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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to welcome Sébastien Saunier as the new Editor of the Euraslic Newsletter, and congratulate him on his hard work in putting together this issue. My thanks go also to Barbara Schmidt who was the very hard-working previous Editor, and to all who have contributed to the content of this and past Newsletters. I remind you all that this is your Newsletter, and I encourage you to use it to disseminate information about your activities and achievements, and to share information with your Euraslic colleagues.

This will be a very short 'From the President' message, as the details of much of the work and activities are reported in other items in this Newsletter, so I urge you to read it from cover to cover (as I am sure you always do), so that you are fully conversant with the ongoing activities of your Association.

My thanks go to all members of the previous Executive Board for all of their hard work towards the continuing success and development of the Association, especially Sofia Goulala, our Past President; and I will try hard, along with my colleagues on the new Executive Board, to keep up with all the needs and requirements of the Association as we enter this new Millennium.

The most exacting task will be the organisation of the Joint Conference with Iamslic, in Brest, France, 13–17th October 2000, and within a few weeks I will be disseminating information about that conference along with the First Call for expressions of interest in attending. October 2001 may seem a long way hence, but please make a note of these dates in your diary, because I would really like to see Euraslic and European participants dominating this event.

Best regards

Joan Baron Varley  
Euraslic President

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## Annual Report to the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) August 2000

Euraslic membership currently comprises 87 members from 24 countries, including 75 Full Members, 10 Associate Members, and 2 Honorary Members. The Association holds bi-annual meetings/conferences from which the Proceedings are produced and distributed free of charge to all Euraslic members and other conference participants. Other publications include the Euraslic Leaflet and the *Euraslic Newsletter*, the latter of which is published and distributed free of charge to all members twice per annum. Euraslic also maintains a comprehensive Website hosted by the National Centre for Marine Research (NCRM), Athina, Greece, a Discussion List, and an online Directory of European Aquatic Libraries and Information Centres, which is hosted on the IOC Website.

### Eighth Euraslic Conference

The Eighth EURASLIC Conference was held in Aberdeen, Scotland from 3rd - 5th May 2000, hosted by the Fisheries Research Services (FRS) Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen. The Conference, entitled *New Skills for the Millennium*, was attended by over 50 participants from 16 countries within and beyond Europe. The interesting, varied, and busy Conference Programme was organised by Sarah Heath, FRS Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen (UK), Pauline Simpson, Southampton Oceanographic Centre, Southampton (UK), and David Hyett, CEFAS Lowestoft Laboratory (UK). During the course of the conference a Workshop was held on: *User Education and On-line Databases*. During the Business Meeting Sofia Goulala, National Centre for Marine Research (NCRM), Athina (Greece), the outgoing President, reported on some 13 tasks that had been successfully commenced by the incumbent Board during the course of her Presidency, all of which were now either completed or ongoing. This highly successful Conference marked another landmark in the ongoing development and growth of Euraslic and the support and enthusiasm of members was reflected in the

number of volunteers wanting to take an active role in the activities of the Association. The Conference Proceedings are being compiled and jointly edited by Sarah Heath, FRS Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen (UK) and Pauline Simpson, Southampton Oceanographic Centre, Southampton (UK).

### Ongoing Activities:

- **Archives.** Sofia Goulala, National Centre for Marine Research (NCRM), Athina (Greece), has volunteered to coordinate the establishment of a Euraslic archive.
- **Directory.** Members are encouraged to update their entries in the Euraslic Directory which currently includes 530 entries relating to aquatic libraries, information centres and individuals in Europe.
- **Leaflet.** The Euraslic Leaflet is currently being re-designed and updated with a view to distributing the new leaflet in October 2000.
- **Membership Directory.** Sofia Goulala, National Centre for Marine Research (NCRM), Athina (Greece), will be updating the Euraslic Membership Directory.
- **National Representatives.** During the Business Meeting, May 2000 the responsibilities of Euraslic National Representatives were reviewed and revised, and the list of National Representatives was updated. This list now includes named representatives for 13 European countries.
- **Newsletter.** Sébastien Saunier, CEMAGREF, Lyon (France) has taken over as Editor for the *Euraslic Newsletter*, and are already discussing a virtual *Newsletter* accessible via the Euraslic Website, with electronic delivery for those members who are on email.
- **Website.** Sofia Goulala, National Centre for Marine Research (NCRM), Athina (Greece), will continue to manage and maintain the Euraslic Website, and as Website Manager is now a co-opted member of the Euraslic Executive Board. The Website was updated during July 2000, please check it out at: <http://atlantis.fl.ncmr.gr/euraslic.htm>.

