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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The current major activity for the Euraslic President, Board and numerous other members is preparing for the forthcoming Joint Iamslic/Euraslic Conference in Brest, France, October 2001. Organising a Euraslic Conference requires a great amount of effort and coordination between all those involved. Organising a Joint International Conference on the scale of the Brest Conference requires an even greater amount of effort, commitment and coordination by all concerned; and my thanks and admiration go especially to Marthe Melguen of IFREMER and all of her French colleagues who are working hard with all of the local arrangements to make this Conference a success; also to Susan Berteaux, Chair of the Conference Steering Committee, and her colleagues in Iamslic who have the additional constraints of being even further removed from the Conference location, not just geographically but also by several time zones.

Every effort is being made by all concerned to accommodate the expectations of both Euraslic Members and Iamslic Members in the Conference programme and related events; and this is perhaps the most difficult aspect given Iamslic's and Euraslic's rather differing approaches and ethos to their Conferences in the past. All members should by now have received, either by email or conventional mail, information about the Conference, i.e. the Call for Papers, List of Suggested Conference Topics, and details of how to apply for sponsorship. I would like to urge you all to submit your abstracts and/or full papers to Susan Berteaux (cc: to me) by 15th April; and any requests for sponsorship to Ian Pettman, the Euraslic Secretary, by 31st May. We will endeavour to assist as many members to attend as funds will allow.

During the Euraslic Conference in Aberdeen representation was made to me by our colleagues in environment libraries that their broader coverage and needs should be given a higher profile in Euraslic. In an attempt to address this need, at the forthcoming Joint Conference there will be a discussion session especially

for members from environment libraries, and I would like to suggest that this discussion session is opened up to other participants from environment libraries, including Iamslic members and others attending the Conference. An International Conference such as this is not held in Europe very frequently, and it would seem an opportunity not to be missed. I would also be happy to receive suggestions for speakers on broader environment issues, provided that they also encompass an information element.

A second discussion session is also being planned for members from Eastern European countries, or any members with a special interest or expertise in aquatic information provision in these countries. The purpose of this session is to discuss the need to update and publish a review of aquatic information provision in these countries previously compiled by Ian Pettman for the IOC. Excellent sources of information for this type of review are of course the country and institution reports prepared by members and presented every two years at Euraslic Conferences. I therefore encourage all of our members and colleagues from Eastern European countries to prepare very comprehensive reports for this year's conference.

As to other Euraslic matters. My thanks go to Sophia Goulala, our past President from NCMR, Greece, who has continued to work very hard for the Association. As our website manager she has facilitated the updating of the website; and has also updated, printed and distributed to all members a new Euraslic Members Directory.

Early on in my Presidency, I discussed with the Euraslic Board the importance

of the role of the website manager, the website being perhaps our primary means of disseminating information about our Association to the world. The Board agreed that the website manager should be an ad hoc member of the Board, in a similar fashion to the Euraslic Newsletter Editor(s).

Late last year the Euraslic Leaflet was updated, and copies have been distributed to all members along with the Conference literature. This new leaflet comes in two parts, aiming to separate out the information subject to regular change from that which is more static, and to prevent having to replace the whole leaflet every time the Board changes. Please pass on the leaflet to any aquatic libraries and organisations within and beyond your country boundaries; we are very keen to attract new members to the Association, both from countries within Europe and associate members from countries bordering Europe who may well have kindred interests. I have more leaflets if you need them.

Finally, my thanks once again to Sebastien for an excellent Newsletter, and I look forward to meeting with you all again in Brest.

Best regards

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oneFish Goes Live...
<http://www.onefish.org>

Many of you will already have heard about oneFish and may have seen a demonstration of the system at the last Eurasic Conference in Aberdeen, but that was a prototype. oneFish 1.0 is now live on the Internet. A fully interactive and participatory version of this new Internet Portal provides access to fisheries and aquatic research and development information.

oneFish combines the attributes of an online directory, an online database, and an electronic document depository with those of an online communication system, facilitating discussions within, around and between specific topic areas, and around and about specific items of knowledge. All of these attributes combine to make oneFish an all-round community-building tool and, whilst at the moment it is only available to those who can access the Internet, during the course of this year an offline input system will be made available, and a series of CD ROM outputs will begin, enabling those who wish to participate but have poor or no Internet connection to both contribute and benefit from involvement in a global aquatic information system.

oneFish caters for information of all types in all formats, and the fully participatory nature of the system enables registered members to submit references; upload full text; or create links; as well as suggest new topics to be included and take part in discussion forums.

What does oneFish mean for Eurasic members? If your institute is involved in fisheries and aquatic research and development, then their details should be in oneFish, either through a link to their website, or they can be added through the contact institution form. You should encourage your scientists and researchers to join oneFish, a very simple process; they can then use oneFish as a rapid global dissemination tool for their research output, and not have to wait, perhaps for years, to see it published in a scientific journal. You should also join oneFish yourself. oneFish

has several 'information' topics, so you can add information about your library and its resources and services; once again, just click on the Join Now link on the oneFish homepage, complete a simple form, and very shortly you will receive a username and password and can start submitting information.

The development of oneFish has been facilitated by the Support unit for International Fisheries and Aquatic Research – SIFAR (based at FAO, Rome), with financial support from major donor organisations, and access to it is being made freely available for all those involved in or with an interest in fisheries and aquatic research and development. It signifies a major advance in Internet technologies with the underlying software being adopted and adapted for many other FAO information systems. It also signifies a major opportunity for providing global access to information that was previously inaccessible or afforded limited dissemination, i.e. the wealth of grey literature in the form of project reports, working papers and other such documents that, even though they were in electronic format; previously had no means of global dissemination.

