professor Ragnar Audunson who served actively as Euclid Chair and was very supportive of new ideas and actions.

Ad 3) During the meeting a great deal of discussion was dedicated to cooperation with EBLIDA and preparations of the IFLA pre-satellite meeting in Borås, Sweden in August of 2010. IFLA, ALISE and EUCLID agreed to join forces in organizing this professional event. Regarding financial situation, the Chair reported the balance on the account to be 3.500,00 €, but stressed the fact that for administrative reasons not all of the invoices were sent to members on time.

In the discussion about BOBCATSSS proceedings Ian Johnson supported the idea of Euclid's financial support on a regular basis, and suggested a repository of papers as well. Anna Maria Tammaro pointed out the existence of D-space for BOBCATSSS papers from Parma (abstracts and .ppt), but warned about the issue of copyright. Aparac-Jelušić raised the question of the quality of papers and suggested to support the students and teach them how to produce good proceedings. One of the conclusions was that the BOBCATSSS proceedings should be published on-line and in print, if possible, as well as the proceedings from forthcoming joint satellite meeting.

Ad 4) Regarding the web site, there was a suggestion to include a new category: important projects in LIS filed. The Chair proposed that the Secretary should investigate a possibility of developing:

- 1) Database of research projects of LIS schools in Europe
- 2) Database of potential evaluators of LIS programs

Also, a possibility of collecting student papers in different countries on Bologna process: impact of Bologna Process on LIS schools should be investigated.

In regard to future activities Tammaro suggested a research project about curriculum and mobility experience in the framework of Bologna process.

As usual, the Board discussed the issue of next BOBCATSSS hosts. The proposal for the BOBCATSSS 2012 submitted by Dutch colleagues was accepted. This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the symposium and it is appropriate to organize it in Amsterdam (organization: Stuttgart and Göring). There were other suggestions for future symposiums (from 2013 onwards) and it was decided to ask all interested parties to submit their written proposals to the Chair and the Board will make the decisions at the meeting in Szombathely, January 2011.

Turkey's representative expressed their wish to host BOBCATSSS in a near future since Turkey has 12 LIS schools altogether.

Several other proposals were given (for BOBCATSSS in Ankara, Turkey and in Barcelona, Spain) and it was decided that written proposals should be sent to the Secretary till the end of March 2010.

During the fruitful discussion there were several suggestions offered: Jan Johnson supported the idea of yearly BOBCATSSS proceedings, but suggested repository of papers at the Euclid's web site. In response, Anna Maria Tammaro explained that there is D-space for BOBCATSSS papers from Parma (abstracts and .ppt) and that the Euclid's website should seek to put the link. Question of copyright was lined up as well as the question of quality of proceedings. The organization of several workshops about the preparation, design and maintenance of BOBCATSSS proceedings during the symposium was also suggested.

Serap Kurbanoglu suggested to explore the possibilities of publishing good papers in professional journals. Anna Maria Tammaro expressed her ideas about the follow up of a Euclid's position paper on LIS curriculum and research into the mobility problems.

Ursula Georgy informed that the research proposal should be ready in near future for the Board's opinion.

At the end of the meeting there were many positive comments and thanks to Anna Maria Tammaro who took over last minute organization of BOBCATSSS 2010 in Parma with great responsibility. There was also a feeling expressed about the BOBCATSSS being "in crisis", but fortunately most of the problems were solved and hopefully EUCLID and BOBCATSSS will continue their activities.