- o **Working Groups.** During the Euraslic Business Meeting in May 2000, two working groups were established:

**Working Group 1: Review of the Euraslic Byelaws**

Joan Baron, SIFAR/FAO, Rome (Italy), Ann-Sofi Israelson, Swedish Environment Agency, Stockholm (Sweden), Maria Kalenchits, Estonian Marine Institute, Tallinn (Estonia) Ian McCulloch, Centre for Hydrology and Ecology, Windermere (UK), and Pauline Simpson, Southampton Oceanographic Centre, Southampton (UK), which will review the Euraslic Byelaws.

**Working Group 2: Guidelines for Organising Euraslic Conferences**

Sarah Heath, FRS Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen (UK), Lilian Mex-Jorgensen, National Environmental Research Institute, Silkeborg (Denmark), and Barbara Schmidt, Institute of Marine Research, Kiel (Germany), will prepare guidelines for organising Euraslic Conferences.

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**Euraslic Conference 2001**

Euraslic's next conference will be held jointly with Iamslic in Brest, France in October 2001. The Ad Hoc Organising Committee consists of:

Susan Berteaux (Chair) (Iamslic)

Marthe Melguen (Ifremer)

Joan Baron (Euraslic)

**EURASLIC members are all looking forward to an interesting and highly successful joint conference with IAMS LIC.**

**Euraslic Conference 2003**

Barbara Schmidt, Institut für Meereskunde an der Universität Kiel, Kiel, Germany has offered to host the 2003 Euraslic Conference, subject to confirmation by the Director of the Institute.

*Joan Baron*

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**CODATA/DSAO Workshop Database 2000**, Academia Sinica. Taipei, 22-24 June, 2000.

The CODATA/DSAO Workshop Database 2000 took place at the Academia Sinica, Taipei, 22-24 June 2000. The meeting assembled participants representing institutes and agencies of research coming from Senegal, Japan, Korea, India, Spain, the Ukraine, the USA and the Republic of China.

The International Council of Scientific Unions Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA/DSAO (Data Sources in Asian-Oceanic Countries)) organised its workshop in Taiwan, chaired by Prof. Jong-Ching Su from the Institute of Biochemistry of the Academia Sinica, and with the Secretary under the responsibility of Dr. Shang-Shyng Yang from the Department of Agricultural Chemistry of the National University of Taiwan.

Days one and two were dedicated to the geology, astronomy, climatology, medicine, biology, chemical sciences, biochemical and agriculture databases, with 27 papers being delivered pertaining to these areas. Day three was devoted to a field trip to the epicenter of the Chichi Earthquake and to a visit to the Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute (Taichung) cell and tissue culture laboratory.

The Workshop paid attention to the complex demands of hydric resources, to the location of atmospheric changes of severe nature, and to the cover by satellite of the western Asia Pacific region.

The other sphere of operational activities that occupied this meeting was the one of bioinformatics. Medicinal plants, plants of

economic interest, the structure and function of proteins, cells, and the genome, in what it is concerned with exploiting modern developments in computer science. The application of computational techniques to complete taxonomies of vascular plants (Korea), in collaboration between the Republic of Korea and Japan, the interest of the American laboratories by the savings in the handling of cellular lines from banks of Chinese cultures, the Japanese computerization of the medicinal plants of Guinea New Papua were described.

The acquisition, file, analysis and interpretation of biological information coming from Africa, the Ukraine and Andalusia contributed to develop "good practices" promoted by the ICSU.

The volume of microbiological information coming from China, gathered until year 2000 and available through the server of the Food Industry Research and Development Institute, Taiwan, includes 9748 microbial stocks, and one specific technique to evaluate microbial ecological risks from thermal and nuclear power plants was described. The practical direction of the biogeographical estimations of the diversity in Southeast Asia and India were discussed after demonstrations of Chinese databases. Biocomplexity led to a presentation by the American Type Culture Collection, at Virginia. The work plan for the control of the greenhouse effect in China, the mechanisms and infrastructures for supporting it, provided an example of the many difficulties for the growth of an information policy in the area.

CODATA/Academia Sinica produce with this international meeting an heterogeneous assembly of strategies for investigation, for analysis, for communication and for innovation, a new challenge for the industry of the technologies of information and communication.

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### **What about consortium in your country?**

Consortium: the plural can be either consortiums or consortia.

A consortia is a group of people or firms involved in a similar kind of trade or business who have agreed to work in cooperation with each other. (Collins Cobuild English Language Dictionary, 1994).

Library consortia are a very fashionable idea! But they are the best way to share increasingly expensive library collections in the most effective manner for mutual benefit and general cost savings.

In fact, every librarian knows what a library consortium is, because there is one project or more in their country.

The most advanced country in this respect, in the Eurasic zone (in the world ?), is probably the UK national consortium, NESLI (National Electronic Site licence Initiative).

But it would be interesting to know about projects in our countries, how library consortia work (with which publishers...).

First, what about France ?

To summarise the situation in France, there are two big consortia in France.

First, Couperin which is the "electronic journal" consortia, is developing rapidly. Couperin negotiates with Elsevier, Academic Press, American chemical Society (...).

