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The President's Editorial

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Dear Euclid Members,

It is a pleasure for me to greet you from this column once again and address Board's activities in 2015.

The present board was elected by the Council in Barcelona, January 31st, 2014. [Board members](#) are Serap Kurbanoglu (Chair), Raphaëlle Bats (Secretary), Alen Doracic, Andreu Sulé, Michal Lorenz, Klaas Jan Mollema, Sebastian Mundt. In January 2017, during Council Meeting, an election will take place to renew board members who will complete their second term. Colleagues who are interested in taking part in the Board please contact us.

In 2014 EUCLID Board has prepared a [strategic and action plan for 2014-2016](#). In 2015, Board has started executing these plans. With this purpose four meetings (two face to face and two virtual) were organized. Two meetings were held during BOBCATSSS 2015 Conference, on 27th and 28th of January in Brno. Additionally two virtual meetings were held on 13th of April and 5th of October (on Adobe Connect provided by University of Borås). Board has another meeting on the agenda in December. Board Meeting minutes can be accessed on our website.

To be able to increase publicity EUCLID opened a [Facebook](#) account. EUCLID continues to publish a [newsletter](#) twice in a year. Introducing LIS schools in our newsletter became a tradition. In this issue, [Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University \(iSchool\)](#) and [ENSSIB](#) are introduced. Please [contact](#) us if you are willing to introduce your school/department.

Board initiated an investigation on providing EUCLID a legal status. We are hoping to make an application to become a legal entity in 2016.

During [BOBCATSSS 2016](#) in Lyon, a Council Meeting and an EUCLID Session will be organized. All our members and future members are invited to take

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part. BOBCATSSS 2016, first time, will be co-organized with a LIS school outside Europe, the [School of Information Sciences, University of Knoxville-Tennessee](#) (USA).

BOBCATSSS 2017 will be organized by [Tampere University](#) and held in Tampere, Finland along with first EUCLID Conference on LIS Education and Research. Please follow our website and Facebook account for further information.

EUCLID was represented at a Round Table: Discussion on LIS Education in Europe in the [III International Seminar on LIS Education and Research \(LIS-ER\)](#) organized by University of Barcelona in 4-5 June 2015, Barcelona, Spain.



Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University, Turkey/ iSchool

Serap Kurbanoglu

The [Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University](#) was founded in 1972 to offer a graduate program in Library Science. The Department accepted its first undergraduate students in October 1974. The Department differs from other similar programs in that students complete a year-long English language courses before they start their program and one third of the courses are taught in English.

The Department aims to educate creative and self-confident information professionals who can organize and manage all kinds of information and information centers; design and implement user centered information systems and services; and conduct research to produce new knowledge.

Department offers degrees in three cycles (bachelor, masters and doctorate) and revises and renews its programs regularly. The undergraduate program lasts 4 years. It consists of both compulsory and elective courses. The curriculum of the undergraduate program was last revised in 2010/2011 academic year. About 90 students start undergraduate program every year. Currently, some 390 students enrolled in the Department. At master's level students are required to take a total of 8 courses with a GPA of 2,50 (out of 4) in the first year of their studies. In the second year, the students are required to complete a master's thesis based on research. Currently, 61 students enrolled in the program. The Department's master's program is quite popular among the graduates of Social Sciences and Engineering Faculties. The curriculum for doctoral studies consists of elective courses and the students are required to take a total of 9 courses with a GPA 3,00 (out of 4) within the first two years of their studies. Courses are followed by a doctoral proficiency exam assessing the level of students' performance in information



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management and research. Those who succeed prepare a doctoral dissertation to complete the program. Currently, 31 students enrolled in the doctoral program. The Department has graduated about 2,000 alumni (1800 of which are undergraduate students) who currently work in crucial positions in the LIS institutions and lead professional developments in the country.

Faculty consists of 6 tenured full-professors; one visiting professor from University of South Florida, USA; 4 tenured associate professors; and 3 tenured lecturers along with 9 research assistants. Background of the staff varies from Mathematics, Statistics, Computer and Education Science to Library and Information Science. There is faculty collaboration within university (mainly with Statistics, Computer Science, Education, Philosophy, History, Political Science and Public Administration departments) and outside the university (such as the Ministry of Economics) in terms of teaching specific courses.

