



**Executive Committee meeting
Universitat Pompeu Fabra,
Barcelona, Spain, 12th - 13th November 2009
Draft Minutes**

Minutes approved by the Committee.

Chair: Gerald Leitner, EBLIDA President

Participants: Klaus-Peter Böttger, Lene Byrialsen, Giuseppina Carrera, Claudia Forero, Saara Ihämäki, Gerald Leitner, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Antonio Pina Falcão, Erna Winters, Joanne Yeomans.

1. Opening and announcements

Gerald Leitner welcomed the Executive Committee to Barcelona.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jill Martin, Berndt Fredriksson, and Aldo Pirola, who was replaced by his substitute, Giuseppina Carrera.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with no comments.

4. Approval of previous minutes

4.1 Draft Minutes Executive Meeting, Vienna, 6th May 2009

Glòria Pérez-Salmerón requested a correction on page 6 to replace Catalonia coalition with Col·legi Oficial de Bibliotecaris-Documentalistes de Catalunya. Page 2 should read Librarians (in plural) Association of Serbia. Otherwise, the minutes were approved.

4.2 Draft minutes Executive Committee Meeting, Vienna, 7th May

The minutes were approved.

4.3 Draft Council Minutes for posting on web

Some corrections had been identified by email from current and previous Committee members. In addition, the following correction was identified: page 1, change to "Joanne Yeomans who takes over as Director of EBLIDA from May 2009". Otherwise, the minutes were approved.

5. Role of substitutes

The Committee members, being mostly new, were explained the role of their substitutes. Gerald Leitner explained that substitutes should be able to act or serve in the place of the elected Executive Committee members in case s/he can not participate, and that the primary representative should ensure that the substitute attends meetings that they themselves cannot attend. All substitutes will be sent relevant meeting documents at the same time as they are mailed to the Committee members and the Committee member should inform the Secretariat if the substitute

will attend the meeting in their place. It is up to the Committee member to ensure that their substitute is informed and able to represent them if necessary.

Lene Byrialsen asked if they could discuss the role of the Committee members more generally to understand what is expected of them. Gerald Leitner explained that the role of the Executive Committee members is 1) to attend to each of the three meetings (usually in May, autumn and early spring), 2) to contribute to the work of the Expert Groups and Working Groups and by so doing, to help communication within the organization (this may include being chair of a group, or a member, but not necessarily an expert on the topic, rather someone who can bring a perspective from their own experience and country), and 3) authorize specific activities such as lobbying, issuing position papers, or submitting consultation responses.

Lene Byrialsen asked specifically how they should respond to messages sent to them through the mailing lists. Joanne Yeomans explained that for the moment, they would receive messages from three mailing lists: those sent only to EBLIDA members, which were always addressed to “members”, those sent to the Committee which were again, usually clearly identified as such, and those sent to the EBLIDA-list which included conference announcements and general news of EBLIDA’s activities. This last category of news was for general information and could be posted widely, but news for members and the Committee should be regarded as more confidential and shared with those within the member organization as relevant.

Joanne Yeomans explained that technical work was being done by the support team in Finland to provide EBLIDA with its own server so that new mailing lists could be set up to help bring clarity to these messages, and that she hoped that it would soon be possible to utilize a blog for public information, and Indico conference management software through which documents could be shared confidentially. With these more sophisticated mechanisms in place it would be possible to personalize the frequency with which messages were received and better understand the differences. Joanne said she would consult the Executive Committee members when setting these up.

Gerald Leitner concluded that there is no perfect solution for information distribution and that a balance has to be attempted between giving too much information and too little.

6. EBLIDA Finances, 6-month statement report.

Klaus-Peter Böttger announced his changed contact information in relation to his new job. He remarked that the EBLIDA financial documents had been left in good order by Bas Savenije, the previous Treasurer. The budget for 2009 had been revised in Vienna based on the results of 2008, and everything looked on target following the half-year report. The budget for 2010 would be revised in the coming Executive Committee meeting in Helsinki and the estimate for 2011 calculated. Most income was now reported for 2009 although there were a few outstanding member payments. He commented that EBLIDA relies on its members paying to be in a stable financial situation.