It isn't a national consortium, but increasingly a number of institutions (only Universities) which join Couperin are pushing it toward a national level. This development poses a number of problems in terms of negotiations already underway. This library consortium is supported by the Ministry of National Education and Ministry of Research and Technology.

The second consortium is CAMPRA (Consortium pour l'Accès Mutualisé aux Périodiques électroniques en Rhône-Alpes). CAMPRA is a regional consortium. It is supported by the Rhône-Alpes Region and negotiations are in progress with 19 publishers. Members are university libraries and public research centres.

So, consortia in France are not very coordinated. There isn't a real national policy concerning library consortia and I think it is a pity. Finally step by step, we hope that in the future all these Library consortia will merge into a national one for the benefit of all French libraries and users.

*Sébastien Saunier*

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### EAUMER meeting 2001

The 2001 annual meeting of EAUMER, the French association of aquatic sciences libraries and information centres will be hosted by the Oceanographic Institute in Paris, 29 March 2001. The main subject of the meeting will be the preparation of the IAMSLIC/EURASLIC meeting held in Brest, France in October 2001.

Sébastien Saunier.

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### Publications of interest:

#### **Aquatic**

*Seas at the Millennium: an environmental assessment.* C. Sheppard (Ed.) Pergamon (an Imprint of Elsevier Science) 2000. <http://www.elsevier.com/homepage/sad/seas/welcome.htm>

This new reference work, in three volumes, contains 135 Chapters in which scientists from around the world examine the unprecedented demands that have been made on global resources in recent decades, and the efforts (both successful and unsuccessful) that have been made to ensure that our coastal and marine habitats remain in a functioning, sustainable and stable condition. Global and regional issues covered include: biological description of the coast and continental shelf; development and use of the coast; landfill and its effects; pollutant discharges over time; effects of overfishing; and management methods and techniques used to ensure continued ecosystem functioning.

*The blue revolution.* I.R. Calder. Earthscan Publications, 1999. ISBN 1-85383-634-6. £15.95 UK Pounds; Euro 26.15. Email: [orders@ibsltd.co.uk](mailto:orders@ibsltd.co.uk)

Ian Calder examines the competition and conflict for scarce water resources and argues that whilst integrated water resources management (IWRM) can be a useful tool, water cannot be managed by implementing technological solutions alone, they must be blended with methods dealing with human dimensions, like economic and social development or land use planning.

#### **Environment**

*Caring for our future: action for Europe's environment: 25 issues at a glance.* Eur-op,

1999. ISBN 92-828-7585-7; EC no: CR-21-99-836-EN-C. Price 10 Euro.

Comprises 25 fact sheets, each dealing with a particular environmental topic. Includes a chronology of environmental events in the form of a chart and a glossary of environmental terms.

*First annual survey on the implementation and enforcement of Community environmental law. October 1996 to December 1997.* Eur-op, 1999. ISBN 92-828-4845-0; EC no. CR-16-98-813-EN-C. Free from the DG for Environment, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Brussels.

This publication provides up-to-date information on the state of application of Community environmental law. It has more information than is found in the Commission's *Annual report on monitoring the application of Community law*, particularly on questions of policy and procedure.

#### **LIS Books**

Two forthcoming books from the UK Library Association are:

*Searching CD-Rom and Online Information Sources.* Chowdbury, G.G. and S. Chowdhury. Library Association Publishing. Sept. 2000. PBK 1-85604-388-6. c£34.95 UK Pounds. Email: [lapublishing@la-hq.org.uk](mailto:lapublishing@la-hq.org.uk)

*The Science Internet Resource Handbook.* Ed. Phil Bradley. Library Association Publishing. Nov. 2000. HBK 1-85604-352-5. c. £60.00. Subjects covered include: earth sciences, agriculture and the environment. email: [lapublishing@la-hq.org.uk](mailto:lapublishing@la-hq.org.uk)

New books from Gower Publishing include:

*Harrod's Librarians' Glossary and Reference Book.* Ninth Edition. Comp. Ray Prytherch. Gower, Nov. 1999. HBK 0-566-08018-4. £95.00 UK Pounds. A directory of over 9600 terms, organisations, projects and acronyms in the areas of information management, library science, publishing and archive management.

*Manual of Archival Description.* Third Edition. Michael Cook and Margaret Procter. Gower, Oct. 2000. HBK 0-566-08258-6. £60 UK Pounds. Contents include: The nature of an archival description; the data structure of an archival description; models and listings; and a typology of archival descriptions for special formats.

*Manual of Online Search Strategies: Volume 1: Sciences.* Third Edition. Eds. C.J. Armstrong and Andrew Large. Gower, Sep. 2000. HBK 0-566-08303-5. £95.00 UK Pounds.

### **LIS Journals**

#### **Focus on International & Comparative Librarianship.** Ed. Stella Keenan.

Published three times a year by the International Group of the Library Association (IGLA), 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE, United Kingdom.

