Dear Euclid members and others interested,

Some of the primary tasks for EUCLID is to support Bobcatsss and organize other events. While eagerly waiting for Bobcatsss 2018 in Riga, I am glad to announce that Bobcatsss 2019 will take place in Osijek, Croatia. Congratulations!

I am also happy to announce that in addition to Bobcatsss there will most probably be a summer school under the auspices of EUCLID. Stay tuned for details.

Organizing an event of hundreds of international guests is a major challenge for their organizing teams. Bobcatsss is mainly a student driven initiative, which offers a unique learning opportunity, not only for participants and contributors, but for organizers as well. I was the lecturer in charge of the xxv Bobcatsss symposium in Tampere this year, and together with our students team, we wrote down what this process taught us. This is what we got:

1. **Substance of the discipline and good scientific practice**
   - Reviewing and selecting papers for the conference
     - Reading up about the topic of the contributions
     - Critical review of the contributions
     - Giving justified feedback
   - Conference planning
     - Selecting contents and themes
   - Participating in scientific and professional discussions
     - Presenting at the conference
     - Following the conference presentations
     - Other discussions during the conference
2. Meta–skills and other skills

- Working in an international environment
  - Group work skills, locally and internationally
  - Remote conferencing
    - Multiple tools: Google hangout, Skype, Google drive...
- Finance planning
  - Budgeting
  - Marketing
- Networking skills
  - Commercial partners
  - International partners (co–organizers)
  - International scientific, professional and student community
- Tolerance of uncertainty
  - Believe in the process
- Organizing skills/coordination
  - Organizing an event and subevents
- Communication skills and presentation skills
  - Communicating in English, both written and oral
    - Delivering a speech in front of the audience
    - Working as a session chair
    - Writing a bunch of documents, for the Web and elsewhere
- Technical skills
  - Conference management system
  - Web content

Organizing Bobcatsss is an amazing journey. Consider taking it. The EUCLID Board is creating a protocol (a call for hosting) for selecting future organizers. Meanwhile enjoy Bobcatsss 2018 in Riga!
BOBCATSSS 2018 – The power of reading
Riga, Latvia (24–26th January 2018)

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The 26th BOBCATSSS (24–26th January 2018) is almost here and we are delighted to be the hosts of this well-known symposium. Students and professionals of library and information science are going together to present their work pertaining to the main theme The power of reading, and its three sub–themes: Reading skills, habits, and communication, Memory institutions, and Technological solutions.

Keynote speakers

We are proud to introduce the keynote speakers of BOBCATSSS 2018. Three nations will be represented by experienced specialists.

Dr. UTE SCHNEIDER
Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany
Director of studies at Gutenberg-Institut für Weltliteratur und schriftorientierte Medien
(Gutenberg Institute for World Literature and Written Media), Arbeitsbereich Buchwissenschaft (Book Studies).

Professor Schneider’s research interests are the history of reading and readers as well as current tendencies of reading practices. These topics are closely associated with the sociology of texts, which is determined by text organisation, material semantics and values attributed to books and reading.

We are eager to hear about reading habits and social media platforms.

Dr. BELLA Katalin
Eötvös Loránd tudományegyetem, Budapest, Hungary
Assistant lecturer at Könyvtár- és Információ tudományi Intézet

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Dr. Bella's research areas are the history of Hungarian publishing and book trade in the 20th century, popular and youth literature in the 19th century, formation, and reading habits of the Hungarian intellectual class in the 18th century in the European context.

Through the three-day long conference, participants will have the opportunity to visit the Latvijas Nacionālā bibliotēka (National Library of Latvia) in guided tours (you can already take the virtual tour!) and participate in other excursions around Riga. For an elegant event, the gala dinner will be suitable but, of course, an evening party is included in the schedule.

To make your list for sightseeing and to view the full social program, visit our website: [http://bobcatsss2018.lu.lv](http://bobcatsss2018.lu.lv).

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We are curious to hear some interesting facts about reading habits and home library of contemporary Hungarian authors.

Prof. Dr. Jurģis Šķilters
Latvijas universitāte, Riga, Latvia
Chair of the Uztveres un kognitīvo sistēmu laboratorija, Datorikas facultāte (Laboratory for Perceptual and Cognitive Systems, Faculty of Computing)

Dr. Šķilters' fields of expertise are spatial perception and cognition, visual perception, visuospatial cognition, and interface between semantics and visuospatial cognition. Apart from Latvia, he has lectured and operated research projects in several countries (USA, Italy, Denmark, Germany).

We will be pleased to extend our knowledge in visual perception and information processing.