6.1 Annual membership fee.

Claudia Forero distributed a spreadsheet of unpaid membership 2009 (see Annexes) and the Committee discussed whether these members could be contacted. Erna

Winters agreed to contact the Director of the Dutch full members, NVB, who are in process of restructuring and declared themselves unable to pay. Saara Ihämäki will contact the Finish Information Specialists to find out what the problem is, and Giuseppina Carrera will contact the Venezia University in Italy. The French members, ADBDP, had confirmed that they would pay, but so far nothing has happened, and they have also still not paid 2008. Nobody had contacts with them other than those already tried.

The new EBLIDA membership fees for 2010 were presented (see Annexes). As agreed in the strategy 2007-2010, “the membership fees will be increased on an annual basis in accordance with the yearly Dutch inflation rate”. Therefore, the inflation rate was calculated as the average of the last 12 months, from November 2008 to October 2009 giving a total of 1.4% increase (<http://statline.cbs.nl/>). It was agreed that until further notice, the administration costs and the VAT for Dutch members would continue to be added. The new fees were approved, and invoices will be sent in December 2009.

Claudia Forero presented the cancellations received in 2009. Eight cancellations are effective as of 2010, as follows: National Széchényi Library (Hungary), La Médiathèque de la Communauté française de Belgique (Belgium), Service General des Lettres et Livre (Belgium), Bibliotekstjänst AB (Sweden), Silkeborg Bibliotekerne (Denmark), LATABA (Latvia), Trondheim Public Library (Norway), and EBIB, Electroniczna Biblioteka (Poland). All had expressed financial concerns as the reason except the Polish member which expected their membership to be taken over by the Polish Librarians Association, in which they were a part.

7. Membership status and campaign.

Claudia Forero listed the new members in 2009 up to November:

Luxemburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association Luxembourgeoise des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes & Documentalistes (ALBAD)
Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Svaz Knihovníku a Informacních Pracovníku České Republiky (SKIP) Asociace Knihoven Vysokých škol CR (AKVS)
Slovenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zveza Bibliotekarskih Drutev Slovenije (ZBDS) - Union of Associations of Slovene Librarians
Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enosis Ellenon Bibliothekarion (EEB) - Association of Greek Librarians and Information Scientists
Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asociatia Bibliotecarilor din România (ABR) - Romanian Library Association
Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ULISO (NACID) - Union of Librarians and Information Services Officers SULSIT - State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (Associate member)
Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyprus Association of Librarians - Information Scientists (CALIS)
Estonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTÜ Eesti Raamatukoguvõrgu Konsortsium - Estonian Library Network Consortium
Serbia (Associate members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biblioteka Grada Beograda - Belgrade City Library Biblioteka "Milutin Bojic" -Milutin Bojic Library
Turkey (Associate members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkish Library Association - Istanbul Branch Istanbul Technical University Library Istanbul BILGI University Library and e-resources

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With EBLIDA now covering almost all European Union countries, Gerald Leitner proposed that the membership campaign should move on to other European countries. Claudia Forero distributed a list of possible new members from the European countries not in the E.U. (see Annexes). Joanne Yeomans asked anyone with personal or professional contacts to let the Secretariat know. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón agreed to contact the organization in Andorra. She would also see if it was possible to contact a colleague through IFLA who was based in St Petersburg. Gerald Leitner knew a person in San Marino and the Ukrainian President with whom he would attempt to make contact. He asked Claudia to consult Marian Koren about the best contact names and addresses for each country as she has a lot of international experience. They would be offered the special campaign offer of free membership for the first year, then €200 for the following 3 years.

8. EBLIDA Strategy 2010-2013. See previous document and work programme at: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=aims-and-goals-5>

Gerald Leitner proposed creating a Working Group, which he would chair, to write the draft EBLIDA strategy for the next period 2010-2013. The Director, Joanne Yeomans, should be a member as well as the chairs of each Expert Group. With the Director, he would meet two of the chairs in London in December, and they would take this work forward.

Lene Byrialsen asked if the paper could be sent to the Committee as soon as possible, so that they can discuss it in their organizations. Gerald Leitner agreed that the Committee should give input and pointed out that the strategy is unlikely to change dramatically (see link to previous). He suggested that it would be sent out at the latest two weeks before the next Committee meeting and requested a response by the end of February. The work plan will be developed once the strategy draft is completed.

9. Constitution changes/voting rights. See current document at: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=eblida-constitution>

Following the request to give Associate members voting rights at the Council meeting in Vienna, the Committee was asked to bring to the 2010 Council meeting a proposal for changes to the constitution. It makes sense to review the constitution in full to consider whether other changes should also be considered at the same time.

