



**European Association
for Library and Information
Education and Research**

EUCLID Board Meeting 7th of April 2014

A virtual meeting took place on Adobe Connect provided by University of Boros.

Participants: Serap Kurbanoğlu (Chair), Raphaëlle Bats (Secretary), Alen Doracic, Andreu Sulé Duesa, Sebastian Mundt, Michal Lorenz

Apologies: Klaas Jan Mollema

Agenda: Discussing items on draft strategic plan for 2014-2016

It was decided earlier in Barcelona that EUCLID Board should have a strategic plan to execute for the following three years (2014-2016). Following items on the draft were discussed during the meeting:

1. Increasing number of members: Reaching out both previous members for membership renewals and all the other LIS schools/departments for membership. Also extending the membership to LIS schools outside Europe as well as expanding it to the organizations which support LIS education such as libraries and other associations. This is agreed by Board members. It is decided to reduce membership categories to two: Full members (LIS schools/departments from Europe) and affiliate members (all other institutions from inside and outside Europe). Board members will be responsible from certain countries in Europe to send out invitations for membership renewals and new memberships when the Strategic Plan is ready to share.
2. Increasing visibility of EUCLID: Re-designing, improving and updating existing EUCLID website for dissemination current information, announcements and also for making available all sorts of historical documents. Board members shared their views about renewed website. Raphaëlle Bats offered help to provide url addresses for past Bobcatsss conferences so that links can be created. It is decided that EUCLID website should focus more on future than past. Possibility of creating a separate website for Bobcatsss under the Bobcatsss.org domain which belongs to Stuttgart Media University is suggested by Sebastian Mundt and discussed. Sebastian Mundt will find out whether it is possible to create such a website in his institution. It is also suggested that EUCLID can take over the subscription for this domain address. Andreu Sule offered to provide information on how to make EUCLID website more visible (on top in ranking) by search engines.
3. Facilitating collaboration and networking: Organizing events, such as conferences, to create opportunities to bring members together to discuss developments, challenges, and solutions regarding LIS education. It was decided that EUCLID will continue supporting Bobcatsss in all possible ways. Additionally will focus more on how to contribute and support LIS education. Organizing an International Conference on LIS Education in 2016 (and making this a bi-annual event) to commemorate 25 year of EUCLID was discussed. Board members agreed that it would be an important event, however requires a lot of work and serious commitment.
4. Developing a members' database.

5. Creating an e-archive for conference papers including Bobcatsss papers. It is discussed that this should be mainly for future conference proceedings.
6. Completing and updating Bobcatsss Manual, first attempted in 2005 by Ragnar Audunson. Board agreed that this would be a helpful document however it is not among the priorities of EUCLID for the next term.
7. Facilitating research on LIS education, facilitating and supporting publication and dissemination of research publications in education theme. Starting an initiative to publish 2nd revised edition of European LIS Education report and facilitate its preparation. It is agreed to be one of the priorities of EUCLID. How to proceed is subject to further discussion. Raphaelle Bats agreed to prepare a call for students in Enssib for creating an e-archive platform.
8. Developing effective communication strategies for members by creating a virtual platform for announcements and discussions and also as a meeting place (networking). (such as opening Facebook and Twitter accounts). Alan Drocic suggested that LinkedIn would be more appropriate. However, all Board members agreed that it is hard to maintain a social media site.
9. Publishing Newsletter twice in a year and distributing widely. Decided to continue with two issues in a year.
10. Publishing annual reports, Council Meeting and Board Meeting minutes on the website for transparency. Agreed.
11. Having a logo for creating institutional identity. Because there was not enough submission to the Logo Contest, it was decided to re-distribute the call.
12. Providing sound and transparent fiscal management. Agreed.
13. Developing and fostering cooperation and collaboration with members and partner institutions (other associations and organizations, such as UNESCO, IFLA, EBLIDA, ALISE, national associations, etc.). Alen Drocic suggested that iSchools should be among the organizations to collaborate.

It was decided to separate items in the agenda under two titles: Strategic Plan and Action Plan. Alen Drocic (who offered this separation) accepted to make the change and share it with the Board.

It was also agreed that both Strategic Plan and Action Plan should be realistic.

Finally, Board decided to have a face-to-face meeting in Autumn (date of which to be decided).

Minutes prepared by Serap Kurbanoglu