Accommodation and public transportation

Staying in Bellevue Park Hotel Riga provides special offers for the conference participants. For more information on how to get from the airport to the hotel (about 20 min) or how to leave it for the symposium venues and social programs (about 15–25 min), visit the BOBCATSSS 2018 page: [http://bobcatsss2018.lu.lv/accommodation](http://bobcatsss2018.lu.lv/accommodation).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Riga very soon!
EDUsummIT’17 Rethinking Learning in the Digital Age
UNESCO Chair on ICT in Library Studies, Education and Cultural Heritage,
Sofia, Bulgaria

Fifth International Summit on Information Technology (IT) in Education (EDUsummIT’17) Rethinking Learning in the Digital Age was held in Rila Hotel in Borovets, Bulgaria, on September 18-20, 2017. EDUsummIT 2017 is co-hosted by the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, Sofia, Bulgaria, through its UNESCO Chair on ICT in Library Studies, Education and Cultural Heritage, and the Netherlands Institute for Curriculum Development. The event is organized in partnership with: European Association for Library and Information Education and Research (EUCLID), Balkantourist, and with the financial support of TELELINK.

The EDUsummIT 2017 global event is held under the patronage of UNESCO, Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society, and Eva Maydel, member of the European Parliament, of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

EDUsummIT is a global knowledge creating community of researchers, policy-makers and educators committed to supporting the effective integration of Information Technology (IT) in education by promoting active dissemination and use of research.

With the theme “Rethinking learning in a digital age”, EDUsummIT 2017 aims at bringing together around 130 distinguished policy-makers, educators, researchers and representatives of the corporate sector from across the world to discuss key emerging issues concerning the use of IT in education. The summit looked at various initiatives at regional, national, and international levels to address successfully the challenges educational systems face in the digital age. Participants were divided for collaboration in nine thematic working groups (TWG), as follows:

- TWG 1: Education systems in the digital age: the need for alignment
- TWG 2: Informal learning with technology
- TWG 3: Professional development for technology-enhanced Learning leaders
- TWG 4: Digital agency to empower equity in the education
- TWG 5: Formative assessment supported by technology
- TWG 6: Developing creativity in teachers and learners
- TWG 7: Learning from national policy experiences
- TWG 8: Upbringing in a digital world: Opportunities and Possibilities of schooling
- TWG 9: Sustainability and scalability in research approaches

The outcomes of the EDUsummIT’17 are published as policy briefs and scholarly articles. The main messages from EDUsummIT 2017 were announced in declaration A call for action, presented on 21st September, 2017 in the EU Representation in Bulgaria (Home of Europe) in Sofia.

The additional information, Sofia declaration and online streaming from closing session of EDUsumm’17 are available at: http://unesco.unibit.bg/EDUsummIT17 and https://youtu.be/gqjofRzR7zw.
The Complutense University of Madrid is a state university created in 1822, but continuing in part the 1499–founded Universidad de Alcalá. Currently, it offers many studies of different areas of knowledge, and is the institution of higher education with more students and professors in Spain; it currently has about 70,000 students and about 6,000 professors.

In its Faculty of Library Science (LIS) all subjects related to libraries, archives and information are studied. This faculty offers LIS programs and courses in the three university levels: Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and Ph.D studies. Our programs prepare students to work as librarians, archivists, information specialists, web editors, and information managers.

The bachelor's degree in LIS has a curriculum of 240 ECTS (four years full-time) where students acquire the necessary skills to work in any kind of library, archive, information centre, mass media and private companies. The subjects of study are part of diverse scientific fields: documentary treatment, management of information units, photographic materials, information policies, library heritage and documentary technology. At the end of the fourth year, students must present an academic work, in which they must demonstrate that they have acquired the competencies and skills required in the degree curriculum and that they are professionals able of selecting, managing, organizing and preserving the information contained in any format and preserved in any repository.

The master's degree deals with the management of information, documents, libraries and archives and is taught in two modalities: face-to-face learning and e-learning. It has five majors: documentation management, library management, archive management, bibliographic heritage management and documentation management in mass media.

Students choose a major, but everybody must study some compulsory subjects; they are:

- Documentary information retrieval applications
- Project management in documentation units
- Quality of services and user satisfaction
- Automated representation in libraries, archives and information services

The master's degree is only an academic year (60 ECTS). Students must do a final project related with the chosen major.

In 2017-2018, the faculty will update the contents of the bachelor’s and master's degrees. The bachelor’s degree will increase its credits on technology; the master's degree will reduce the majors to Library management and Archive management. At this time, our faculty is designing two new master's degrees: one on Bibliographic heritage and other on Iconographic documentation and mass media.

Doctoral degree aim to provide students the necessary skills for research in the area of LIS. Students must be able to find the key answers to solve complex problems, to design, to create, to develop and to undertake innovative projects. They must also learn to work in international and multidisciplinary contexts, develop critical thinking and be able to defend the results of their research.

Doctoral studies lasts three years. In the first year, students attend some seminars related to the research experiences, and at the end of the third year, they have to defend their doctoral thesis.

In addition, two lifelong learning courses are offered: one on bookbinding and other on book publishing, in collaboration with a school books publisher.

The Faculty of Library and Information Sciences publishes a scientific journal specialized in LIS: Revista general de información y documentación. Finally, our faculty participates in international exchange programs for students and professors. During this 2016-2017 academic year, we have organized the I Conference of Students of LIS in Spain.

