



## Annual Report 2009 – 2010 \*

*EBLIDA: Lobbying for Libraries*

EBLIDA is the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations.

### Facts and figures

- EBLIDA is a non-profit organisation representing national library associations and individual libraries in the European Union and other European countries.
- Founded in 1992 to represent library associations at a European level.
- Represents library associations in all European Union countries.
- Represents through its members approximately 70,000 individual libraries across Europe.
- Council meets once a year in the first week of May.
- Employs 1.6 full-time equivalent staff in the secretariat based in The Hague.
- Annual budget of 125,000 Euros (2009 expenditure).
- Executive Committee comprises 10 representatives from full member organisations.
- EBLIDA President, Gerald Leitner, is Secretary General of the Austrian Library Association (BVÖ).
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### **Chair of Expert Group on Digitization and Online Access:**

Until end 2009: Mr. Bas Savenije, Librarian of the Dutch National Library (KB), The Netherlands

From 2010: Ms. Erna Winters, Managing Director, Public Library Kennemerwaard, The Netherlands.

### **Chair of Information and Library Education Group:**

Ms. Jill Martin, Director, Membership Engagement & IT, CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, England.

## Annual Report 2009 – 2010: Introduction

As stated in the EBLIDA Strategy 2007-2010<sup>1</sup>, EBLIDA's mission is to secure access for all to the benefits of the information society in all formats by:

- lobbying at the European level
- providing relevant and up-to-date information about EBLIDA and European library issues
- seeking involvement in European projects and
- organizing seminars and workshops of interest to the library and information community.

The Annual Report 2009 – 2010 covers the period from 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010. It is produced by the Executive Committee and Director with input from the Expert Groups and approved in its final form by the 18<sup>th</sup> Council in May 2010.

The contents of the Annual Report refer to activities taking place in the previous year in relation to the Work Programme 2009 - 2010<sup>2</sup>. The structure of the Report broadly corresponds to the areas defined in the Strategy and the Work Programme.

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<sup>1</sup> EBLIDA Strategy 2007 – 2010: [http://www.eblida.org/uploads/6\\_Draft\\_Strategy2007-2010\\_Final\\_v2.pdf](http://www.eblida.org/uploads/6_Draft_Strategy2007-2010_Final_v2.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> EBLDIA Work Programme 2009 – 2010:

[http://www.eblida.org/uploads/EBLIDA\\_Annual\\_Work\\_Programme\\_2009\\_2010\\_approved.pdf](http://www.eblida.org/uploads/EBLIDA_Annual_Work_Programme_2009_2010_approved.pdf)

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## **1. Mission Activities**

### **1a) Lobbying and Monitoring**

#### **i) Copyright and other legal issues**

Lobbying on issues related to European copyright legislation and information law is at the heart of EBLIDA's activities. It is co-ordinated through the Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL).

The past year has been particularly busy due to the heightened interest in these issues created by the Google Book Settlement court case in the USA. In addition EBLIDA has continued to monitor other issues related to the work of libraries and responded when necessary, and has continued collaboration with other movements and organizations.

The Google Book Settlement court case prompted the European Commission to hold a public hearing on the effect the settlement would have on Europe, on 7 September 2009. EBLIDA represented European libraries at this hearing and submitted a written statement<sup>3</sup> in support of the verbal presentation<sup>4</sup>. The Director also participated in a press briefing organised by ICOMP<sup>5</sup> which resulted in some news coverage (see section 1biv)

Following on from this, the Commission held a hearing on Orphan Works on 26 October 2009, to which EBLIDA was again invited to present the position of European libraries<sup>6</sup>.

Members of EGIL then met with Tilman Lüder, Head of the Commission's Copyright Unit, on 29 January 2010, to further discuss Orphan Works and the effects of possible solutions on libraries. EBLIDA were asked to contribute evidence and data on certain issues for a scoping study that the DGs Information Society and Media, and Internal Market are conducting. EBLIDA members were quick to respond and submitted evidence direct to the Director, to the Chair of EGIL and via an online survey that EBLIDA has created in collaboration with JISC and LIBER (see section 4e for details). The scoping study has not been made publicly available at the time of this Annual Report and EBLIDA continues its work to represent libraries' opinions on these issues to Members of the European Parliament and Commission.

The group also formulated submissions for the following consultations: post-i2010 (October 2009)<sup>7</sup>, Europeana: next steps (November 2009)<sup>8</sup>, Content Online (December 2009)<sup>9</sup>.

