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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2010

## ACTIVITIES

During BOBCATSSS conference in Parma Open Board meeting was held with 16 representatives from 12 countries among them 3 members of the Board. The Minutes of the meeting were published in the Newsletter 25.

The members of the Board assisted in negotiations for the next two Bobcatsss conferences. For the year 2011 it was confirmed that the hosting institutions will be Informationsberuf in Eisenstadt, Austria and Berszenyi College, Szombathely, Hungary joint by Oslo College, Norway.

Due to the fact that 2012 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BOBCATSSS symposiums everyone agreed that Netherland should be the host for 2012.

The Parma Symposium was a successful meeting due to the special efforts and great organization by the hosts.

**Bobcat of the Year 2009** was awarded to professor Ragnar Audunson, Oslo College, Norway.

## COOPERATION plans and efforts

The Section for Education and Training (SET) and the Section for Library Theory and Research (LTR) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and the European Association for Library and Information Education and Research (EUCLID) agreed upon the organization of the IFLA pre-conference satellite meeting in Boras, Sweden. The conference was held on August 9 and 10 and was hosted by the Swedish School of Library and Information Science in Borås, Sweden, on 8-9 August 2010.

Despite the fact that Tatjana Aparac Jelusic attended EBLIDA Council Meeting in Vienna in May 2009, when it was decided that ILEG – Information and Library Education Group – and Euclid should organize joint conference in 2011 at the University of Zadar, no further steps were taken due to the fact that ILEG did not confirm its participation.

## THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Although EUCLID is far from a rich organization, the financial situation has been developing in a better direction. Though, it has to be stressed that not all member institutions paid their membership fee although all invoices were sent from the Secretary to all institutional members as well as to potential candidates.

On EUCLID's account there is now approximately EUR 2.500.

EUR 1.200 was spent on the design and maintenance of the web site and e-proceedings of Boras Conference. In addition University of Zadar, Department of LIS has supported EUCLID with EUR 1.000 in 2009 and 1.000 in 2010, for chair's travelling expenses and work time. The University of Zadar has also supported EUCLID with a part of secretary's work time.

# Bord Meeting in Szombathely, 2011

EUCLID BOARD MEETING during BOBCATSSS 2011 was held in Sombathely on Monday, January 31th, from 2:30 till 4:00 pm

All members of the Board were informed about the proposed Agenda in advance by e-mail. To other present participants of the Open Board meeting the following Agenda was proposed:

1. Welcome and Minutes' approval
2. Review of the activities in 2010
3. Discussion about future actions
  - 3.1. Project proposal to the Euclid: Towards "europeisation" of LIS education: Bologna Process impact for young students and researchers for mobility, recognition and quality enhancement (Esin Sultan Oguz, Prof.Onderoglu , Prof. Kurbanoglu, Anna Maria Tamaro and Ursula Georgy)
  - 3.2.Cooperation with EBLIDA, IFLA, ALISE ...
  - 3.3.Data base of the research projects in European LIS schools
4. Hosting BOBCATSSS 2013 and 2014 – proposals and discussion
5. Bobcat of the 2010 – proposals and approval
6. Other business

Ad 1.

Agenda and Minutes from last Board meeting in Parma were approved anonymously.

Ad 2.

Chair of the Board, Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić, submitted report. In the discussion the information about the American iSchool Conference, 2010 was shared especially in regard to the Panel discussion on European information science and education. This panel was proposed, accepted by the programme committee and performed by EUCLID members.

Chair rose issues of not paying attention to invoices which were sent to members of EUCLID last year. It was suggested to review contact list that is in charge of the payments of members. Maybe there was no appropriate contact and invoices were "lost" in emails.

Ad 3.

Discussion on future actions was a fruitful one.

Anna Maria Tamaro reported on project: Towards "europeisation" of LIS education: Bologna Process impact for students' mobility, recognition and learning quality.

Board members voted for official support for the project (questionnaire will be distributed through EUCLID website; financial support if possible; distribution of information about LIS schools in Europe)

Terry Weech suggested to check which European LIS schools are both members of ALISE and EUCLID. Suggested to cooperate internationally: ALISE and EUCLID, for example.

Chair mentioned [AEW 2011 - ASIST European Workshop](#) which was in preparations to be held in Cork. Information is on EUCLID website.