For more information, please visit our websites:

- Faculty: [http://documentacion.ucm.es](http://documentacion.ucm.es)
- Bachelor's degree: [http://www.ucm.es/informacionydocumentacion](http://www.ucm.es/informacionydocumentacion)
- Máster's: [https://www.ucm.es/gdba](https://www.ucm.es/gdba)
- PhD studies: [http://documentacion.ucm.es/estudios/doctorado-documentacion-estudios](http://documentacion.ucm.es/estudios/doctorado-documentacion-estudios)
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The Department of Informatology and Bibliology: http://www.kbin.uni.lodz.pl/ (until recently Chair of Library and Information Science) in the University of Łódz, is Poland's first institution dedicated to the library and information science as an academic discipline. First lectures took place in 1945, and three years later, the first LIS graduates left walls of the University.

Currently, the scientific work carried out in the Department has two main areas of Library Science: knowledge about the book and the library, and the information science. Individual study undertaken by the employees focus on the following issues:

- theory and methodology of book science,
- history of the book,
- library science,
- press studies,
- bibliography,
- information science,
- information technology,
- reading and publishing issues.

Results of research conducted by employees are published in individual and group publications, also on the pages of the periodical Acta Universitatis Lodziensis. Folia librorum, edited by the Department's researchers since 1989. By 2017, there were 24 issues published, gathering research efforts of many top Polish and foreign authors.

The integral part of the Department’s structure is the Workshop, whose main function is the edition of the Słowniku pracowników książki polskie (Dictionary of Polish book labourers). It gathers biographies of people who have contributed to the development of Polish books, and is the oldest of this kind of publications in Poland. Since 1972 four volumes have been published, and the fourth has been prepared thanks to the National Program for the Development of the Humanities' funds.

Along with the scientific activity, the Department of Informatology and Bibliology has diversified its didactic offer, which has been changing dynamically in the last dozen or so years, according to the market needs and the students requirements. Currently, there are bachelor and master degrees available:

- Bachelor Programme – “Information in the digital environment”. Existing from the academic year 2015-2016, it focus on searching, processing and providing information in digital environments of libraries, book market and business. Students can choose one of two majors: Virtual book institutions or Information management.

- Master Programme - “Information and library science”. It offers the majors Information brokerage and Book institutions management.

Faculty of Philology, Łódz
Our students can join the Students Research Circle of Library Science, which since 1999 gives them a chance to deepen their knowledge in the areas of library science, bibliology and information science. Its main purposes are the students’ participation in conferences and scientific trips, as well as the publication of a magazine—Nieczytelna sygnatura (Unreadable signature), transformed in 2013 into a blog available at www.nieczytelna-sygnatura.blogspot.com.

The Department of Informatology and Bibliology cooperates within the ERASMUS+ programme with universities in Norway, Czech Republic, Croatia, Latvia and Spain, making students’ and lecturers’ exchange possible. Our researchers also contribute to the reconstruction of the public libraries’ system in the city of Lodz, working jointly with the Culture Department of the city council.

An important place in the popularization process of the Department’s work is the Olimpiada Bibliologiczna i Informatologiczna (Library and Information Science Olympics), the only such annual event in Poland. Its goal is to promote informatology and bibliology among higher secondary students from all the country, and also to inspire creative attitudes and show the importance of intellectual work in professional and social life as well as education of young people to live in information society. In its four editions over 500 people had taken part.

Since 2010 the Department organizes every two years the international scientific conference Reading Culture of the Young Generation, a consolidated series of meetings combining theoretical reflections with presentations of lecturers and librarians' good practices. It is a meeting for researchers and practitioners from around the world, a forum to exchange ideas, presenting the current state of the reading culture of children and youngs. The conferences are organized by University of Lodz in cooperation with the Museum of the City of Lodz. The last edition (October 2016), under the patronage of Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, Children's Book Museum at the Warsaw Public Library and IBBY Polish Section, gathered over 200 participants, including 50 speakers (12 from abroad).

The Department of Informatology and Bibliology, an academic institution since 1945 working for the development of library and information science, is constantly changing, adapting to the needs of the modern market and helping library and information professionals in their lifelong learning. For this purpose, employees take an active part in the organization of one-day conferences and workshops introducing the most up-to-date topics in LIS. Acting as an intermediary between the world of science and education and the professional area, the Department has gain a standing position in Polish LIS.
IMCW2018, the 8th International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World will take place in Ankara, Turkey from November 1–3, 2018. It is organized by the Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey. Its main theme is Post–truth and Information Management.

Deadline for contributions is 15 December, 2017. More information is available on: http://imcw2018.bilgiyonetimi.net

The Faculty of Library and Information Sciences of the University of Barcelona, has begun this academic year four new postgraduate studies: Continguts social media (Social media contents, 15 credits), Prescripció lectora (Reading counselling, 15 credits), Comunicació i avaluació de la ciència (Science communication and evaluation, 6 credits), and Fons sonors i audiovisuals (Sound and audiovisual collections, 3 credits).

More information is available on: http://www.ub.edu/biblio/