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This journal features interesting library and information articles covering many different countries, international events and meetings, as well as book reviews and conference reports. A report of the 1998 Euraslic Conference was published in v.29(2) 1998, and a report of the 2000 Euraslic Conference in Aberdeen has been accepted for publication.

#### **Slavic & East European Information Resources**

This new journal, which is to be published three times a year, aims to serve as a focal point for the international exchange of information in the fields of Slavic and Eastern European librarianship. Containing original research, technical developments, news, and reviews of books and electronic media, the intention is to keep professionals up-to-date with efforts around the world to preserve and expand access to material from and about these countries.

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Unfortunately these rates apply only within the United States. In Canada an additional 30% plus 7% Canadian GST (tax) applies, while for the rest of the world (Including Slavic and Eastern European countries!) an extra 40% is added. No comment. -Allen Varley, Portsmouth, United Kingdom

### **Websites**

#### **Fish Farming**

*International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM)*

A major resource for information on fish farming is the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), which moved from its original headquarters in the Philippines to Malaysia in February 2000. It

runs question-and-answer and SDI (customised bibliographic) services and publishes an annual encyclopaedic database FishBase on CD-ROM. Contact: ICLARM, PO Box500, GPO 10670, Penang, Malaysia. Fax: +604 643 4463 - Email: [ICLARM@cgjar.org](mailto:ICLARM@cgjar.org) - Website: [www.cgjar.org/iclarm/](http://www.cgjar.org/iclarm/)

Among regional information centres supported by ICLARM are two in Kenya (*Library and Information Services, Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute, PO Box 81651, Mombasa, Kenya. Fax: +254 11 472215*) and in Fiji (*PIMRIS, c/o University of South Pacific Library, PO Box 1168, Suva, Fiji. Fax: +679 300830 - Email: [library@usp.ac.fj](mailto:library@usp.ac.fj)*).

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*FAO Fisheries Department*

The FAO fisheries department Website ([www.fao.org/fi/](http://www.fao.org/fi/)) provides statistics, fish farming news and guidelines, with a special accent on sustainable development. In Southern Africa, the FAO-supported Aquatic Resource Management for Local Communities (ALCOM) provides printed and electronic information on water management and fish farming: *ALCOM, PO Box 3730, Harare, Zimbabwe. Fax: +263 4*

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### **Seafood and Trade WorldCatch.com**

Although the primary focus of this site is North American, European institutes with an interest and involvement in seafood and fish trade may find it useful and interesting to monitor. It is an interactive site, and you can either use the system anonymously, register as an ordinary member and choose to receive daily email alerts on subjects you are interested in, or even take out a Trading Membership to buy and sell seafood products online.

<http://commerce.worldcatch.com/defaults.asp>

### **Regional Information Irish Sea Marine Information System**

Marine and coastal information for the Southern Irish Sea and the Pembrokeshire and Wexford coastlines in Wales (UK). Marine and coastal information is often held and provided in a variety of formats, by a wide range of organisations in numerous locations. It can be difficult and time consuming to track down what you want, when you want it. These same organisations and individuals each have very specific needs for marine and coastal information. This MIS gateway provides better access to information by promoting awareness of what is available and who holds it. The MIS gateway aims to enable users to access the information they need in the format in which they need it, when they need it. This project is supported under Measure 1-3 Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Maritime (Ireland-Wales) of the INTERREG Programme (1994 - 1999) administered by the Marine Institute (Ireland) and the National Assembly for Wales (Wales) and is part funded by the European Union's Regional Development Fund.

[http://www.irishsea-mis.org/sismis/home\\_page.asp](http://www.irishsea-mis.org/sismis/home_page.asp)

### **LIS NewsAgent for Library and Information Professionals**

NewsAgent for Libraries is a project in the Electronic Libraries Programme (eLib). The aim is to create a user-configurable electronic news and current awareness service for library and information staff with a mixture of content streams, including metadata (descriptions of documents). Content will include a range of internet-based news and articles and related Web materials from the major UK journals in

the field, to provide a comprehensive high quality alerting service.  
<http://www.newsagent.sbu.ac.uk/>

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## **CONFERENCE REPORT**

### **IAMSLIC 2000: Tides of Technology**

26th Annual Conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers, 30th September - 5th October 2000, Victoria, B.C. Canada.

The Conference was attended by over 100 library and information specialists from more than 16 countries worldwide, including Australia, Belgium, Fiji, France, Iceland, Japan, Kenya, Palau, Tanzania, and the UK, plus numerous representatives from fisheries and aquatic institutes in Canada and the USA. Richard Pepe, of the ASFA Secretariat, represented the FAO and the scientific publishers represented included Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) and Elsevier.