With regards the term extension for sound recordings and performance rights there has been no further developments. EBLIDA also continues to monitor the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) talks for which news at the moment is scarce. IFLA and eIFL have kept EBLIDA EGIL members informed of news from WIPO and EBLIDA is preparing to participate in WIPO meetings in the coming period.

<sup>3</sup> Google Book Settlement EBLIDA position statement: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/10/1252227760.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Google Book Settlement EBLIDA verbal presentation: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/10/1252505068.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> ICOMP press briefing on the Google Book Settlement: <http://www.icomp.org/~icomppsb/email/newsletter091014.htm#sectionthree>

<sup>6</sup> Orphan Works hearing EBLIDA presentation: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/10/1257341032.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Post-i2010 consultation submission made via a special Commission web-interface form: [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/eeurope/i2010/pc\\_post-i2010/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/eeurope/i2010/pc_post-i2010/index_en.htm)

<sup>8</sup> Europeana: next steps, EBLIDA submission: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/14/1258977852.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Content Online consultation, EBLIDA submission: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/10/1261582085.pdf>

With the advice of EGIL, EBLIDA has signed the following:

- The Public Domain Manifesto: <http://publicdomainmanifesto.org/>  
This manifesto was written by the Communia project in which EBLIDA is a member (see section 1cii). EBLIDA signed in February 2010.

Various members of EGIL have participated in meetings with IFLA-CLM, FEP, JISC, ENCES, the Europeana Project, and the Communia project (see section 1c on projects and section 4 on collaboration for more details).

## **ii) Culture and Information Society**

Culture is becoming of more and more importance in the European Union and EBLIDA aims to ensure that libraries are seen as a primary vehicle for the dissemination and preservation of culture. Lobbying and participation in these areas is co-ordinated for EBLIDA through the Expert Group on Culture and Information Society (EGCIS).

EGCIS has begun discussions with the Secretary General of the European Cultural Parliament (ECP)<sup>10</sup> about EBLIDA becoming Friends of the ECP. A member of the group has also participated in the Platform on Access to Culture<sup>11</sup> in the Working Group on Education and Learning which published its policy guideline in July 2009<sup>12</sup>.

Representatives of the group also attended the following:

- Culture in Motion conference and the European Culture Forum, Brussels, Belgium, 28 – 30 September 2009.
- European Congress on E-inclusion (ECEI09), Brussels, Belgium, 22 – 23 October 2009.
- Digitalization of cultural material. Digital libraries and copyright, Madrid, Spain, 12 – 13 April 2010.

The group has been doing research into the topics in order to collect documents and links of primary relevance and a website is in development.

## **iii) Digitization and online access**

Digitization has been highlighted by Google's project scanning books from a number of libraries around the world and by the European Commission's Europeana project. EBLIDA had set up a Joint Expert Group on Digitization and Online Access (JEGDO) with LIBER in order to organise lobbying and representation of libraries on these issues. However, with the reorganization of LIBER the group has spent most of the previous year in discussions about its future, its new aims, and relationship with LIBER. These will be finalised during 2010.

Members of JEGDO participated in the programme committee for the LIBER-EBLIDA Digitization Workshop (see section 1di). They arranged for promotion of Open Access Week

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<sup>10</sup> European Culture Parliament: <http://www.kulturparlament.com/>

<sup>11</sup> Platform on Access to Culture: [http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-policy-development/doc1581\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-policy-development/doc1581_en.htm)

<sup>12</sup> Platform on Access to Culture policy guidelines: [http://ec.europa.eu/culture/key-documents/doc/forum/platform\\_access\\_culture\\_july09.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/key-documents/doc/forum/platform_access_culture_july09.pdf)

by distributing t-shirts to speakers at the workshop. The workshop and Open Access Week were also promoted through articles in the EBLIDA Newsletter.

Members of the group have also participated in the Europeana project events and contributed to the EBLIDA response on Europeana: next steps.

The group has been doing research in order to collect documents and links of primary relevance and a website is in development.

#### **iv) Information and library education**

The Information and Library Education Group (ILEG) has continued to refine and develop their work programme. They have gathered information in a number of key areas, in particular the equivalence of qualifications, the Bologna Process and curriculum delivery. ILEG continues to work very closely with EUCLID and has begun discussions about the organisation of a joint conference which they hope will take place in 2011.

#### **v) Education and lifelong learning**

The Director was charged at the beginning of the year to investigate the possibility and need for setting up an Expert Group on Lifelong Learning (EGELLL). Interested participants met in Vienna and in Milan and pursued some lines of enquiry about the need for such a group. Preliminary conclusions were that it would be valuable to have representation in this area as there are consultations to which libraries currently do not respond, however, there are no staff resources at this time to establish an active working group. The Director has recommended to the Executive Committee that this be reviewed during or at the end of the next year when the JEGDO (Digitization group) has become re-established.