One of the main functions of the Department is research. Main research areas of faculty are as follows: Information Retrieval, Bibliometrics, Information Literacy, Information Behavior, and Electronic Publishing. 41 doctoral theses were produced in the Department (first in 1974) under the

supervision of faculty. Research projects funded by both national and international bodies are carried out by the faculty. International projects mainly funded by the European Commission while national projects mostly funded by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) and Hacettepe University. Faculty is quite productive in publishing both nationally and internationally. Additional to publishing articles in professional journals, faculty also publish books, book chapters and conference papers.



Starting with a conference in 1997, to commemorate its 25th anniversary, Hacettepe University Department of Information Management has developed a strong tradition of organizing conferences both on national and international levels. Currently there are two international conferences regularly organized by the Department: *International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World (IMCW)* and *European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL)*. The Department is also keen on hosting other international conferences. ICKM 2014, QQML 2014, BOBCATSSS 2013, ELPUB 2011 are among the international conferences hosted by the Department.



Department became an iSchool in 2015.

The École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques (enssib), France

Raphaëlle Bats

The [École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques](#) (or Enssib) is the French national LIS school, part of the [Université de Lyon](#) and located on the campus de La Doua, Villeurbanne, in the Grand Lyon.

Its main mission for over 20 years has been the training of library curators. The school also grants masters degrees and carries out research in the fields of information science, librarianship and the history of books and libraries. Enssib plays a major role in the creation and circulation of knowledge in its specific professional field: Information and library science.

Enssib is directly administered by the [Ministry for Higher Education and Research](#). Its Director is Yves Alix.

Courses

Its masters programs cover fields and careers relating to the history, processing and exploitation of documented information. They are relevant to numerous established or emerging information management positions for which companies recruit: monitoring manager, community manager, library manager, digital archives administrator, digital editorial production chain manager, heritage collections specialists, project or document department managers, etc.

In partnership with prestigious institutions, it has developed five masters specialities built around three branches:

- 3 masters in the field of digital documents: management of corporate information (*Scientific and Technical Information – Sibist*), management of archived information flows (*Digital Archives*) or digital publishing (*Digital Publication*).

- 1 master in *Library and Documentation Policy* is specifically focused on the supervision and management of company libraries and documentation centers.
- 1 master in the *Cultures of the Image and the Written Word*, oriented towards the history of the book and libraries, prepares specialists in the knowledge and management of heritage collections.

[Learn more about our masters programs](#) (in French).

Enssib has also developed life-long training programs for professionals willing to increase skills and extend or update their knowledge. Enssib's continuing education catalogue annually offers new training courses covering the four main themes and issues in a library context: establishment and management; collections and document policies; library users and computer science and information and communication technology.

[The catalogue can be consulted on the website](#) (in French).



Research

The researchers at the French national information science and library school are lecturers–researchers, library curators, or students as well as library professionals associated with our activities in the framework of various projects.

The long–term research comprises two main fields: information (as a social subject) and the library (as a tool for the sharing of knowledge and culture). Both teams, [ELICO](#) and the [Gabriel Naudé Centre](#), thereby work, each within their own area, on the history of the book, the history of libraries, the audience of contemporary libraries, internet use, the geography of the web, information content management, cultural, heritage or informational public policies, the production of digital information, documentary practices in the digital era, etc.

The subjects under study are many and varied but concern notably issues relating to access to information and the transfer of knowledge and culture.

Since 2013, ens sib has concentrated all of its innovative digital projects within ens sibLab. This department pilots projects spanning the ens sib which all share a dimension of research and development in the field of digital innovation.

[Learn more about research at ens sib](#) (In French).

Publishing

In 2013, the Presses de l'ens sib celebrated its 20th anniversary. The Presses' catalogue contains more than 80 titles and is added to at a rate of 7 or 8 titles a year. A multimedia publishing programme was started this year. As the School's predominant fields, information and library sciences form the main thematic scope of the publications.

[The catalogue can be consulted on the website](#) (in French).



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