The conference programme was heavily loaded with scientific presentations, with only a few papers specifically about fisheries and aquatic information, aquatic information services or aquatic libraries. A very interesting keynote paper '*Communicating Science in the Next Generation: New Implications for the Evolving Digital Library*' by Richard Luce, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library, New Mexico, highlighted a growing reversal in the trend of academics, scientists and researchers relying so heavily on publishing in the commercial scientific press. An increasing number now initially publish the results of their research directly via an online preprint depository, located at Los Alamos. Whilst the original service was provided for a discrete group of physicists the collection had now grown, in just under three years, to contain over 26,000 electronic preprints on a much wider range of scientific research. Scientists using the service expect, and receive, fast responses and comments on their work from their colleagues and peers.

Two keynote papers on both US and International copyright law, '*Copyright Issues*' and on licensing '*Digital Licensing*' presented by Attorney Laura Gasaway, University of North Carolina, were very interesting and informative. In her first paper she highlighted concerns over academic and scientific authors

infringing copyright by uploading their own papers onto websites, when they did not realise that they have previously signed away their rights of ownership to commercial publishers. She recommended avoiding publishers that demand this, and to only work with those that take the collective copyright approach, e.g. that the publisher owns the copyright for a whole journal issue, but not for the individual articles inside. This is information that librarians should be researching and drawing to the attention of their scientists and research staff.

A related poster paper about SPARC - Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, by Jan Heckman, University of Connecticut, informed the conference about this lobbying group in the US which is fostering expanded competition in scholarly publishing and communication. SPARC creates partnerships with organisations like BioOne, a non-profit corporation, that are developing high quality, economical alternatives to existing high-priced publications. This growing movement, along with the trends indicated by Richard Luce in his paper, can only be good news for librarians struggling to maintain the level of their journal provision against ever increasing subscription rates, and encouraging news for those developing systems which will provide an avenue via which fisheries and aquatic scientists and researchers can publish their work directly online. Systems such as the Los Alamos preprint service, and similar online services are emerging into the 'marketplace' at a time when a growing number of academics, scientists and researchers, supported and encouraged by a wealth of library and information professionals, are looking for alternative, faster and more reasonably priced means of disseminating their scholarly publications and the results of their research, whilst at the same time retaining ownership of their own work.

In her second paper, Laura Gasaway raised concerns about an increasing amount of legislation being introduced in the USA relating to Software Licensing, and how the legislation was becoming more and more restrictive and stringent to the point that it was becoming dangerous even to remove the packaging from unsolicited software sent to you. She warned countries in Europe and beyond to watch very closely developments on this front in the USA, because software companies may well try to lobby for similar legislation in other countries and regions.

A number of regional reports were presented to the Iamslic Executive Board and then made available to the whole conference during the Poster Session. A copy of the Euraslic Regional Report, in full, in page 4 of this Newsletter, but I thought that Euraslic Members would be interested in a digest of news from other regions.

The Africa Regional Group is coordinated by Martha Pretorius, Water Research Commission, Pretoria, South Africa. The primary problem faced by this group is the lack of reliable communication links between individual Iamslic members, however members of the East Africa RECOSEX-WIO initiative cooperate successfully in sharing information resources, and in South Africa, where Internet connectivity is good, Iamslic members can fully participate in the main activities of the organisation. A Northwest Africa RECOSEX-CEA group has got off to an encouraging start, but language differences (primarily Francophone countries) have prevented the dissemination of further information about their activities. Setting up a line of communication between these countries and Euraslic members of the French National Group could improve the dissemination of information about activities in this region to the global fisheries and aquatic information community.

The Pacific Islands Regional Group report was presented by Sunita Prasad, SOPAC Library, Fiji. There is much activity in this area with a number of regional cooperating partners including the PIMRIS Coordination Unit, the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the South Pacific Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), and the University of the South Pacific (USP). Each of these partners continues to produce their respective information dissemination products. A new group called MAREPAC - Marine Resources Pacific Consortium has been created and will be actively cooperating with the Iamslic group and other groups in the region. This regional group is very active in sponsoring attendance at workshops, the provision of technical assistance and training, and in contributing to international aquatic information systems, such as ASFA.

The representative of the Cyamus Regional Group, reported on their annual meeting which was held in Baja California, Mexico in March 2000, at which the key topics were licensing, acquisitions, support for electronic publications

and a needs assessment exercise led by Susan Berteaux of Scripps Institute of Oceanography Library. Kris Anderson of the Science and Technology Department of the University of Hawaii at Manoa is the current Cyamus Representative to Iamslic. The SAIL Regional Group also reported on their annual meeting which was hosted in an Environmental Research Center in North Carolina, in April 2000. The theme of the conference was 'Harness the Power of Information' and all of the invited speakers came from the School of Information and Library Science, and School of Law at the University of North Carolina. The SAIL group currently boasts over 80 individual members and 11 corporate members.

