

**EUCLID**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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Library and Information  
Education and Research**

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2011**

### **Activities**

Open Board meeting was held during the Bobcatsss symposium in Szombathely on Monday, January 31st from 2:30 till 4:00 pm.

New members of the Board were elected as follows:

Bob Glass, Manchester Metropolitan University (United Kingdom), Jelke Nijboer, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands), Raphaëlle Bats, Enssib (France), Alen Doracic, University of Borås (Sweden), Serap Kurbanoglu, Hacettepe University (Turkey)

and three members from the previous Board remained:

Andreu Sulé Duesa, Universitat de Barcelona (Spain), Baiba Holme University of Latvia (Latvia), and Tatjana Aparac Jelusic, University of Zadar (Croatia).

The members of the Board assisted in negotiations for the next three BOBCATSSS conferences and they were in connection with organizers of the BOBCATSSS 2012

### **Cooperation with ALISE and IFLA**

No special events.

### **Publications**

No 26 and No 27 of the official Newsletter were published online.

### **The financial situation**

Although EUCLID is far from a rich organization, the financial situation is the same as the last year due to the fact that members don't pay their fees. All invoices were sent from the Secretary to all institutional members as well as to potential candidates.

On EUCLID's account there is now approximately EUR 2.400.

EUR 200 spent on the maintenance of the web site.

The University of Zadar has also supported EUCLID with a part of secretary's work time.

## **OPEN BOARD MEETING IN AMSTERDAM, JANUARY 2012**

Amsterdam, January 24, 2012 - *Meeting started: 15.50 h (ended at 17:00 h)*

### **Agenda**

1. *Board's Chair welcome*
2. *Review of the activities during 2011*
3. *Cooperation issues*
4. *Discussion about future actions*
  - a. *Anna Maria Tammaro and Esin Sultan Oguz – proposal: "Towards Europeisation of LIS Education: Bologna Process impact for student mobility, recognition and learning quality"*
  - b. *Proposal: Conference on education (jointly organized with Eblida) in May 2013 in Zadar*
  - c. *Data base of research projects*
5. *Other business*

The Agenda was accepted together with one proposal: Alen Doracic asked to discuss the membership situation.

## **Minutes**

ad 1)

Welcome address and a short introduction by the Chair. There should be 37 members of Euclid, but the annual fee has not been paid by quite a number of member institutions. Serap Kurbanoglu proposed to nominate coordinators for wider regions.

ad 2) Chairman's Activity Report

Chair reported about two issues of EUCLID's official Newsletters: two numbers, not really rich with contributions, were issued online at the EUCLID web site.

Financial situation was discussed with a proposal that money (some 2.000 Euros) could be used for the organization of an annual meeting of European teachers/researchers in LIS field. Jelke Nijboer proposed organization of a conference about certification and accreditation issues because no one knows how accreditation process has been developing.

ad 3) Reporting about cooperation issues Chair mentioned special activities:

Eblida – meeting with Vincent Bonnet, director (Monday, January 23, 2012 in Amsterdam) – present: Anna Maria Tammaro (IFLA SET), Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić (EUCLID) and Bonnet (Eblida) when it was decided that: a) coordination activities should be fostered from LIS associations' side in regard to IFLA's recommendations for Recognition of Qualifications (RF) and RQ/accreditation process; b) because of Eblida's internal situation in regard to coordination of all expert groups, Eblida was seeking for cooperation – report and suggestions at Annual conference in Copenhagen, May 10-11, 2012 expected to make clearer in which ways; c) Euclid aims to start a project about Qualification status in Europe could be supported by

Eblida; and d) results of the project could be presented at the joint conference, possible in May 2013 (Zadar or Ankara)

Previous attempts to coordinate with CERTIDOC activities stopped for unknown reasons.

Some initiatives to renew cooperation with ALISE.

CILIP – loss of coordination: few people tried to organize a meeting about quality framework but Eblida had not enough force to coordinate that event.

