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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BOARD

The board of EUCLID takes this opportunity to wish all its members institutions, insitutions planning to join in 2004 and all co-operative institutions a very happy new year!

BOBCATSSS 2004

This years BOBCATSSS takes place 26 -28th of January in Riga, Latvia, arranged by Latvian LIS-students from the University of Riga and Swedish colleagues from the Uiniversity College of Borås.

During the BOBCATSSS-symposium representatives from EUCLID member institutions will be invited to a EUCLID meeting. On the meeting we will supplement the board since Alexander Roos from Stuttgart had to resign due to other duties and the board will present some ideas for activities and initiatives in 2004/2005. Closer information as to the time and place for this meeting will be given in the conference programme.

NEWS FROM EUCLID

- *EUCLID/ALISE- CONFERENCE in POTSDAM, GERMANY*

On the 31st of July and 1.of August 2003 a common EUCLID and ALISE-conference took place in Potsdam, Germany, hosted by Fachhochschule Potsdam. Approximately 70 participants, the majority naturally from Europe, but also a not unsubstantial delegation from the US and Canada, participated. The conference even attracted a participant from India. LIS-education in a period of continuous change was the topic of the conference.

Professor Hans Christoph Hobohm and his colleagues and students did a tremendous job to secure that this conference was a success.

The conference in Potsdam was the second one in one year where EUCLID discussed strategies from LIS-educational institutions to cope with the change processes we are facing. Hopefully this will be followed up in 2005, with a workshop on curriculum development in Europe.

- **MEETING EBLIDA/EUCLID**

In May 2003 EUCLID represented by its chairman was invited to take part in EBLIDAs council-meeting in Uppsala, Sweden. The board hope this represents a start on a fruitful co operation to with EBLIDA in order to promote the interests of LIS education and research before European decision-making bodies.

- **POSITION PAPER ON THE BOLOGNA-PROCESS**

In August 2003 the board adopted a position-paper on the Bologna process, which was published on the web-site of the Berlin-summit on the Bologna-process taking place in September 2003.

The position paper states that:

EUCLID is a European Association of higher education in documentation, library and information science (LIS) institutions. The Board of EUCLID, in consultation with its member organizations, has prepared this statement for the Berlin summit in September 2003.

The main points of this statement are:

1. EUCLID declares its willingness and ability to contribute to the Bologna process aiming to establish European Area of Higher Education (EHEA) by 2010.
2. EUCLID recognizes that EHEA must be built both on national and European policies as well as on *institutional* ones. Being an umbrella organization for Educational institutions in LIS in all of Europe, EUCLID will mostly work with its member organizations on an institutional level promoting and facilitating
 - the development of the European curriculum and comparable degree programs in LIS throughout Europe,
 - implementation of quality assurance and credit transfer systems,
 - both students' and staff mobility
 - students' participation in institutional educational policies
 - European dimension in HE
 - Attractiveness and competitiveness of European HE

Through sharing of knowledge and experiences, extensive consultations, workshops and conferences – such as annual students' conference BOBCATSSS and annual EUCLID conferences – regional and European networks of LIS education.

3. EUCLID membership is open to all European LIS institutions in EU member states, candidate countries and other states.
4. Expressing its full support to the goal set in Bologna Declaration and Prague Communiqué, EUCLID draws the attention of science politicians, researchers and educators in Europe to the need of closer interaction between the two European initiatives: creation of the EHEA and creation of European Research Area (ERA) by 2010. Research and education are interrelated integral parts of the university academic processes. Coordination and cooperation in both EHEA and ERA implementation would lead to synergy contributing to the creation of common European research and education space.

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Group b: 10-19 full time teaching staff. Group 3: Less than 10 full time teaching staff.

The European countries are grouped in 3 categories (A, B and C) dependent upon
GNP/inhabitants. The yearly fee, then, are:

Institutional		Country	
Size	Group A	Group B	Group C
Group 1	1/1=200 EUR	$\frac{1}{2} = 100$ EUR	$\frac{1}{3} = 66$ EUR
Group 2	$\frac{1}{2}=100$ EUR	$\frac{1}{4} = 50$ EUR	$\frac{1}{6} = 33$ EUR
Group 3	$\frac{1}{3}= 66$ EUR	$\frac{1}{6} = 33$ EUR	$\frac{1}{9} = 22$ "UR