### **1b) Communication and Information**

#### **i) Newsletter**

The EBLIDA Newsletter<sup>13</sup> is the primary vehicle for communication of news about EBLIDA and European issues related to EBLIDA's work. It is edited by the Director who aims to produce a monthly issue. It was published eleven times during the last year. The mailing list receiving the newsletter includes all EBLIDA members, the Executive Committee and Expert Groups, as well as other registered interested individuals and organizations. It is posted on the website and announced in the news feed shortly after distribution.

The Director sought and received suggestions about the contents and layout of the newsletter. This has resulted in a slightly new design and the introduction of new features. Feedback since these changes has indicated a greater readership and increased satisfaction with the newsletter.

The changes made during 2009 include:

- More attractive layout using images, and coloured banners and text boxes.
- Improved layout using a single column for ease of online reading.

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<sup>13</sup> EBLIDA newsletters: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=eblida-update>

- Introduction of sections: President's editorial, news round-up, main article, EBLIDA news, events and dates, funding and project opportunities.
- Increased reporting of European issues.
- Increased reporting of European events and expansion of the corresponding web page.
- New section (and corresponding web page) for details of funding and project opportunities.

## ii) Website <sup>14</sup>

Both the back-end and front-end of the website have undergone a series of improvements during the last year. The former includes upgrading of the Content Management System, creation of an EBLIDA server, installation of new event organisation software (Indico), and transfer of the mailing lists to new software on the new server. The latter includes a general revision of the website producing updates to most pages, some reorganisation of existing information, and the introduction of some new sections and features.

Support and hosting of the website continues to be provided by the Finnish Co-operative Internet Service Provider, Kaapeli<sup>15</sup>. The service has been renegotiated and a new contract signed.

The domain name eblida.eu has been registered by EBLIDA, the registration of the eblida.org domain has been transferred to a European company, and updates have been made to improve the stability of the site.

The new server has allowed for the introduction of new, more stable email addresses for the EBLIDA secretariat which contain the ending @eblida.org. The server will also allow for easier creation and management of the mailing lists and a more logical naming mechanism.

The event organisation software, Indico, is open source software and was therefore very low cost to install. It has been first introduced to the Executive Committee in order to improve distribution of documents related to its meetings. It has been utilized for the sharing of confidential documents for the Council's May meeting and provides the infrastructure for the annual conference website.

The website contents have been expanded to include new sections:

- News archive (archive of news feeds posted on the home page): <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=news-archive>
- Projects (details and links for projects in which EBLIDA participates): <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=projects>
- Funding and project opportunities (European and other opportunities of relevance to EBLIDA members): <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=funding-and-project-opportunities>
- Pages for expired European events and expired EBLIDA events.

<sup>14</sup> EBLIDA home page: <http://www.eblida.org>

<sup>15</sup> Kaapeli, Internet Service Provider: <http://www.katto.kaapeli.fi/>



### iii) Knowledge and Information Centre

A project group was formed to investigate the possibility of funding for building a Knowledge and Information Centre. The group met twice and also attended the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme Information Day on 7 December 2009.

The group developed ideas for the structure of such a project and the mechanisms for its organisation. Feedback from the information day suggested that EBLIDA should further develop the foundations of the information centre and aim to recruit participation from a much wider range of partners. Some time will be required to develop the foundations and build this partnership and this will therefore be carried forward into 2010.

### iv) Other publicity

EBLIDA's work or views were featured in the following publications:

- April 2009: Bibliotheek- & Archiefgids, 85 (4) (Belgium): "Naar een Europees bibliotheekbeleid", Bruno Vermeeren.
- 7 September 2009: Internet Business World (Germany): "Googles Buchdigitalisierung schafft ein De-facto-Monopol"<sup>16</sup>. [Reference from EBLIDA press briefing]
- 8 September 2009: International Herald Tribune: "Google book project gets chilly reception; Google's deal on digitized books riles publishers in Europe". [Reference from EBLIDA Press briefing]
- 9 September 2009: Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Switzerland): "Leere Versprechen oder schöne Aussichten? Europäische und amerikanische Verleger sind uneins über Google"<sup>17</sup>. [Reference from EBLIDA press briefing]
- September 2009: BuB - Forum Bibliothek und Information (Germany): "Für eine europäische Bibliothekspolitik", Gerald Leitner.
- April 2010: BibliotheekBlad (The Netherlands): cover lead feature and article "Eblida bezorgd over toegang tot informatie door Google Book Settlement". [Interview with EBLIDA Executive Committee Member, Erna Winters and Director, Joanne Yeomans]
- Spanish Library Association, FESABID, BPI (Bibliotecas y Propiedad Intelectual) Working Group news: <http://fesabidbpi.wordpress.com/?s=eblida>. [Regular news from EBLIDA]