Database of research projects in European LIS schools provoked several suggestions. Information about European LIS schools was harvested from the websites and it will be distributed to all members of Euclid to verify and correct the data. The same information will be distributed to Anna Maria Tammaro for the project mentioned Ad. 3.1.

Ad. 4

Agreements were reached about the organization of next BOBCATSSS symposia.

Hosting BOBCATSSS 2012: Amsterdam; Stuttgart as already in preparations.

Hosting BOBCATSSS 2013: Ankara, Turkey and Royal School, Copenhagen

Hosting BOBCATSSS 2014: Barcelona and Boras, Sweden

Hosting BOBCATSSS 2015: Lyon, France and (possible) Tampere, Finland

Ad 5.

Nomination for the BOBCAT of the year 2010: Peter Murray, Hungary. Board accepted nomination anonymously.

Ad 6.

It was recognized that the election of new chair of the EUCLID for 2011-2013 should be done. Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić was re-elected. Board members agreed.

New member of the board were elected: Bob Glass, UK; Jelke Myboer, Netherlands; Raphaele Bats, France; Alen Doračić, Sweden; Serap Kurbanoglu, Turkey

Andrew Sule, Barcelona, Spain and Baiba Holme from Riga, Latvia as only member from the previous Board since all other members already served for two terms (members of the Board replaced: David Bowden, UK; Cristobal Urbano, Spain; Anna Maria Tammaro, Italy; Anne Marie Bertrand, France; Miha Kovač, Slovenia).

For the closing ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> BOBCATSSS it was agreed that Bob Glass, member of the Board, should pronounce Best poster of the year 2011 (jury: Federica Marangio (PhD student), Bob Glass, Serap Kurbanoghlu, Roel Hoving)

Finally, some proposals were offered in relation to the Bobkitten of the year award. Terry Weech suggested to suggest to students organizers to award one of their organizers who did the most on the particular year. Board members agreed upon that.

## **BOBCAT of the 2010 – Peter Murányi**

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Library Science, Kent State University, Ohio (1990),  
PhD in Library Science at Eötvös University (2004).

College professor and head of Department of the Library and Information Science in the frames of the Institute of Social, International and European Studies University of West Hungary Savaria University Centre.

He has been for almost three decades leading contributor to the library and information science education in Szombathely, West Hungary.

In his professional work Peter Murányi has been closely involved in BOBCATSSS organization since its early days. He has been working on a promotion of East-West cooperation in LIS research and education, especially engaged in cooperation of schools from Hungary (as EEC country) and Western European LIS schools through professional LIS projects (LISTEN TEMPUS 1994-97, Phare Information Management 1996-98, ERASMUS 2004- ).

He contributed to the Hungarian experimentation and adaptation with DECIDOC (since 2000, now Euro Guide LIS) and was involved in development, design and implementation of LIS curriculum for Bachelor and Master degrees in accordance with European LIS curriculum development (from as early as 1994 on, e.g. through the LISTEN TEMPUS project, involving Aberdeen, Copenhagen and Stuttgart, Phare regional cooperation with the LIS School in Eisenstadt, Austria- Burgenland from 1999 on). Through the Bologna process up to now, he was involved and has been supportive for the staff and student mobility exchanges with ERASMUS partners.

He is member of EUCLID, taking actively part in its work, especially in relation to BOBCATSSS activities. He has been representing the LIS school, designated in the last but one 'S' meaning Szombathely and took part in all symposiums since 1993.

He has done his best for the organisation and smoothly running of the BOBCATSSS 2011 symposium, supported by his staff, especially Katalin Bognár Lovász, and in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences Burgenland (Austria), Oslo University College (Norway).

## **Best posters, BOBCATSSS 2011**

Winning posters on BOBCATSSS 2011 held in Szombathelyi, Hungary

1st place. Chiara Consonni and Andrea Zanni (University of Parma, Italy). *Building online community, in practice!*

The poster summarizes the crucial phases occurring in online-communities building, along with suggestions and warnings. In addition, it reports the real life experience of the authors developing the PIANO-LIS project.

2nd place. Maria Weman (Högskolan i Borås, Sweden). *Public library as third space- Café, information warehouse or something in between?*

3rd place. Alžběta Škytová, Kateřina Kapounová (Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic). *"Audio books" New opportunities for libraries*