It was agreed to form a Working Group who would make the review and propose the changes for the Committee to approve. Gerald Leitner will chair the group and the Vice President, Jill Martin, has offered to participate. Klaus-Peter Böttger volunteered to also join the working group as he has some prior experience in this area. He proposed that the document should contain three columns showing the old wording, the new wording and the reasons for the proposed change. The Committee agreed that this would help them and the members to understand it.

Joanne Yeomans will contact the Dutch solicitor who has taken over the EBLIDA files in The Netherlands to verify how the voting procedure should be managed and to ensure the proposed changes are in accordance with Dutch law. The constitution is written in Dutch as EBLIDA is under Dutch law and translated into English for the

members, so the proposed changes will be written in English and translated with the solicitor's approval.

Because of the need to consult backwards and forwards with the solicitor it could take several months for the draft to be produced so the following timetable was agreed:

Joanne Yeomans would first check with the solicitor whether the proposed procedure was acceptable for the case where the Council meeting did not have a quorum. If it was, an explanation of the procedure would be communicated to members by December. The wording of the proposal would be developed and then finalized in a meeting of the working group in December. It would then be sent to the Committee before Christmas and comments should be sent back immediately so that the finished proposal could be sent to the solicitor in mid-January and a response received towards the end of the month. Any changes requested by the solicitor could then be reviewed by the Committee ready to send the final proposal to members in February. Members would then have three months in which to discuss and decide on their vote for the Council meeting in May.

10. Web site changes.

Joanne Yeomans explained the changes that she had made to the web site in the past six months. In August she had met and discussed ideas with the Director of the Finnish organization (Kaapeli) that provides the web services for EBLIDA and they had agreed to implement some solutions. They had already upgraded the content management software which had speeded up the page load times and removed some of the holes exploited by spam. They were in the process of setting up a server for EBLIDA which has already enabled the secretariat to set up a number of new email addresses using the location @eblida.org which are being tested before replacing all the @debibliotheken.nl addresses. The server will eventually also host the new mailing list software and more mailing lists will become possible (e.g. for members, and for the Executive Committee) with more flexible management options for these lists. They have also assisted in moving the web domain registration from the USA to a European company which is cheaper and has more efficient management possibilities and the registration for the eblida.eu site has been renewed. Joanne also requested blog software which she intends to test for improving communication, and conference management software (open source: Indico) which will help to set up agendas and registration forms for meetings and can also be used to share confidential documents. Most of these improvements will be included in the annual maintenance fee with an additional charge made only for installing and setting up Indico.

In the meantime Joanne Yeomans has improved the links on the website, moving items to more logical places, renaming files, creating new pages and improving interconnectivity. Events in the calendar have been increased and the layout has been standardised. She intends to create a new page to announce project opportunities and open funding calls and has already created a page detailing the projects EBLIDA is currently involved in (Communia, Entitle, and Europeana). This has all been achieved with little funding and Joanne suggested that with more funding at a later stage, a more widespread update could be made to the site.

She welcomed further suggestions for improvements and Saara Ihamäki suggested improving the Expert Groups sections, so that their activities are clearer to the public.

11. Newsletter changes and feedback. See recent newsletters at:

<http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=eblida-update>

Following suggestions received at the Council meeting Joanne Yeomans had made some changes to the newsletter content and format. She has since received further suggestions for using more space and colour in the layout and has implemented this. She is using a variety of sources including members' newsletters and RSS feeds from online sites to gather news. She showed the Committee a recent example of what was being done and said she would continue to encourage further comments. The Newsletter is produced at the end of each month and she also tried to encourage submissions though so far she had only received one.

Gerald Leitner suggested publishing the newsletter at the beginning of each month so that if there is a delay, it would still come out during the month. Klaus-Peter Böttger suggested asking for a report from a colleague of his in Istanbul on the Cultural Capitals of Europe events on March 29, 2010.

12. Expert Groups.

12.1 Review of all groups.

In the Committee meeting in Vienna, 6th of May, item 8, it was agreed that the Expert Groups would be mandated every two years with each new Committee. The Committee therefore agreed to request a report from each group's chair describing the activities of the past year and the work plan and aims for the next two-year period for review at its next meeting in March. These reports would also feed into the annual report and the strategy and work plan.