## 1c) European Projects

### i) ENTITLE<sup>18</sup>

EBLIDA continued its involvement in the European funded project – ENTITLE (Europe's New Libraries Together in Transversal Learning Environments) aimed at encouraging research and practice in the field of digital libraries and making European cultural heritage available to users, combining individual creativity with ICT, all in support of lifelong learning.

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<sup>16</sup> Internet Business World article: <http://www.internetworld.de/Nachrichten/Trends/Googles-Buchdigitalisierung-schafft-ein-De-facto-Monopol-21430.html>

<sup>17</sup> Neue Zürcher Zeitung article: [http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/kultur/aktuell/leere\\_versprechen\\_oder\\_schoene\\_aussichten\\_1.3522165.html](http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/kultur/aktuell/leere_versprechen_oder_schoene_aussichten_1.3522165.html)

<sup>18</sup> ENTITLE project web page: <http://www.entitlelll.eu/>

Information about the project's outcomes was disseminated to EBLIDA members through the EBLIDA newsletter.

The Director chaired the successful final conference in Budapest, Hungary on 16 October 2009 and contributed to discussions in preparation for the second phase of the project which will take place if the next bid for funding is successful.

ENTITLE came to an end on 31 December 2009 and the project leaders have submitted a bid for continued funding which, if successful, would start in autumn 2010.

## **ii) Communia<sup>19</sup>**

EBLIDA continued its involvement in the European funded project Communia – the European thematic network on the digital public domain, designed to discuss the value of the public domain in the digital environment, including various forms of licensing agreements and open access initiatives.

The Director and members of the Expert Group on Information Law participated in the following Communia workshops:

- 6<sup>th</sup> COMMUNIA Workshop: Barcelona (Spain), 1 – 2 October 2009
- 7<sup>th</sup> COMMUNIA Workshop: Luxembourg, 1 – 2 February 2010.

According to the advice of the Expert Group on Information Law, EBLIDA signed the Communia Public Domain Manifesto<sup>20</sup>. Members were informed about this in the EBLIDA newsletter in March.

## **iii) Europeana<sup>21</sup>**

EBLIDA joined as a project partner the European funded project: Europeana v1.0 which will bring the Europeana.eu digital library to full service.

The Director and members of the Expert Group on Information Law represented EBLIDA or were present to discuss the Europeana licensing framework at the following events:

- Europeana Projects IPR Cluster Group meeting, Prague, 27 May 2009.
- Europeana Plenary event, The Hague, 14 – 16 September 2009.
- Europeana WP1.2 and Europeana Connect WP4 joint meeting, Paris, 23 November 2009.

They have also contributed to discussions concerning the Europeana Public Domain Charter.

EBLIDA submitted a response to the European Commission's consultation: Europeana, next steps<sup>22</sup> in November 2009.

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<sup>19</sup> Communia project website: <http://www.communia-project.eu/>

<sup>20</sup> Public Domain Manifesto: <http://publicdomainmanifesto.org/>

<sup>21</sup> European v1.0 project website: <https://version1.europeana.eu/web/europeana-project/home>

<sup>22</sup> EBLIDA response to the consultation "Europeana: next steps":  
<http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/14/1258977852.pdf>

## **1d) Seminars and Workshops**

### **i) LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitization of Library Materials in Europe**

Members of the Joint Group on Digitization and Online Access collaborated with LIBER on a programme committee to organise the second Workshop on Digitization of Library Materials in Europe which took place in The Hague on 19 – 21 October 2009. The agenda, participant list and presentations can be viewed online<sup>23</sup>.

The EBLIDA and LIBER Secretariats worked together to arrange the logistics of the event.

EBLIDA members were offered a discount on the conference fee of 100 Euros.

The event welcomed a hundred and twenty-five participants from across Europe and the world. The outcome was a roadmap<sup>24</sup> summarizing the conclusions reached during the workshop on how to progress digitization activity in Europe. The roadmap will help guide LIBER and EBLIDA in their work in this area.