Iamslic membership currently stands at just over 300. Members from the USA and Canada account for over half of this membership, but there are 56 members from Europe and the number of members from Europe has shown consistent growth during the preceding eight years for which the statistics were provided. During the course of the Conference, the location of the next four Iamslic Conferences either were confirmed or agreed as: 2001 Brest, France - Joint Conference with Euraslic; 2002 Mazatlan, Mexico; 2003 Narragansett, Rhode Island, USA; 2004 Hobart, Tasmania - possible Joint Meeting with the Polar Libraries Colloquy.

Joan Baron Varley

Websites referred to: Los Alamos Preprints:  
<http://www.osti.gov/preprint/> ;  
SPARCS: <http://www.createchange.org> ;  
BioOne: <http://www.bioone.org/> ;

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Do you have a good reading ?

I try to be better next time ! The deadline comes faster than we believe... This is my first Euraslic Newsletter as Editor. So without lots of experience, and with my poor English writing, the result isn't exceptional, but I'm working to improve the quality of all these elements ;-)

Thank you Joan for your help and for all your contributions to this newsletter. Tomorrow I will begin to work on the next newsletter !

To all Euraslicers, I hope you will send me lots of contributions on consortia in your country, on your project(s), on you, on everything which could be interesting to share with all our

community. But also articles concerning any aspect of aquatic science and information science, and website address, forthcoming conferences...

Sébastien Saunier.

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# **Minutes of EURASLIC Business Meeting held during the Eighth Biennial Meeting at Norwood Hall, Aberdeen, Scotland between 15.30 and 17.00 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2000**

Sofia Goulala (President) took the Chair for the meeting. Sarah Heath (Vice-President), Ian Pettman (Acting Secretary), Nicole Momzikoff (Treasurer) and Maria Kalenchits (Country Representative) assisted the Chair. Thirty five members attended the meeting.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Snejina Bacheva  
Maria Filippi  
Henryk Ganowiak  
David Moulder  
Jadwiga Zdanowska

## **2. Minutes of Previous Business Meeting 1998**

The Minutes of the EURASLIC Business Meeting held in Athina, Greece, May 1998 were not available for inspection at this meeting, however they had been distributed with issue 18 of the EURASLIC Newsletter, and on this basis were accepted.

## **3. President's Report**

The President reported on the thirteen tasks that had arisen from the previous Business Meeting in 1998. All of these had been addressed and completed although some would need to be continued or improved. It was proposed that the report be approved.

Proposed by: Ian McCulloch  
Seconded by: Barbara Schmidt  
Carried

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the Accounts for the period May 1998 to April 2000 and explained and reported on them (attached as Appendix B). It was proposed that the report be approved.

Proposed by: David Hyett  
Seconded by: Pauline Simpson  
Carried

## **5. Election of Officers**

The following were elected as Officers of EURASLIC for the 2000 to 2002 term:

President:	Joan Baron
Vice-President:	Barbara Schmidt
Secretary:	Ian Pettman
Treasurer:	Michelle L'Excellent
Members' Representatives (2):	Nicole Momzikoff Maria Kalenchits

The following were elected as Newsletter Editors:

Sébastien Saunier  
Emma Harvey

## **6. EURASLIC Archives**

Sofia Goulala, during her term as President, had been trying to gather together and maintain a collection of all EURASLIC documents from 1988 in order to create a EURASLIC Archive. She proposed that this work should be carried on and offered to do this for the Association at no cost but requested that at least one

other member with several years experience in the Association assist her with the selection of documents and papers to be included in the archive.

Proposed by: Sofia Goulala  
Seconded by: Joan Baron  
Carried

It was suggested that Allen Varley would be a well-qualified member to assist in this work. He agreed to assist with the selection process.

## **7. EURASLIC Board**

The issue of Associate Members and eligibility for membership of the EURASLIC Board was raised. It was explained that, under the present Bylaws, Associate Members, either representing organisations or as individuals, if unable to pay the membership fee, cannot vote or hold office. However, when such an Associate Member receives sponsorship to attend a EURASLIC conference, it has been the Association's practice for their membership fee for the following two year period to be paid from the sponsorship, in effect, making them a personal member for that period of time.

Joan Baron proposed that:

1. The practice of taking the two-year membership fee from sponsorship money provided to enable individuals from European countries to attend the EURASLIC conference be formalised.
2. That these members are then entitled to be nominated as officers of the Association for that period of membership.
3. That the Bylaws be amended to reflect this.

The ensuing discussions ranged over the problems of clarifying this with regular sponsors and each new sponsor; the timing of nominations for office, associate membership including non-Europeans as well as Europeans.

In conclusion, it was proposed that the issue of Associate Membership and related Bylaws be considered in detail by a Bylaws Working Group (see Item 11 below).