12.2 JEGDO change of mandate.

Joanne Yeomans described some of the problems that the Joint Group on Digitization and Online Access (JEGDO) had recently experienced. LIBER has reorganized and no longer wishes to operate a joint group, and Bas Savenije has regretfully decided to step down as chair due to other commitments. The group had also been struggling for membership although the last meeting had been quite positive and the remaining members had expressed enthusiasm for continuing. The Committee needs to help work out a new direction and work plan with the group, help increase the membership, and appoint a new chair before the next proposed meeting in May.

The Committee discussed possible new members and the problems that individuals experience in finding financial support to participate. For this reason, it was suggested that the group should also bring benefits to the individuals who attend and that this should be considered when defining the new mandate. However, Gerald Leitner asked the Committee to remember that the Expert Groups needed to ensure they fulfilled their primary responsibility which was to provide responses to the European Commission's consultations on behalf of EBLIDA members, and to advise and assist with lobbying which is for the benefit of all libraries and library associations. Members must be convinced of this so that we can get real experts in the groups and invest to protect libraries.

Joanne Yeomans said she hoped that the reports from the Expert Groups would show what is being done. Not all activity takes place during meetings, for example, the

Expert Group on Information Law communicates very actively by email, and one role of the groups is to collect information and activities connected with their topic and to interpret current trends.

Saara Ihamäki was concerned about the work pressure on the groups and asked how the Committee could help to ease this and support them. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón suggested that having the groups (or at least the chairs) meet each other before the Council meeting could help them to share knowledge and advice.

It was decided that a temporary chair of the JEGDO group should be appointed at least until the Council meeting in order to get the group up and running again and to motivate the members. Erna Winters agreed to take on the responsibility. In order to help other Committee members identify new members, she would write a description of the work aims and ideas and how the group would operate. Joanne Yeomans would assist with this.

12.3 EGIL

The chair of the Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL), Toby Bainton, had asked the Committee to consider a new chair for the group as he is due to retire in 2010. Gerald Leitner said he would talk to Toby to ask if he would continue, or to help identify a possible replacement.

The Committee discussed the type and level of work expected from a Chair of an Expert Group and whether the expectation should or could be changed. The EGIL has been working very well for some considerable time and the new groups are not yet on the same footing, so Gerald Leitner thought that it was not necessary to consider changes to EGIL. However, it might be possible to find project funding to support the work of the group in future but as yet it wasn't possible to offer manpower or financial support.

He concluded that it would be interesting to read the reports from each group and that these should be discussed by the Committee in order to make recommendations in time for the next Council meeting. Antonio Pina Falcão reaffirmed the importance of these reports and that there is a need to have a structure and organization, and create events which are interesting in Europe.

13. Lobbying activities past and future.

Gerald Leitner summarized the lobbying and consultation activities that had taken place in the last few months:

1. In September there was successful intervention by the Director in the European Commission's Hearing on the Google Book Settlement. The European Commission's own position seemed to be in line with the EBLIDA position which was also supported by IF LA and LIBER. He congratulated the working groups and the Director for their good work.
The position paper is posted on the website:
http://www.eblida.org/up10ads/eblida/1_0/1252227760.pdf
2. In October, EBLIDA was invited to the European Commission's Hearing on Orphan Works. The EGIL had recommended a strong position which could be summarized as follows:

- Europe needs a mandatory exception in order to be able to build a pan-European digital library.
- In order to identify a work as orphan the concept of "reasonable investigation" must be defined so that the required search is simple and cost-efficient enough to allow mass digitization.
- Licensing is also effective for some works in some cases in some circumstances.

There is a position paper posted on EBLIDA's website:

http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/1_011257341_032.pdf

3. The Vienna Declaration was sent to candidates in the elections for the European Parliament. Some prominent candidates gave positive responses and EBLIDA has now to prepare to make the next steps. Gerald Leitner added that it is difficult to do it all, and EBLIDA especially has to ensure it keeps on top of copyright (point 4 of the Vienna Declaration) whilst it is such an important issue for the Commission and the Parliament.
4. EBLIDA and NAPLE have plans to keep working towards a White Paper on "Public Libraries in the Knowledge Society" and to discuss how to lobby for this together. The next meeting with NAPLE colleagues to discuss an action plan will take place on the 25th of January, 2010 in Copenhagen. Information about these plans will be distributed to EBLIDA members and posted in the EBLIDA Newsletter.