### **ii) Conference attendance and other presentations**

The President, Gerald Leitner, represented EBLIDA at the following events and presented EBLIDA's work:

- 98<sup>th</sup> Deutscher Bibliothekartag (Annual German Librarians Conference), Erfurt, Germany 2 – 5 June 2009: Presentation on the work of EBLIDA.
- World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Milan, Italy, 23 – 27 August 2009.
- European Congress on E-inclusion (ECEI09), Brussels, Belgium, 22 – 23 October 2009. Presentation on the work of EBLIDA and the Vienna Declaration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hellenic Conference of Public Libraries, Athens, Greece, 4 - 5 December 2009. Presentation on the work of EBLIDA.
- 10<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Portuguese Association of Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists, Guimarães, Portugal, 7- 9 April 2010. Presentation on the work of EBLIDA.

The Director represented EBLIDA at the following events, in addition to those already mentioned in this Annual Report:

- 98<sup>th</sup> Deutscher Bibliothekartag (Annual German Librarians Conference), Erfurt, Germany, 2 – 5 June 2009.
- World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Milan, Italy, 23 – 27 August 2009.
- European Congress on E-inclusion (ECEI09), Brussels, Belgium, 22 – 23 October 2009.
- OAPEN/ENCES Workshop: Copyright and Open Access book publishing, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 15 February 2009.
- Spanish Presidency Culture event: Digitalization of cultural material. Digital libraries and copyright, Madrid, Spain, 12 – 14 April, 2010.

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<sup>23</sup> LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitization of Library Materials in Europe:  
<http://www.libereurope.eu/node/391>

<sup>24</sup> LIBER Digitization Roadmap: <http://www.libereurope.eu/files/LIBER-Digitisation-Roadmap-2009.pdf>

Other members of EBLIDA's Expert Groups made presentations on EBLIDA's work at the following events:

Emilija Banionyte:

- Lithuanian Research Library Consortium Meeting, 23 February 2010: Presenting the activities of EBLIDA EGIL and IFLA CLM.

Michèle Battisti:

- Numérisation du Patrimoine et Moteurs de Recherche, BnF conference, Paris, 7 December 2009 "Œuvres hors droit, œuvres sous droits : des frontières en mouvement".

Marian Koren:

- Riga University lecture, 19 October 2009: "Rights, needs and expectations of library users: requirements for modern public libraries".
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pan-Hellenic Conference of Public Libraries, Marousi, Greece, 4 – 5 December 2009: "The Dutch model of Public Libraries, and the role of the Association" [mentioned also the work of EBLIDA].

Harald Müller:

- 98<sup>th</sup> Deutscher Bibliothekartag (Annual German Librarians Conference), Erfurt, Germany 2 – 5 June 2009 "Urheberrecht - Liebesgrüsse aus Brüssel : Grünbuch, Schutzfristverlängerung und sonstige Grausamkeiten".
- Erfurt World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Milan, Italy, 26 August 2009 "The legal implications of libraries as Internet access providers".
- Nordic conference on libraries and copyright (Norwegian Library Association and University of Oslo), Oslo, Norway, 1 February 2010 "Challenges of libraries and copyright in a European context".

Barbara Stratton:

- German Federal Ministry of Justice International Copyright Conference, Berlin, 7 – 8 May 2009: Panellist representing EBLIDA.

### **iii) Local seminars**

The Executive Committee held two seminars with representatives from local member organizations following the Committee meetings in Barcelona in November and Lisbon in March. During these meetings the aims and activities of EBLIDA were presented and the local organizations presented their own work and activities.

## **2. Members**

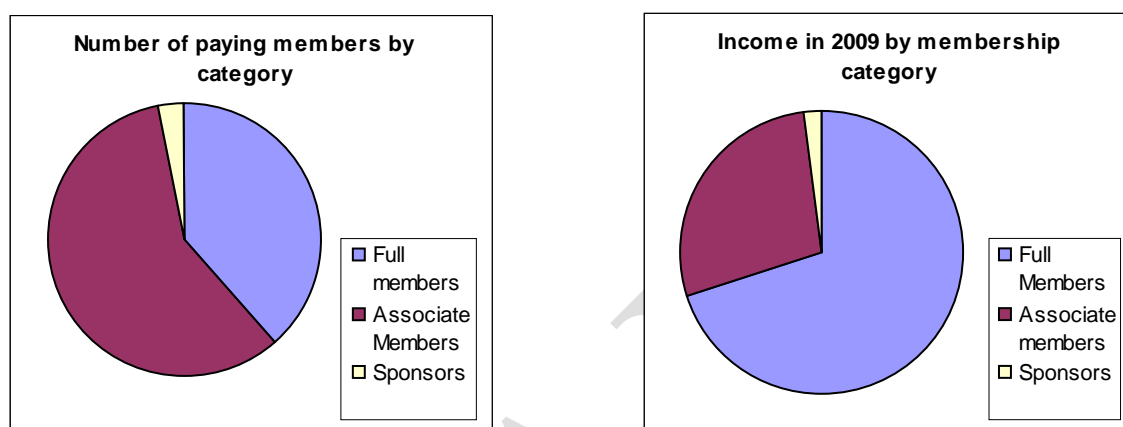
### **2a) EBLIDA Members**

EBLIDA continued its efforts to expand the membership, focusing on library organizations and associations from both EU and non-EU member states to ensure wide membership in Europe.

