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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2009

ACTIVITIES

During Bobcatsss conference in Oporto open board meeting was held with 14 representatives from 10 countries among them 3 members of the Board. The Minutes of the meeting were published in the Newslettter 24.

The members of the Board assisted in negotiations for the next two Bobcatsss conferences since there was no prior agreement reached for the 2010 year. For the year 2011 it was decided (in Zadar) that the hosts would be Fachhochschule fuer Informationsberuf in Eisenstadt, Austria and Berszenyi College, Szombathelyi, Hungary. After several short meetings Anna Maria Tammaro from the University in Parma was able to convinced colleagues from Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom to get engaged for the first time in the organization of one Bobcatsss conference.

The main topic of the 18th Bobcatsss Conference was agreed upon: Bridging the digital divide: libraries providing access for all indicating the role of libraries and other information and cultural institutions in contributing actively to the knowledge society, facilitating creation of knowledge and sharing information.

Several members of the Board were actively engaged in assisting organizers to prepare the Conference that is planned to be held in Parma from January, 25th till January 27th, 2010, especially the panel session on education of 21st LIS professionals. *Shortly after Oporto's Conference the Call for participation was created and widely distributed.*

For the 20th Bobcatsss Conference it was proposed to be held in 2010 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands to celebrate 20th anniversary.

Tatjana Aparac Jelusic attended "A Library Policy for Europe": joint EBLIDA-NAPLE conference in Vienna, Austria that was held on May 8th in connection with the EBLIDA Council Meeting. She took part as observer at the ILEG - Information and Library Education Group, that was chaired by Jill Martin. Since the ILEG members expressed their intention to map library education in EU states during the coming

months with a goal to produce a position paper on the Bologna process, it was agreed that joint activities between Eblida and Euclid should be intensified. In that respect a joint conference between EUCLID and EBLIDA was proposed for 2011 in Zadar, Croatia.

BOBCAT OF THE YEAR 2008

It was awarded post mortem to Audronė Glosienė, the Director General of the Vilnius University Library and Professor of Library and Information science who died on a first day of Bobcatss meeting in Oporto after a long lasting fight with cancer. Audronė Glosienė has served in various positions, including head of the Faculty for Library Science (part of the Communications Faculty). She was well known in Europe and the author of many papers and involved in planning of a new campus with a second library at this site. As a member of Euclid Board Audronė was very active, innovative, cooperative and a person with whom it was a pleasure and honour to work.

Cooperation with ALISE and IFLA

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) aim to strengthen 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.

This collaborative forum is being offered as a satellite event to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress being held 10-15 August 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The conference will be hosted by the Swedish School of Library and Information Science in Borås, Sweden, on 8-9 August 2010. It will build on the joint EUCLID-ALISE meeting held in Potsdam, Germany, 31 July-1 August 2003 (<http://forge.fh-potsdam.de/EUCLID/>).

ROUND TABLE IN MILAN, AUGUST 24, 2009

As part of the 75th IFLA General Conference & Assembly, IFLA's Education and Training Section (SET) had organised in August 24th 2009 an off-site whole day session at the Department of History and Historical Documentation Studies – University of Milan, with the title: "**Recognition of qualifications and quality of LIS education: the Bologna process challenges in a changing world**". The event was not only focused on the European education in LIS, but represented a great occasion for collaborating with LIS educators and professionals worldwide in discussing, sharing knowledge and learning more about different approaches to LIS education.

A Roundtable was focused on the impact of internationalisation on LIS education, especially in relation to enhancing mutual trust between partners and the implications of internationalisation and transnational courses for the recognition of qualifications.

With the aim of starting a closer collaboration on this theme with IFLA's SET, ALISE and ALIEP, the Euclid Chair took an active part in discussion.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Although EUCLID is far from a rich organization, the financial situation has developed positively, due to the fact that there were no high expenses in 2009. Though, not all member institutions payed their membership fee and more active part from the Secretary should be taken to get members became more active. On EUCLID's account there is now approximately EUR 3.500. In addition University of Zadar, Department of LIS has supported EUCLID with EUR 2.000, which has financed the chair's travelling expenses and work time. The University of Zadar has also supported EUCLID with a part of secretary's work time.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: EUCLID BOARD MEETING IN PARMA

EUCLID BOARD meeting will take place during BOBCATSSS (Parma, 25th-27th of January 2010) on Sunday 24th January, from 18:00 till 20:00. Place: the Meeting room of the Hotel Stendhal in Parma.*

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Agenda

1. *Welcome and Minutes' approval*
2. *Review of the activities during 2009*
3. *Discussion about future actions*
 - a. Pre-IFLA Satellite meeting in Boras, Sweden
 - b. 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?
 - c. Cooperation with EBLIDA, IFLA and ALISE
4. *Other business*

IMPORTANT NEWS: EUCLID WEBSITE MOVED TO “.EU” TOP LEVEL DOMAIN

We have transferred our <http://euclid-lis.org> internet domain name to <http://euclid-lis.eu>.