



**Executive Committee meeting**  
**Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 18:00 – 18:15, 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**2009**  
**Minutes**

Minutes agreed by the Committee.

Chair: Gerald Leitner, EBLIDA President

Participants: Klaus-Peter Böttger, Lene Byrialsen, Saara Ihamäki, Gerald Leitner, Jill Martin, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Aldo Pirola, Erna Winters, Joanne Yeomans (mins).

### **1. Opening and welcome**

Gerald Leitner welcomed the new Executive Committee (ExCom) and congratulated them on their election. He expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to work together and his expectation that this would be a good team who would be able to continue the fruitful work. The new members of the ExCom introduced themselves and were welcomed by the re-elected members who confirmed their happiness to continue working in the group.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

The meeting took place immediately after the Council Meeting and it was noted that António Pina Falcão had had to leave to speak to someone. Berndt Fredriksson had sent his apologies to the Council and was therefore also not available to attend.

### **3. Appointment of Vice-President and Treasurer**

Gerald Leitner explained the close relationship necessary between the President and Vice-President of EBLIDA and confirmed how well this had worked during Barbara Lison's time as Vice-President (VP). He believed it was important that the VP was someone who had already been a recent member of the Committee and therefore had experience of the activities and knowledge of recent decisions and issues. He described Jill Martin's commitment to and enthusiasm for the work of the ExCom and of EBLIDA and therefore said he would be honoured if she would accept to become VP. The ExCom all seconded this suggestion and Jill Martin accepted the position of EBLIDA Vice-President.

Gerald Leitner went on to explain that EBLIDA had benefitted very much from having a Dutch Treasurer and one who had so meticulously ensured that the accounts and budget were in a good state. Bas Savenije's (BS) knowledge of Dutch tax and employment conditions had been invaluable during the past four years and the EBLIDA Secretariat were very grateful that he has offered to continue giving support on these issues when it is needed. He suggested that as the Secretariat is new it would be beneficial to have a Treasurer who had some previous experience of the EBLIDA finance and so asked Klaus-Peter Böttger if he would be willing to take over the role. The ExCom confirmed that they supported this suggestion and Klaus-Peter Böttger accepted the position of EBLIDA Treasurer. He expressed his thanks to BS for his offer of continuing involvement.



Gerald Leitner noted the two absent members of the ExCom and said that he would check that they also had no objections to these appointments.

#### **4. Date and location for first full meeting of the Executive Committee**

Gerald Leitner informed the new ExCom members that Glòria Pérez-Salmerón had offered to ask her colleagues in Barcelona to host the first meeting of the new ExCom in autumn: October or November. No date had yet been set and would depend to a certain extent on the Spanish hosts' availability. Gerald Leitner asked the new members to confirm that they were happy with this arrangement and to submit to Joanne Yeomans details of any restrictions on dates. Joanne Yeomans and Glòria Pérez-Salmerón would liaise to arrange a date suitable for as many people as possible.

***Addendum:** COBDC (Collegi Oficial de Bibliotecaris-Documentalistes de Catalunya: [www.cobdc.org](http://www.cobdc.org)) - the Catalan Library and Documentation Professional Association – have confirmed availability for Nov 11-12, 2009. The EBLIDA Executive Committee meeting will therefore take place on November 11th and a meeting with COBDC on November 12th.*

#### **5. Closure of meeting**

Gerald Leitner asked if there was any other business and as no other points were raised, he thanked the ExCom and closed the meeting.