There was a discussion about how to proceed with the Vienna Declaration. Gerald Leitner said that since the Vienna Declaration had been distributed, we now have to develop and then publicise the action plan. Following the Copenhagen meeting, the draft plan will be circulated to the Committee. He asked if the Committee members could translate the Vienna Declaration into their own language, post it in their own home webpage and contact their own MEPs to facilitate the lobbying process. Giuseppina Carrera suggested that EBLIDA could collect all the translations and post them on the EBLIDA website.

14. Knowledge and Information Centre (KIC) project bid.

Joanne Yeomans summarized the background to the project: a couple of years ago discussion started about the need for a database at European and national level of best practices and knowledge in public libraries, along with a network which would share and develop this information. A potential source of funding had been identified in the EU project calls which could provide around half a million Euros for three years to fund staff, travel and meetings. The deadline is March 2010 and at least ten partners must be identified.

She presented an overview of possible work packages that had been developed with a small working group (Joanne Yeomans, Gerald Leitner, and Birgit Stumm, responsible for EU project funding in Germany) and asked if Committee members thought their own organization might be interested in becoming a partner. Gerald Leitner added that the partners would have different roles which could mean more or less work; EBLIDA would co-ordinate the project but it would be good to have other organizations leading some of the work packages.

Glòria Pérez-Salmerón had a lot of project experience and made some suggestions for how to identify potential partners. Several members thought the project was ambitious

and would be difficult to manage. Joanne Yeomans explained that not only was there an identified need for sharing best practice, but that certain data was needed to support lobbying activities, such as how many libraries exist in Europe, how much they receive in funding, etc. For this reason it was hoped that the EBLIDA members, library associations, might help to supply this information. Saara Ihämäki asked how much time and money will be required for the partners. Joanne Yeomans replied that this would be a matter for negotiation with each partner. Gerald Leitner asked if the Committee members would ask their associations if they would be partners and emphasized the deadline of March 2010.

15. Follow-up on EBLIDA Council Meeting Conference 2009, Vienna Declaration and NAPLE relationship. Vienna Declaration at:
<http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=position-papers-and-statements-5>

This was already reported in point 13.

16. Europeana – project participation and response to EC consultation:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=5181

In November 2009 the European Commission invited responses to questions about the future of Europeana through a consultation to which EBLIDA responded:

<http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblidali4!1258977852.pdf>

The main points were:

- We would like to see Europeana develop into a channel for contemporary European culture, including popular culture and user-generated artefacts as well as culture from minority groups, and not just of 'high culture'.
- EU copyright laws need to be revisited for the digital age.
- Europeana should give access to the born-digital as well as the digitised.
- EU and national funding of digitisation is the best way to keep digitised content in the public domain."

EBLIDA is already a partner in the Europeana v1.0 Thematic Network. From the web site:

"Europeana v1.0 is a 2.5 year project that will bring the Europeana.eu prototype to full service. In 2010 we will implement a new version of Europeana with added functionality and access to over 10 million digital objects. The second phase of the project will see the launch in 2011 of a fully-operational Europeana.eu with improved multilinguality and semantic web features. The project is funded under the Commission's eContentplus programme. It's a Thematic Network that brings over 100 partners from libraries, museums, archives and audio-visual collections together. We're building open source solutions and reusing technologies developed in related Commission-funded projects. Universities, ministries and heritage strategy bodies are also part of our knowledge-sharing consortium."

17. ENTITLE – final conference and future of the project.

For project links see: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=projects>

On 16 October, Joanne Yeomans was invited to chair the final ENTITLE conference 'Libraries for Lifelong Learning' in Budapest, Hungary. The aim of the conference was to provide a discussion forum, where librarians and educators from all over Europe could share their experiences, good practices and exchanged their views on the role libraries should play in nonformal/informal support of lifelong learning.

ENTITLE is a multilateral project under Lifelong Learning Programme KA4 "Dissemination and Exploitation of Results" and runs from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009. The aim of the project is to support and extend the progress made to date by Europe's public libraries in supporting learning for all age groups and sections of society, by disseminating, consolidating and enhancing the work of key existing networks, projects and initiatives in this area.