This year, EBLIDA celebrates the achievement of representing all EU member states for the first time. A wide European representation adds legitimacy to the activities of EBLIDA and strengthens the position of EBLIDA as the voice of libraries in Europe.

There are currently 135 members: 52 Full Members, 79 Associate Members and 4 Sponsors. These represent 33 countries; all European Union Member States are represented by at least one Full Member.

The membership and income structure are displayed in two pie charts below:



EBLIDA gained the following new members in the last year:

Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SULSIT - State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (Associate Member)</li> </ul>
Croatia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zagreb City Libraries (Associate Member)</li> </ul>
Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyprus Association of Librarians - Information Scientists (CALIS) (Full Member)</li> </ul>
Estonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MTÜ Eesti Raamatukoguvõrgu Konsortium - Estonian Library Network Consortium (Full Member)</li> </ul>
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polish Librarians' Association (Full Member)</li> </ul>
Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biblioteka Grada Beograda - Belgrade City Library (Associate Member)</li> </ul>
The Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elsevier BV (Sponsor)</li> </ul>
Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turkish Library Association - Istanbul Branch (Associate Member)</li> <li>Istanbul Technical University Library (Associate Member)</li> <li>Istanbul BILGI University Library and e-resources (Associate Member)</li> </ul>

Associations from the last two outstanding member states of the EU joined as Full Members giving EBLIDA full coverage of library associations in the EU.

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),
- EBIB, Elektroniczna Biblioteka (Poland).

## 2b) Membership fees

At the beginning of 2010 the membership fees were raised in line with Dutch inflation and members were invoiced for 2010 as follows:

<b>2010</b>			
<b>Band</b>	<b>ANP Turnover €</b>	<b>Non-Dutch Members Total due</b>	<b>Dutch Members Total due includes VAT</b>
A: Full member	0-25,000	€569,67	€578,97
B: Full member	25,001-100,000	€1.414,55	€1.423,85
C: Full member	100,001-250,000	€2.568,25	€2.577,55
D: Full member	250,001-350,000	€3.657,86	€3.667,16
E: Full member	350,001-500,000	€4.689,19	€4.698,49
F: Full member	500,001 or more	€5.574,87	€5.584,17
G: Associate member		€470,61	€479,91
H : Sponsor		€587,15	€596,45

## 3. Resources and Infrastructure

### 3a) Strategy

The EBLIDA Strategy 2007 – 2010 was approved at the 15<sup>th</sup> EBLIDA Council in Reykjavik in May 2007. It will expire in 2010 and so the Executive Committee has developed a draft strategy for the next period 2010 – 2013 which will be submitted for approval to the 18<sup>th</sup> Council in Helsinki in May 2010.

### 3b) Constitution

At the 17<sup>th</sup> Council in May 2009 it was agreed that the proposal to give voting rights to Associate Members of EBLIDA be voted upon at the 18<sup>th</sup> Council in 2010. The Executive Committee therefore created a working group to propose the necessary changes and procedure. The working group was also asked to propose other changes that would be useful and could be voted upon in the same exercise.

The working group obtained advice from the Dutch Solicitor Maaldrink Vermeulen Groos who had inherited the EBLIDA file from the solicitor who created the EBLIDA constitution in 1992. The group discussed the various options and proposed a set of changes to the Executive Committee which were agreed upon and distributed to Full (voting) Members in February 2010.

Full Members had three months to consider the proposals and will be asked to vote during the 18<sup>th</sup> Council in Helsinki.

### 3c) Council

On 7 May 2009 EBLIDA held its 17th Annual Council Meeting in Vienna and its Annual Conference (in cooperation with NAPLE, the Austrian Library Association and the Austrian Association of Librarians) on 8 May, also in Vienna.

The Council Meeting welcomed a record number of participants: 67 in total from 43 different member organizations and 23 different countries. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee and posted online<sup>25</sup> where they wait to be approved by the 18<sup>th</sup> Council in May 2010.

