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The President's Editorial

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Dear Euclid Members,

It is a great pleasure for me to greet you from this column once again.

I would like to start this editorial with expressing our gratitude, on behalf of EUCLID Board, to the organizers of BOBCATSSS 2016 which was a big success. It was co-organized by ENSSIB and University of Paris Descartes (France) in cooperation with University of Knoxville-Tennessee (USA). Several key topics such as the *Role of Libraries in Democratic Cultures, Intellectual Freedom and Censorship, Libraries, Open Access and Open Data, and Protecting Privacy* were explored during the conference. For more information you can refer to [Conference Website](#).

During BOBCATSSS 2016, two awards were announced. Firstly, Prof. [Paul Sturges](#), keynote speaker of this year's conference, was nominated and awarded to BOBCATSSS of the year 2015. Secondly, ENSSIB was awarded to the first Internationalization Award which is given by EUCLID to a member school for its contributions in promoting cooperation and internationalization between member schools during the past two years.

EUCLID Board has continued working in line with its [Strategic & Action Plan](#). Altogether six Board Meetings, both face-to-face and virtually, were organized in 2015 and in the beginning of 2016 to progress in executing the action plan.

In 2016, the Board will put its efforts into the preparation of special EUCLID session which will be dedicated to LIS education and research and will take place during [BOBCATSSS 2017](#) in Tampere, Finland. Announcements can be followed on [EUCLID's website](#).

This year there are some changes in the Board. I like to warmly welcome Paavo Arvola from Tampere University who replaced Alen Doracic. I also like

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to thanks Alen Drocic for his support during the last two years.

In January 2017, during Council Meeting, an election will take place to renew three more Board members who will complete their second term. Colleagues who are interested in taking part in the Board, can contact us.

We are also looking for nominations for organizing future BOBCATSSS. Please [contact](#) us if you are interested. Please also continue following us through our [website](#), [Facebook](#) account and our semi-annually published newsletters.

BOBCATSSS Lyon 2016 (27–29th January 2016)

Raphaëlle Bats

The [BOBCATSSS](#) conference was held from 27th to 29th January 2016, in Lyon, France. This edition was organized by the Enssib (Lyon, France), the University Paris Descartes (Paris, France), and the University of Knoxville, Tennessee, (USA). The theme of the conference was « Information, Libraries, Democracy ».

235 participants came to Lyon (team and volunteers included). 150 among them have participated to the Dinner & Party Evening.

Content:

Three keynote speakers was invited:

- Paul Sturges (UK),
- Päivikki Karhula (Finlande),
- Denis Merklen (France),

73 communications have been presented: 42 papers, 16 posters and 15 workshops. The proceedings of the conference will be published before September 2016 as Epub and PDF.

	Paper	Poster	Workshop
The role of libraries in democratic cultures	22	8	6
Protecting privacy	7	1	2
Libraries, open access and open data	8	3	5
Intellectual freedom and censorship	5	3	2
TOTAL	42	16	15

Figure 1: Quantity of communication related to supports (workshop, poster, paper) and topics.

The prizes were won by:

- **Best poster:** Jessica Colbert (University of Urbana–Champaign, Illinois, USA): *The Search that Dare Not Speak Its Name: LGBT Information and Catalog Records*.
- **Best Workshop:** Linda Voropajeva, Andris Kruminis, Elina Sniedze, Lelde Petrovska (University of Latvia): *Roleplaying in Libraries. Promoting reading for children*.

- **Best paper:** Raphaëlle Bats (Enssib, Lyon, France): *After Charlie Hebdo: The French libraries between freedom of expression and neutrality of the cultural institutions*.

EUCLID offered two other prizes:

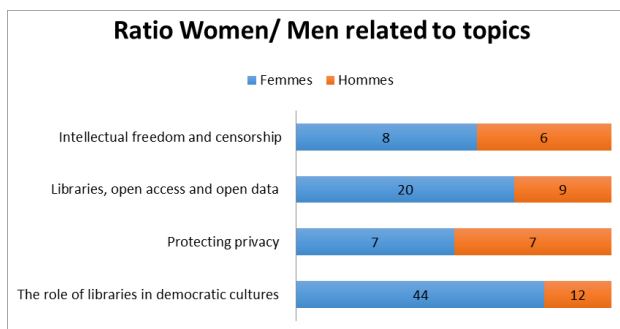
- **Bobcat of the Year** to Paul Sturges.
- **Award for Internationalization of Studies** in LIS to Enssib.