Proposed by: Pauline Simpson  
Seconded by: Joan Baron  
Carried

## **8. National Representatives**

Maria Kalenchits outlined the existing situation relating to National Representatives within EURASLIC and, on behalf of the Board, presented a draft document on the "Responsibilities of National Representatives" (see Appendix A).

During the ensuing discussions two changes to the document were agreed:

- i) that the National Representative should undertake a co-ordinating role with national organisations to ensure that the relevant entries were made to both the aquatic libraries directories and to GLODIR.
- ii) That item 5 should read "National Representatives should encourage contributions to the EURASLIC Newsletter in their home country."

It was proposed that the document incorporating the two changes detailed above be accepted.

**Proposed by: David Hyett**

Seconded by: Pauline Simpson  
Carried

## **9. Use of EURASLIC Funds**

The Treasurer introduced the item. Each year EURASLIC's income is approximately 13,500 French Francs, i.e. approximately 27,000 FF between conferences. Since there are an increasing number of demands on this income, choices have to be made. At the moment, there are no procedures in the Bylaws defining how these decisions should be taken or who by. Nor are there any guidelines on whether a certain proportion of the income should be retained as a reserve fund.

### **9.1 Contribution to the expenses of Executive Board Members representing EURASLIC at international meetings e.g. IAMSLIC Meetings.**

It was generally agreed that it was in EURASLIC's interest to ensure, if possible, that a member of the Board attended the IAMSLIC conferences. It was also accepted that contributions from EURASLIC funds to cover some of the costs involved might sometimes be necessary. Since the Bylaws did not, at present, cover this requirement in sufficient detail, it was agreed that this was another area for the Bylaws Working Group to consider (see Item 11 below).

In the interim, it was proposed that the Board should consider and decide any such requirement for funds on its merits and report any such decisions back to the following EURASLIC Business Meeting.

Proposed by: Joan Baron  
Seconded by: David Hyett  
Carried

### **9.2 Other uses of funds**

The use of EURASLIC funds to support EURASLIC members from financially constrained institutions attending EURASLIC Conferences; for the production of leaflets; etc were also discussed. It was agreed that these subjects should also be considered by the Bylaws Working Group (see Item 11 below).

In the interim, it was proposed that the Board should also consider and decide any such other uses of funds on their merits and report any such decisions back to the following EURASLIC Business Meeting.

Proposed by: Pauline Simpson  
Seconded by: David Hyett  
Carried

## **10. EURASLIC Leaflet**

The EURASLIC leaflet was now out of date and action will be required as soon as possible. The design of the leaflet was discussed. It was considered desirable to have all the frequently changed information (Treasurer's details, Secretary contact details etc) arranged such that they could be produced separately from the rest of the text. It was also considered desirable that such a leaflet should be available on the EURASLIC web site so that it could be printed off.

It was proposed that Sarah Heath produce an updated leaflet bearing in mind the above requirements. This leaflet to be loaded on the web page when finalised and agreed by the Board.

Proposed by: Joan Baron  
Seconded by: Pauline Simpson  
Carried

## **11. EURASLIC Bylaws**

It was generally agreed that it was time for the Bylaws to be reviewed and amended if required. It was agreed that a Working Group be set up for this purpose and a report on their conclusions be presented to the membership in the Spring of 2001.

The following members agreed to participate as members of the Working group:

Joan Baron (Chair)  
Ann-Sofi Israelson  
Maria Kalenchits  
Ian McCulloch  
Pauline Simpson

## **12. The Joint EURASLIC and IAMSLIC Conference – October 2001**

Discussions were held on how this would be organised and the co-ordination that would be required. It was agreed that Joan Baron, in her role as EURASLIC President for this period, would meet with Linda Pikula in order to initiate the discussions and organise the necessary procedures and contacts with relevant IAMSLIC Conference officials to progress these matters.

Sponsorship was seen as a particularly important area for co-operation and co-ordination to ensure that any overlap or variation in requirements did not lead to confusing or duplicate requests to sponsors. It was agreed that one EURASLIC member should act as the sole co-ordinator for EURASLIC on sponsorship for the Joint Conference. [Subsequent to the meeting, Ian Pettman agreed to take on this role.]

## **13. The next EURASLIC Conference – 2003 or 2004**

Since EURASLIC Conferences are normally biennial, there was a discussion concerning the date of the conference following the October 2001 Joint Conference with IAMSLIC. It was agreed that this should be held in 2003.

Barbara Schmidt, Institut für Meereskunde an der Universität Kiel, offered to host the 2003 meeting subject to confirmation by the Director of the Institute. The members at the meeting accepted the offer, subject to the necessary confirmation by the Director of the Institute.

## **14. EURASLIC Conference Guidelines**

It was generally agreed that organising the conferences was a complex process and that "Guidelines" would be useful for future EURASLIC conference organisers.

Sarah Heath offered to set out some ideas in order to develop such guidelines. Barbara Schmidt and Lillian Mex-Jorgensen agreed to help with this.

