



# NEWSLETTER

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## **NEWS FROM EUCLID**

The EUCLID Executive Board has met once since the last Newsletter was issued –in Portoroz in January 2003. It will meet again in April and October. The main focus of recent Board meetings has been arranging a programme of events for EUCLID members.

## **CONFERENCE and EUCLID Council, Thessalonika, October 2002**

Plans are being made to hold a conference at the Technological Educational Institution of Thessalonika, Greece from Wednesday 16 - Saturday 19 October 2002. The Conference will also include a meeting of the EUCLID Council, as required by the Association's Statutes.

### ***Call for Papers:***

Informative abstracts of 300-600 words are invited. Research and policy papers will be accepted. Descriptions of experience must clearly explain the national/institutional context for those unfamiliar with it, and be based on a self-critical evaluation

The Executive Board will act as the selection panel. Arrangements are being negotiated for publication of selected papers.

Final acceptance will be subject to submission of the full paper (and its revision if necessary).

**Theme(s):**

The themes of the meeting will be restructuring and adapting LIS education to European standards; overcoming regional variations in needs and interests.

- experiences in adapting to the Bologna agreement in defining and structuring Bachelors and Masters degrees
- issues in implementing the European Credit Transfer scheme (e.g. comparability in assessment)
- experiences of accreditation and quality assurance systems
- experiences of collaborative course development
- developing competencies, critical analysis and personal transferable skills in future information professionals
- strategies for coping with rapid change (curricular development, staff development, resources development)
- distance learning: potential and challenges
- developing research skills

The working language of the Conference will be English.

**Submission of abstracts:**

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**Fees:**

A small registration fee will be charged to recover necessary expenses. A differential fee will apply to EUCLID and non-EUCLID members, and to institutions in Eastern and Western Europe.

	<b>Greece and Eastern Europe¶</b>	<b>Western Europe and other countries</b>
<b>EUCLID member institutions</b>		
Students	20 euros	30 euros
Academic staff	50 euros	85 euros
<b>Non members of EUCLID</b>		
Students ☒	30 euros	40 euros
Others *	85 euros	110 euros

¶ For this special occasion, it has been agreed that delegates from the host country (Greece) will be charged at the lower rate

☒ Exception: Senior information scholars returning to university for additional degrees - on a part-time basis, or outside the field of library and information science - are not eligible for this rate

\* Registration fee includes initial membership of EUCLID

**Timetable:**

January	Publication of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call and registration details.
31 March	Deadline for abstracts
Mid April	Executive Board meets to select papers and plan programme
Early May	Invitations to selected speakers
mid June	Selected speakers required to confirm intentions
31 July	Deadline for submission of full papers.

**BOBCATSSS, Portoroz, Slovenia, January 28-30, 2002**

BOBCATSSS is a co-operative activity between European institutes and universities in the field of Library and Information Science. The 10th BOBCATSSS Symposium – “Hum@n beings and information specialists” - was held in Portoroz, Slovenia in January 2002, organised and coordinated in co-operation between Hochschule fur Medien, University of Applied Sciences, Stuttgart, and Department of Librarianship, Filozofska Fakulteta, University of Ljubljana. Over 200 people attended, with speakers and delegates from the U.S.A and the Middle East as well as from Europe. The conference was well organised, and several delegates commented on the standard of papers presented. Copies of the proceedings are available from the organising institutions.

An informal meeting attended by about 30 academic staff from European institutions was held during the BOBCATSSS conference to enable the Executive Board to gather comments and suggestions on future activities that might be undertaken by EUCLID.

**OTHER FUTURE EUCLID MEETINGS*****Meeting in Glasgow August 2002***

An informal meeting will be arranged during the IFLA Conference in Glasgow in August 2002. The aims of the meeting are to facilitate networking between staff of EUCLID member institutions attending the conference, and to discuss future activities.

**BOBCATSSS 2003**

**Theme:** Information policy and the European Union

**Organisers:** Instituut voor Media- en Informatiemanagement, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, and Uniwersytetu Mikolaja Kopernika, Torun.

**Location:** Torun, Poland

**Dates:** 3-5 February 2003

**Call for Papers:** Now available on the web site – <http://www.bobcatsss.com>

### ***Joint meeting with ALISE, Berlin, August 2003***

The possibility of a joint conference between EUCLID and ALISE has been discussed on several occasions. Plans have now been approved by the EUCLID Executive Board for a meeting the American Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) to be held in Berlin immediately before the IFLA Conference in August 2003. The ALISE Board has also agreed the proposal, and a Call for Papers will be issued during the year.

### **BOBCATSSS 2004 (*Provisional arrangements*)**

**Organisers:** Hogskolan i Boras, Sweden

**Venue:** T.B.A.

### **OTHER LIS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE**

#### ***5<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the library and information professions, Aberdeen, August 2002***

The IFLA Round Table on Continuing Professional Education's 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference will be hosted by the School of Information and Media, The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland, from 14-16 August 2002 (immediately preceding IFLA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Glasgow). The theme is: Continuing Professional Education for the 'Information Society'.

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#### ***Learning and Teaching Subject Network for Information and Computer Sciences, 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference, Loughborough, 27 – 29 August 2002***

The 3rd Annual Conference of the LTSN Subject Centre for Information and Computer Sciences aims to bring together academics from the computing and library and information science disciplines interested in sharing good practice and integrating innovative techniques to enhance the quality of their learning, teaching and assessment. The conference will consist of a number of plenary sessions including keynote speeches by invited speakers, technical sessions featuring papers, interactive posters and demonstrations and is designed to appeal to both new and experienced academics.

Early registration deadline: 26 July 2002

Ordinary registration deadline: 16 August 2002

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#### ***5<sup>th</sup> British Nordic Conference on Library and Information Science Education and Research, 2003***

Plans are being made for the 5<sup>th</sup> in this successful series of international conferences to be held in Oslo in Spring 2003. The Conference will feature papers on research activities selected from those offered by staff of Schools and Departments in the countries in the

region. Staff from Schools and Departments outside the region are welcome to attend and to participate in discussions.

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### ***World Summit on the Information Society, Geneva, December 2003***

The first phase of the World Summit will take place in Geneva, hosted by the Government of Switzerland, in December 2003. The Summit is being organised by the International Telecommunication Union, in cooperation with other interested United Nations agencies. It will address a broad range of themes concerning the Information Society and adopt a Declaration of Principles and Action Plan, addressing the whole range of issues. The proposed themes address the central issues raised by the Information Society and are likely to include:

- Building the infrastructure
- Opening the gates: universal and equitable access to the information society
- Services and applications
- The needs of the User
- Developing a Framework
- ICT and Education

Under each of these broad themes, consideration will be given to the relevant developmental, economic, policy, social, cultural and technological aspects. Additional information about the Summit can be found on the WSIS website at [www.itu.int/wsis/](http://www.itu.int/wsis/)

### ***CLOSURE OF IMISS***

It was reported during the BOBCATSSS Conference that the University authorities at Uniwersytetu Mikolaja Kopernika in Torun had taken steps to close the experimental International Masters degree in Information Science and Systems because of the lack of continuing financial support, and the small number of students who had commenced or completed the programme. The programme had been developed under the aegis of the University Library, and taught by visiting experts from Europe and North America. The academic Department of Librarianship and Information Science is unaffected by the decision.

### **EUCLID Homepage:**

The EUCLID home page URL may be found at:  
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