Talking about future activities the proposal was made to prepare written statement about research in LIS field. Following the discussion about the desirable research project the Chair proposed that next year a conference in Zadar could be organized and hosted by the Department of Information Sciences and with a support from Eblida. Alen Doracic supported the idea and Kurbanoglu offered Ankara as an alternative place for the conference.

Everyone accepted the proposal that during next two weeks Kurbanoglu would open a place on web to discuss further details.

Ana Maria Tamaro reported about the project on the recognition matters inside the Erasmus agreements and the need on the design and maintenance of a database that would provide important information on LIS schools because some LIS schools/departments don't have any information in English. Alen Doracic was interested what type of information is needed; especially in relation to the European Qualification Framework and how country representatives could help in manage this project. It was agreed, after discussion of Jelke Nijboer, Alen Doracic and Aparac-Jelušić, that country representatives would take care of the information needed for a database.

Serap Kurbanoglu reported about next BOBCATSSS in Ankara, with a title: From Collections to Connections, 23-25<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Also, it was agreed that BOBCATSSS 2014 will be organized in Barcelona, jointly prepared by Barcelona and Boras, as well as that tentative host for BOBCATSSS 2015 could be Lyon. In case that IFLA conference will be organized that year in Lyon, another host should be found.

#### ad 5) Other *business*

Jury for the election of the best posters was elected (Ruud, Dimitria and Ingeborg) and it was confirmed that the BOBCAT of the 2011 would be given to Anna Maria Tamaro for hers contribution to the European cooperation in the LIS field.

**BOBCAT of the 2011 – dr. Anna Maria Tamaro, University of Parma, Italy**

Professor at the University of Parma, Rector Delegate for e-learning and local Coordinator of the International Master DILL Digital Library Learning, joint course together with Oslo (Coordinator) and Tallin Universities. Anna Maria Tammaro holds a PhD in Information Science from University of Northumbria, MLS in LIS from University of Northumbria, Library Specialisation from University of Rome and Degree in Philosophy from the University of Rome.

She is Chair of the IFLA Division IV and Vice-President of the Associazione Informatica Umanistica e Cultura Digitale.

Her publications are mainly written on education of library and information professionals, including a curriculum design for digital libraries, recognition issues as well as Quality Assurance of the educational programs, and user perception on digital services. She published a long list of articles, several books: *Digital Library Futures: User perspectives and institutional strategies* (with Ingeborg Verheul and Steve Witt) in 2010, *Scienze umane e cultura digitale* (with Sara Santoro) in 2008 and *Biblioteca digitale* (with Alberto Salarelli) in 2006, and several contributions to books such as Biblioteca digitale co-laboratorio: verso l'infrastruttura globale per gli studi umanistici in *Les historiens et l'informatique: un metier a reinventer* in 2011 and Quality Assurance in Library and Information Science (LIS) Schools: major trends and issues in *Advances in Librarianship* in 2006.

She has been engaged in EUCLID for many years and was an active member of the EUCLID Board, deeply concerned for the cooperation matters between European LIS schools as well as with the providing best possible education for the librarians from the Third Countries in the framework of Erasmus Mundus. Her contribution to the project and book on *European Curriculum Reflections on Library and Information Science Education* (edited by Leif Kajberg and Leif Lørring) in 2005 was highly visible and honoured.

When EUCLID was in the situation that the BOBCATSSS symposium might have been cancelled due to the fact that there was no one to organize it in 2010 Anna Maria Tammaro and her team volunteered to host the event in Parma having only ten months for all preparations.

EUCLID is proud to award such a dedicated professional for all her efforts and contributions to the development of educational projects and meetings in Europe.

#### **BEST POSTERS AWARDS:**

2nd prize: Julia Alexandra Goltz, Doreen Thiede "Cloud Computing and libraries - a German perspective, Berlin, Germany.

2nd prize: Dydimus Zengenene, Myjarrem Yilmaz "Demand and supply of skills and competences of Information managers in the digital era.

1st prize: Greda Ortiz, Aina Giones, Eli Ramirez, Spain “Do You See Me? Social Networks in Spain!”

Award for the best poster at BOBCATSSS2012 is free conference fee for BOBCATSSS2013 in Ankara, Turkey! Congratulations to winners!