## **15. Any other business**

### *15.1 EURASLIC Membership Directory*

It was agreed that the production of the first EURASLIC Membership Directory by Sofia Goulala during her term as president was an excellent step forward. The meeting agreed that it would be good if this could be maintained.

It was requested that the membership directory (excluding telephone, fax and email details) be made available on the web site. Sofia Goulala agreed to do this.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 17.30.

Ian Pettman  
EURASLIC Secretary  
2 June 2000

## Appendix A - Treasurer's Report

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS in FF

#### 1 April 1998 - 31 March 1999

	EXPENDITURE FF	INCOME FF	NOTES
Excess of income over expenditure 1997/98		54,280.00	
Membership fees		19,205.24	
Deposit account interests		457.15	
Too much money received	918.34		1
Cheque non paid	220.00		2
Agios	223.11		
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>73,942.39</b>	

#### 1 April 1999 - 31 March 2000

Excess of income over expenditure 1998/99		73,942.39	
Membership fees		19,609.51	3
Deposit account interests		1,267.56	
Cheque non paid	220.00		
Agios	117.25		
EURASLIC leaflet	2,815.78		4
Travel Euraslic President to IAMSLIC conference	4,218.55		5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,371.58</b>	<b>94,819.46</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>FF 86,086.43</b>	

#### NOTES

1. the member sent \$. 220 instead of FF. 220
2. The account was overdrawn and the bank sent the cheque back
3. **members** : 75 subscribe., 10 assoc. and 2 honorary. There are bank fees on a few transfers. A large amount of the money has been deposited into a savings account, at 3,5% interest.
4. Bank transfer to Lia Charou to pay EURASLIC Leaflets printing
5. Bank transfer to Sofia Goulala (AIR TICKET to attend lamslic Meeting in Woods Hole)

P.S. Since this financial statement, some expenditure haven't been registered .

I have sent

- Bank transfer to (\$1500 = FF. 10,411.94) : Aberdeen conference funding
- Bank transfer to lamslic (FF. 9,600) corresponding to 23 joint memberships (98/99) and 25 (99/00)
- Bank transfer David Hyett (BIASLIC) (£. 274,95 approximately FF. 2,800) for the printing of Aberdeen conference programs
- £. 42 (FF. 420) : funding Aberdeen conference registration fees for one person  
That is to say about FF 23,000.00

## Appendix B - National Representatives

Dear colleagues,

During 1998 - 2000 there was no significant activity of the EURASLIC members towards the electing of National Representatives. Only the National Representatives for Germany and Ukraine have confirmed their status. We have also confirmation that Mrs Jadwiga Zdanowska will act as the National Representative for Poland and Mrs Elisa Paavilainen will be the National representative for Finland. It is also acceptable that, where there is only one EURASLIC member in the country, this person should act as the National Representative. Thus, we can accept single EURASLIC members from Bulgaria, Croatia, Malta, Monaco, Russia, and Switzerland as National Representatives. The EURASLIC members from Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom will need to elect their National Representative. The EURASLIC Board has compiled a draft document on the Responsibilities of National Representatives. Please let the Board know your amendments and additions.

Draft Document:

### Responsibilities of National Representatives

1. National Representatives act as a link with other EURASLIC members in the country and any National Associations;
2. National Representatives represent views of EURASLIC members of their home country or National Association to EURASLIC;
3. National Representatives solicit new members in their home country;
4. National Representatives are responsible for distributing EURASLIC leaflets and other EURASLIC documents in their home country as may be requested;
5. National Representatives co-ordinate the contributions to the EURASLIC Newsletter in their home country;
6. National Representatives are responsible for the production of a Country Report for the EURASLIC Conference. In case the National Representative does not attend the EURASLIC Conference, any other EURASLIC member of that country attending the meeting should present the report. If the country is not represented at the conference the report should be submitted as a poster;
7. National Representatives shall notify the Board when he/she resigns and forwards his/her duties to another EURASLIC member in the country.

### NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – MAY 2000

BULGARIA	<b>Snejina Bacheva</b> (the only EURASLIC member in the country, Associate)
CROATIA	<b>Sofija Konjevic</b> (the only EURASLIC member in the country, Associate)
CYPRUS	<b>Gabriel Gabrieldes</b> (the only EURASLIC member in the country)
ESTONIA	<b>Maria Kalenchits</b>
FINLAND	<b>Elisa Paavilainen</b>
FRANCE	<b>Nicole Momzikoff</b>
GERMANY	<b>Barbara Schmidt</b>
GREECE	<b>Sofia Goulala</b>
MALTA	<b>Gunnar Kullenberg</b> (the only EURASLIC member in the country)
POLAND	<b>Jadwiga Zdanowska</b>
RUSSIA	<b>Olga Antsiferova</b>
SWITZERLAND	<b>Cecile Thiery</b>
UKRAINE	<b>Olga Akimova</b>

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