Elections for the President and Executive Committee produced the following results:

- Gerald Leitner from the Austrian Library Association (BVÖ) was unanimously re-elected as President. He spoke of his determination to reach the ambitious goals set in the EBLIDA work programme and his belief and trust in the new Executive Committee. He thanked personally in turn each of the outgoing members of the Committee adding what a pleasure it had been to work with them.
- The new Executive Committee:
  - EBLIDA President: Mr. Gerald Leitner, BVÖ Austria: re-elected.
  - EBLIDA Vice-President: Ms Jill Martin, CILIP UK: re-elected, newly appointed to position.
  - EBLIDA Treasurer: Mr. Klaus-Peter Böttger, BID Germany: newly elected.
  - Ms. Lene Byrialsen, Danish Library Association: newly elected.
  - Ms. Saara Ihamäki, Finnish Library Association: re-elected.
  - Mr. Aldo Pirola, AIB Italy: newly elected.
  - Ms. Erna Winters, VOB Netherlands: newly elected.
  - Mr. António de Pina Falcão, BAD Portugal: newly elected.
  - Ms. Gloria Perez Salmerón, FESABID Spain: newly elected.
  - Mr. Berndt Fredriksson, Swedish Association of Archivists: newly elected.

The title and content of the Annual Conference “A Library Policy for Europe” was chosen to initiate the process of stimulating a debate on the need for policy at the European level for the library sector.

EBLIDA representatives met with NAPLE to discuss and agree upon a set of principles which were presented at the end of the conference and hence entitled the “Vienna Declaration”<sup>26</sup>. NAPLE and EBLIDA have continued to follow up the aims of the Declaration (see section 4c for more details).

Planning and preparations for the 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting which will take place in Helsinki, Finland on 6 May 2010 have begun. The EBLIDA President and Director met with local organisers in Helsinki in order to plan this work.

### 3d) Executive Committee

The current Committee members are listed at the beginning of the Annual Report in the section: People.

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<sup>25</sup> Latest version of the 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes: <http://www.eblida.org/index.php?page=council-meetings>

<sup>26</sup> Vienna Declaration: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/19/1243334448.pdf>

The Executive Committee met during the following meetings:

- 4 May 2009, Vienna.
- 6 May 2009, Vienna.
- 12 – 13 November 2009, Barcelona.
- 1 – 2 March 2010, Lisbon.

Minutes of these meetings have been shared with EBLIDA Members through the 18<sup>th</sup> Council's secure website.

The Barcelona and Lisbon meetings were followed by meetings of the Executive Committee with representatives of the local associations to share information on activities and priorities.

The meeting of 4 May was of the outgoing Committee immediately prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

### **3e) Secretariat**

From 1 May 2009 Joanne Yeomans took over from Andrew Cranfield as Director of EBLIDA. The Director has represented EBLIDA during a number of hearings, press briefings, conferences and meetings in Europe. It was the Director's responsibility to co-ordinate the agendas and meetings of the different groups within EBLIDA: Council, Executive Committee, Expert Groups and working groups. Duties also included directing the Office Manager, budget management, editing the newsletter, website management, liaison with projects and other organizations.

The Director attended a training session on lobbying which took place in Brussels and included a visit to the European Parliament.

Claudia Forero continued as Office Manager, a post she had taken over in March 2009. The Office Manager handled membership matters and communication, financial transactions, web page updates, and office procedures in The Hague.

The Secretariat has started preparations to move following the reorganisation and relocation of the hosting organization, the Dutch Library Association (VOB). The Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB, Dutch National Library) has kindly offered to host EBLIDA and plans are in place to relocate in summer 2010. A volunteer has been enlisted to assist with packing and organisation of files ready to move.

### **3f) Expert groups**

The four Expert Groups continued to meet and work together producing the results detailed in other parts of this Annual Report. They provided advice and recommendations in order for the Executive Committee, President and Director to take (or not take) action on various points related to their area of expertise. They continue to be an effective means by which EBLIDA's actions are decided.

The groups communicated by email and also met during the following meetings:



- Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL)
  - Vienna, 7 May 2009
  - Milan, 26 August 2009 (specifically to discuss the Google Book Settlement position paper)
  - London, 29 September 2010
  - The Hague, 4 February 2010

The EGIL followed the meeting of 4 February with a joint meeting with IFLA's CLM (Copyright and Legal Matters) group on 4 – 5 February. Co-operation between the two groups was therefore reinforced.

- Expert Group on Culture and Information Society
  - Vienna, 7 May 2009
  - Milan, 26 August 2009
- Joint Expert Group on Digitization and Online Access
  - Vienna, 7 May 2009
  - The Hague, 19 October 2009
- Information and Library Education Group
  - Vienna, 7 May 2009
  - Parma, 26 January 2010.