## **Satellite event on education to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 8-9 August 2010, Borås, Sweden**

The Section for Education and Training (SET) and the Section for Library Theory and Research (LTR) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and the European Association for Library and Information Education and Research (EUCLID), who all aim to strengthening the opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between different Regional Areas of the world in order to improve the education and continuing professional development of library and information professionals, have organised a satellite event to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress that was held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The satellite meeting "Cooperation and Collaboration in Teaching and Research: Trends in Library and Information Studies Education" was hosted by the Swedish School of Library and Information Science in

Borås, Sweden, on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010. The intention of this collaborative forum was to build on the joint EUCLID-ALISE meeting held in Potsdam, Germany, 31<sup>st</sup> of July and 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2003 (<http://forge.fh-potsdam.de/EUCLID/>). This joint IFLA-ALISE-EUCLID satellite conference was focused on discussions about current projects in LIS education and research, and on enabling networking and sharing of knowledge between the various audience groups. The objectives of the conference were:

- To build bridges between different Regional Areas of the world
- To promote internationalisation of LIS research and educational practice
- To foster interest in innovative approaches to learning and teaching in the LIS discipline
- To encourage mutual recognition of curricula and qualifications.

The conference theme was chosen because LIS education, worldwide, faces the ongoing challenge of charting the future roles played by library and information professionals, during times of relentless socio-economic and technological change. As this formidable challenge transgresses national boundaries, it is important for the diverse approaches to LIS education to have a strong international dimension. This conference was focused on research and innovation in library and information science teaching and pedagogy, with the goal of creating a clearer understanding of the issues impacting the international recognition of professional qualifications and the global mobility of students and graduates. Among other objectives this event tried to attract as many LIS educators as possible from many different countries of the world with the goal of exchanging the ideas about the opportunities for curriculum development and for research.

EUCLID and the University of Zadar were responsible for editing and publishing the proceedings of the conference which can be found under the following URL: <http://euclid-lis.eu/conferences/index.php/IFLA2010/>

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## **Bobcat of the year 2009 – Ragnar A. Audunson**

Ragnar Andreas Audunson is professor in library and information science at Oslo University College, Faculty of Journalism, Library and Information Science. He holds a doctoral degree in political science from Oslo University on a dissertation analysing change processes in public libraries.

He was a research coordinator of the library research programme of the Norwegian Research Council from December 1997 till the program finished 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2001 and was elected dean of Faculty at Oslo University College, Faculty of Journalism Library and Information Science August 1994 – August 1997.

At the moment he is directing a research project on the potential of public libraries in promoting social cohesion and integration in multicultural and digital societies (PLACE - Public Libraries, Arenas for Citizenship). He has been involved in an international joint Master programme Digital Libraries and Learning – DILL.

He was chairman of the committee on LIS-education in the Library Association of Norway 2002-2008 and member IFLA's standing committee on library theory and research since 2001. He became chairman in this IFLA's standing committee in August 2005.

Ragnar Audunson was active as Board member of NORDIS-NET 1997-2001. (NORDIS-NET, a Nordic-Baltic network for research education in information science financed by NORFA) and served as member in a committee evaluating Swedish library and information science education (2004) by appointment of the Swedish National Agency for Higher Education.

He was also appointed to serve at several evaluating panels for the quality of research (at Lund University, 2008; Tromsø university, 2011) and has been oponent and tutor for several PhD dissertations.

He is member of the editorial board of Journal of Librarianship and Information Science. Ragnar Audunson was chairman in EUCLID between from 2003 till 2008 during which period a research project was undertaken on curriculum design in LIS field. EUCLID was directly involved in this project and his efforts to include all members of EUCLID into the projects were recognized and appreciated.

## **EUCLID BOARD MEETING IN Hungary**

EUCLID BOARD meeting will take place during next year's BOBCATSSS (Shombately, January, 31 till February 2, 2011) on Monday, January 31, at 2:30 pm

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Minutes' approval
2. Review of the activities in 2010
3. Discussion about future actions
  - 3.1. Project proposal to the Euclid: Towards "europeisation" of LIS education: Bologna Process impact for young students and researchers for mobility, recognition and quality enhancement (Esin Sultan Oguz, Prof. Onderoglu, Prof. Kurbanoglu, Anna Maria Tamaro and Ursula Georgy)
  - 3.2. Cooperation with EBLIDA, IFLA, ALISE ...
  - 3.3. Data base of the research projects in European LIS schools
4. Hosting BOBCATSSS 2013 and 2014 – proposals and discussion
5. Bobcat of the 2010 – proposals and approval
6. Other business