Speakers:

The speakers were 113 for 73 communications: 79 women and 34 men.

	Paper	Poster	Workshop
Women	37	13	29
Men	18	3	13

Figure 2: Ratio Women/Men related to support



Communication:

Twitter and Facebook were the two main social networks used for reaching the participants:

- **Twitter:** 311 tweets/retweets, 408 followers, 105 likes.
- **Facebook** (from 1st of April 2015 to 1st of March 2016): 94 posts, 1 221 likes, + 165 likes on the page, Fans : 68% women, 30% men.



BOBCATSSS Tampere 2017 (25–27th January 2017)

Paavo Arvola

The 25th conference of BOBCATSSS will be held at [University of Tampere](#), Finland, on 25th to 27th of January in 2017. The conference is organized by the students of University of Tampere in cooperation with [Hanze University of Applied Sciences](#) (The Netherlands) and [Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences](#) (Norway). The vice principal of University of Tampere will be opening the conference in the auditorium on Wednesday. As an addition to the programme, there will be a workshop on LIS education, organized by the EUCLID board.



The title of the conference is: "Quality of life through information" covering the fields of Libraries, Information and Interactive media. Libraries can educate people when it comes to different types of information that could have an important impact on people's health and self-awareness. The information subtopic covers e.g. seeking and management in relation to the quality of life, as well as many aspects of open data. As a recent addition to BOBCATSSS, the field of Interactive Media has subtopics such as "social media" and "instruction and learning through games and virtual reality". The conference will also feature a new mobile application developed by the team of Hanze University of Applied Sciences. The first call for papers is about to come out, the second call is in August, and the final in September. Please see the official website of the conference for updated information (<http://bobcatsss2017.com/>).

Tampere is a moderately sized city, yet it is the largest inland centre in the Nordic countries. All the conference venues and many locations of accommodation are located within walking distance from the city centre. Tampere is also one of the top conference destinations in Finland, because it

offers both great services for the hosting of the conference and reasonably priced services for the participants. The team of Tampere University are arranging good deals with several hotels and other local businesses. As a safe travel destination, Internet-based accommodation services such as Airbnb and Couchsurfing are warmly recommended too. English is widely spoken and understood almost everywhere.

The easiest way for participants to travel to Tampere is by taking a flight to Helsinki Airport or Tampere Airport. From Helsinki Airport you can take the coach from the airport or the train from Helsinki/Vantaa station, the trip takes appr. 1,5 – 2 hours. From Tampere Airport you can reach the city centre just by taking a local bus. Participants from the Baltic countries may also use the ferry to reach Helsinki. The local weather in late January typically vary from cold, calm and sunny to cool and cloudy days. In the latter case, snowing is not a rarity. Warm clothes and footwear are advised while outside.

Official video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZtJl0M2igeM>



State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (SULSIT), Sofia, Bulgaria

Tania Todorova

The [State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies](#) (SULSIT) is one of the leading universities in Bulgaria with modern and dynamic development and national and international recognition. In 2015, SULSIT celebrated its 65th anniversary. Its predecessor, the State Library Institute was founded in 1950.



SULSIT is accredited by the National Accreditation and Evaluation Agency to deliver education in Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral degrees. It has professional preparation and educational

competence and capacity in the field of: Library and Information Sciences, Cultural and Historical Heritage, Social Communications, Informatics and Computer Sciences and National Security.

The University offers 15 Bachelor programs and 22 Master's programs, as well as a number of Doctoral programs. At present it has more than 3322 students, enrolled in different educational degrees and forms of learning (full-time, part-time and distance learning). The curriculum for the Bachelor, Master and PhD Degrees are in line with the requirements of the Higher Education Act and the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Since 2015 the doctoral programs of SULSIT was recognized by Austrian Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation.

SULSIT's social mission is to prepare highly qualified, socially responsible, personally motivated and adaptive to the labor market specialists. The University has the strategic aim for sustainable development as a leading higher school with a significant scientific, technological and innovative potential. It is capable of getting actively involved in the European Research and Innovation Area by implementing projects under Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ and TEMPUS Programs, as well as the other international and national projects and initiatives.

The main university units are: Faculty of Library Studies and Cultural Heritage, Faculty of Information Sciences, and Department of Comprehensive Studies. There are three research and innovation institutes associated to SULSIT: Institute for Research and Doctoral Studies, Institute for Research in the Field of Organisation, Management and Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Institute of Leadership in an Information Environment.