In particular the EGIL remained active, engaging with the European Commission and producing advice and written positions on numerous occasions during the past year. As this represents the focus of EBLIDA's work, it was ensured that this remained a priority despite time and resources being constrained.

## **4. Cooperation with Other Organizations**

### **4a) IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations)**

EBLIDA continued to strengthen its cooperation with IFLA. The EBLIDA President and Director met the IFLA Secretary General, Jennefer Nicholson, in May 2009 to reconfirm their intention to collaborate. The EBLIDA President also met with Claudia Lux (IFLA President until August 2009) on numerous occasions including at the EBLIDA Annual Conference when Ms. Lux was an invited speaker. The Director was invited and participated in two IFLA-CLM (Copyright and Legal Matters) group meetings and also met the Senior Policy Advisor on a number of occasions to discuss developments.

The Director was not able to participate in either of the WIPO SSCR (Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights) meetings in May or December, but kept up-to-date on the progress of the proposed Treaty for Improved Access for Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons and the discussions on exceptions and limitations.

A joint IFLA-EBLIDA conference was discussed but not pursued at this time due to other constraints. The topic was held over for later discussion during 2010.

#### **4b) LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche)**

Via the Joint Expert Group on Digitization and Online Access, LIBER and EBLIDA co-hosted the second Workshop on the Digitization of Library Materials in Europe in autumn 2009 (elsewhere reported).

Immediately prior to this workshop, LIBER announced that it would reorganise its work groups and would like to review the arrangement for a joint group. As a result, discussions have been ongoing to decide the future mechanism for collaboration on this topic.

EBLIDA shared its position statements with LIBER so that they could develop their own statements adding points of particular relevance to research libraries.

The EBLIDA President and Director met with the LIBER Vice-President, Paul Ayris, to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding which they have planned to review during 2010.

#### **4c) NAPLE (National Authorities on Public Libraries in Europe)**

EBLIDA co-hosted with NAPLE the 2009 Annual Conference, “A Library Policy for Europe” which took place in Vienna 7 – 9 May 2009 and resulted in the Vienna Declaration<sup>27</sup>. The Declaration was sent, with the help of various EBLIDA Members, to a number of elected MEPs and candidates in order to raise awareness of library needs in the new European Parliament.

Representatives from EBLIDA and NAPLE have since met together in Brussels in November and Copenhagen in January to further develop the ideas behind the Declaration and to work towards raising the idea of a library policy for Europe. They have agreed to co-host a second conference on this subject where it will be discussed with members in more detail and planning for this, the 2010 EBLIDA Annual Conference, has begun.

#### **4d) ENCES (European Network for Copyright in support of Education and Science)**

The ENCES network was set up in 2008 and hopes to form a lobbying organization similar in form to EBLIDA. The Director has met with members of ENCES during the past year and explained a little more about how EBLIDA works, and discussed future collaboration.

The Director participated in the OAPEN/ENCES Workshop: Copyright and Open Access book publishing, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on 15 February 2009.

#### **4e) JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee, UK)**

The JISC has participated in lobbying actions in connection with the Google Book Settlement and Orphan Works. At the invitation of the Project Director of the Strategic Content Alliance, the EBLIDA Director participated in two meetings in order to discuss collaboration in this

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<sup>27</sup> Vienna Declaration: <http://www.eblida.org/uploads/eblida/19/1243334448.pdf>

area. As a result, the survey “In From the Cold Europa”<sup>28</sup> was designed and launched in January 2010. It aims to collect data on orphan works in Europe to compare with the UK survey “In From the Cold”<sup>29</sup> and to submit these data to the European Commission as part of their scoping study.

#### **4f) FEP (Federation of European Publishers)**

EBLIDA representatives met with FEP representatives in London in September 2009 and in Brussels in February 2010. The discussions focused on the treatment of orphan works and the use of the ARROW database<sup>30</sup> but little progress was made towards a compromise on the differing viewpoints.

#### **4g) Other organizations**

The Director has kept in touch with representatives from CENL (Conference of European National Librarians) and The Frankfurt Group but did not attend meetings during the previous year due to conflicting commitments.

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<sup>28</sup> In From the Cold Europa survey: <http://surveys.poll daddy.com/s/476EBBEAF7ED1854/>

<sup>29</sup> In From the Cold JISC report: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/publications/reports/2009/infromthecold.aspx>

<sup>30</sup> ARROW Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works: <http://www.arrow-net.eu/>