Gerald Leitner mentioned that EBLIDA will keep contact with the project leaders to see if the project will continue and if there are ways to tie it in with the KIC project.

18. Communia. See link above.

On 1 – 2 October, Joanne Yeomans, Pekka Heikkinen, and Barbara Stratton represented EBLIDA at the 6th COMMUNIA Workshop: "Memory Institutions and Public Domain" in Barcelona, Spain. EBLIDA is one of the original 36 members of the network. The network was extended in 2008 and will undergo further expansion in 2009. It started its activities on 1 September 2007 and will end on 31 August 2010.

The main goal of the COMMUNIA project is to build a network of organizations to become the single European point of reference for high-level policy discussion and strategic action on all issues related to the public domain in the digital environment. It will also extend into related topics, such as alternative forms of licensing for creative material (e.g. Creative Commons licenses); open access to scientific publications and research results, and management of works whose authors are unknown (i.e. orphan works). EBLIDA will continue its participation.

19. Report on LIBER/EBLIDA conference on digitisation in Europe, 19 – 21 Oct 2009: <http://www.libereurope.eu/node/391>

Participants of the conference had considered it to be a success and the EBLIDA secretariat were happy with the outcome. It took place at the KB, the Dutch National Library, and welcomed 125 participants. As it took place during Open Access Week, OA promotional t-shirts were handed out for speakers to wear. The programme proved to be extremely interesting and received excellent feedback. Videos and slides of the presentations should shortly appear on the website: www.libereurope.eu/node/391

20. Report on Brussels E-inclusion Congress (ECEI09), 22 – 23 Oct 2009. <https://www.eventsforce.net/civic/21/home>

Gerald Leitner and Joanne Yeomans were among over 200 participants from 24 European countries and other continents who participated in this extremely interesting and successful congress which was co-organised by colleagues from NAPLE. Barbro Wigell-Ryynanen, on behalf of NAPLE, gave a short history of libraries' contributions to the Knowledge Society which led to the introduction of the Vienna Declaration. Gerald Leitner then presented the Vienna Declaration in full, the work of EBLIDA in representing libraries in Europe, the importance of lobbying at national and European level, and the need for a European-wide copyright and library policy. Participants showed a great deal of interest in and support for the declaration and what we hoped to achieve.

The organizers are interested in repeating the event next year and have invited EBLIDA to contribute to the organization.

21. Istanbul City of Culture – request for cooperation.

Abdullah Turan from Istanbul Bilgi University (EBLIDA Associate member) had invited EBLIDA to cooperate in activities they were organizing as part of the European City of Culture events. Joanne Yeomans had forwarded the details to Barbara Lison, chair of the Expert Group on Culture and the Information Society, and had suggested that she could publish promotion and reports of their events in the EBLIDA newsletter, which she has since done.

22. Greek Library Day proposal.

A letter had been sent to Gerald Leitner from The Association of Greek Librarians and Information Professionals (EBLIDA member) containing a proposal that had been sent to UNESCO in Greece in which they ask to establish an International Library Day. The Committee asked what EBLIDA was being asked to do and as this was not clear it was agreed that a letter would be sent to them, asking exactly what their expectations were. When an answer comes, the issue can be discussed further with the Executive Committee.

23. Annual Council Meeting 2010 and conference.

The programme will be as follows:

Wednesday, 5 May: Executive Committee meeting (all day)
Thursday, 6 May: Expert Groups meeting (morning)
Council meeting (afternoon, in the Parliament building)
Friday, 7 May: Conference (all day in the Parliament building)
Saturday, 8 May: Tours.

Saara Ihamäki said that the Finnish organisers hoped for a large audience, and a good topic in order to attract people and asked if the topic discussed after last year's conference was still of interest. Gerald Leitner replied that these topics were still of great interest and importance: copyright and library laws, and a follow-up of the Vienna Declaration. He added that initial discussions had already taken place with NAPLE during the ECEI09 event and that they would meet again with them and with the Finnish colleagues to discuss the programme further and their ideas for the event.

24. Next EC meeting date.

It was agreed that the next Executive Committee meeting will take place on the 1st and 2nd of March in Lisbon, Portugal.

25. Any other business.

Gerald Leitner reported that the VOB in the Netherlands is changing its structure.

26. Closure of meeting.

Gerald Leitner thanked everyone for the fruitful discussion.