In 2013, the University Youth Knowledge Academy, based on the new educational paradigm of UNESCO by accredited qualification to certified skills, was established. The main tasks of the Academy are to ensure wider access to knowledge and its dissemination as a link between business and education to support education and professional development of students and young scientists and representatives of other universities in Bulgaria and abroad or of various institutions and business environments.

In SULSIT there are three departments in the field of Library and Information Sciences: Library Science Department, Library Management Department and Documental, Archival and Applied Heritage Department as structural units of Faculty of Library Science and Cultural Heritage with 35 employees and about 480 students.



The Rectorate of SULSIT – Main Building

The curriculum of the undergraduate programs Library Studies and Bibliography, Library and Information Management and Archives and

Documentation (lasts 4 years) was revised in 2013. Since 2012, as innovative approach in LIS academic education, was established the Laboratory of Library Technologies, Communications and Informing (LibLab) as sub-part of the University Library. LibLab creates real working library environment and appears as a bridge between the theoretical and practical training of students. LibLab's fields of activity are connected to the formation of information literacy, skills for information retrieval and for the implementation of modern library technologies.

In study programs Bachelor level students are taught fundamentals of Librarianship, Bibliography, Cataloguing and Classification of Information Recourses, ICT, Information and Knowledge Management, Information Retrieval, Digitization and Digital Libraries etc. New courses in the curricula are in the field of Library Management and Marketing, Information Literacy, Intellectual Property, Public Relations, Project Management, Library Psychology, Bibliotherapy, etc.

The Master specialty Library, Information and Cultural Heritage Management has all forms of education: full-time, part-time and distance learning. This is the first distance learning Master program in higher education in Bulgaria, which meets the current needs of the professionals from library and cultural sector.



Currently 15 students enrolled in the doctoral programs of LIS departments and more than 15 doctoral theses were defended in the last ten years. Our graduates have various opportunities for successful career in all types of libraries, information centers, publishing companies, state administration, archives, museums, the information business etc.

Lecturers and students from LIS Departments in SULSIT participated in many research and practical-oriented projects on national and international level, financed by Bulgarian Fund of Scientific Research, ERASMUS+ Program, EU Human Development Program, PHARE etc.

Main research areas of the LIS staff are as follows: Library Management and Marketing, Information Management, Information Retrieval, Intellectual Property, Information Literacy, Digital Libraries, Mobile Libraries and e-learning etc.

One of the main scientific forums, organized in the last five years, are the Scientific seminars with national impact, dedicated for celebration of 23rd April – World Book and Copyright Day and 26th April – World Intellectual Property Day, included in the WIPO annual events program.

Within the framework of the EU Programme for Lifelong Learning (2007–2013), LIS departments in SULSIT participated in two Erasmus Intensive Programmes. In the period 2009–2011 we were partner in the project IPBib: Das Grimm-Zentrum – (k)ein Bibliotheksmarchen (2009–2011) with coordinator Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. In the period 2011–2013 Library Management Department at SULSIT was coordinator of IP [‘Library, Information and Cultural Heritage Management – Academic Summer School’](#) with partners: Hacettepe University in Ankara (Turkey), University of Zagreb (Croatia), University Paris Descartes (France) and University of Szeget (Hungary).

The teaching staff of LIS departments is actively involved in the development of the Interfaculty UNESCO Chair in ICT in Library Science, Education and Cultural Heritage, established in 2012.



UNESCO Chair at SULSIT plays the role of a center of excellence and innovation zone in the specified

areas of ICT in Library Studies, Education and Cultural Heritage. It's the most active chair in Bulgaria and one of the leading in the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme.

Members of SALSIT are among the founders and active participants of the International Summit on ICT in Education (EDUsummit) events so they apply an innovative model for transferring the EDUsummit results to Bulgaria, Central and Eastern Europe and South-East Europe through regular [follow-up events](#), such as: UNESCO International Workshop QED'11: Re-Designing Institutional Policies and Practices to Enhance the Quality of Education Through Innovative Use of Digital Technologies, 14-16 June, 2011, Sofia; UNESCO International Workshop QED'14: Quality of Education and Challenges in a Digitally Networked World, 30-31 October, 2014, Sofia.

In 2016 SALSIT will organize the UNESCO International Workshop QED'16: Technology Advanced Quality Learning for ALL, June 13-14, 2016, Sofia, as the follow-up of EDUsummit'15, and in 2017 will be the host of the International Summit on ICT in Education, September 18-19, 2017, Borovets, Bulgaria.

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