I encourage you to disseminate information about oneFish to your colleagues. The information included here is by necessity brief. From the oneFish homepage you can access a wide range of information pages about oneFish, providing overviews of the system and details of how to use specific aspects. And if you have any more questions about oneFish, I will be very pleased to address them.

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Publications of interest:

Aquatic

C.S. Reynolds and A.E. Irish. In collaboration with the NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Windermere. The Phytoplankton Of Windermere (English Lake District). Freshwater Biological Association Special Publication No. 10. 73 p. Freshwater Biological Association, 2000., ISBN 0 900386 65 7; ISSN 0367-1887. £20.00, including packing & postage (FBA Members are entitled to a 25% discount).

Windermere is the largest natural lake in England, visited by many thousands of tourists and perhaps the most comprehensively studied of any lake in the United Kingdom. This publication aims to provide a factual guide to almost a century's work on the microscopic plant life of Windermere – its phytoplankton. In so doing, it also provides a summarised case study of the effects of nutrient enrichment (or "cultural eutrophication") on phytoplankton populations and the results of subsequent nutrient control measures.

ILS Books

Allan, B. Training skills for ILS staff. 256p. London: Library Association Publishing, 2000. 1-85604-372-X. Paperback. £34.95 pounds sterling. Covers a range of training activities for library and information services staff, with many examples of current practice.

Lee, S. Digital imaging: a practical handbook. 208p. London: Library Association Publishing, 2000. 1-85604-353-3. Paperback. £24.95 pounds sterling. A guide and sequential outline of the stages involved in the digitisation process for printed material, including the options and preservation and access issues that arise.

Moore, N. How to do research. The complete guide to designing and managing research projects. 3rd edition. 192p. London: Library Association Publishing, 2000. 1-85604-358-4. Paperback. £16.95 pounds sterling.

Guidance on project management of a piece of research from the formulation of the initial idea, through the development of a research proposal to the writing up and dissemination of the research results.

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Previous issues of the Newsletter are available from website,

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Also available at this web site are papers and reports

that provide further discussion of urban area and highway stormwater runoff water quality management issues. Information on this website is appended below.

- European Water Management News

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<http://www.atv.de/ewpca/willkomm.htm>

- Land and water electronic newsletter

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Delegates at the EURASLIC 2000 conference 3-5 May 2000, Norwood Hall, Aberdeen.

The proceedings of the 8th EURASLIC biennial meeting will be distributed to all EURASLIC members free of charge. Photographs taken at the conference are included in the publication. Further copies (in limited numbers) are available from:

Aberdeen). 3-5 May 2000.162p. Aberdeen,
Fisheries Research Services. 09 532 83895.

FRS Marine Laboratory. Sarah Heath
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What's news in your Library ?

The library of the Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls, France

Last year, the library of the Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls moved in a new building. Interesting and... tiring experience! But we appreciate to work now in a nice environment. You can visit our website at :

<http://www.obs-banyuls.fr/biblio/menu/index.htm>

So far, just our list of periodicals is available online but our holdings of books are recorded in the national catalogue « Systeme Universitaire » (<http://www.sudoc.abes.fr>)

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A sea documentation center of european scope, the cedm, soon to open in brest

A few months before the 27th annual IAMSLIC conference, combined with that of EURASLIC, will be held in Brest, I have the pleasure of offering you a first look at the new European center for documentation on the sea (CEDM), which you will have the opportunity to visit.

Before presenting the center, I must inform you that it has not been set up by the European Community nor under EC authorization, but it is a French project which aims, in particular to give Brittany a **documentation center of European scope**, which could reinforce the building of a European research pole in the field of Sciences of the Sea.

There are **three partners** behind the project:

- the University of western Brittany (UBO), including the European institute for sciences of the sea (IUEM), just next to the CEDM,
- the French research institute for exploitation of the sea (IFREMER), whose main center, endowed with 600 staff, is located in Brest,
- the Research institute for development (IRD), whose center for Brittany is also located in Brest, on the IFREMER campus.

These partners have agreed to pool their resources to achieve the following **mission**:

- to provide all their staff (research scientists, teacher/researchers, engineers, technicians and others), their students and teams from other French universities, with access to scientific and technical information in the field of Sciences of the Sea,
- to be one of the main components of the "Sea related pole" of the National library of France (BNF),
- to meet, within the range of its competence, information requirements of maritime professionals and other actors in the sea-related social and economic sector.

Amongst **the resources** which will be available when the Center opens are:

- *facilities and resources*:
a building with 2,500 m² of floor space, including a 600 m² reading room and storage areas to accommodate 150,000 books,
- *information sources*, such as :
 - collections of documents with nearly 35,000 monographs and various publications, 3,500 theses and thousands of maps and charts,
 - specialized data bases, created by partner organizations or purchased from suppliers,
 - on-line access to outside sources of information,
- *human resources*, with a staff of fifteen.

The Center's opening, which has been postponed for almost a year following technical hitches after its construction, should take place at the end of this year. First, new wooden flooring will be laid, then the fittings installed. We hope that these stages will be completed at the time of the IAMSLIC – EURASLIC conference and that we will be able to present the center to you in its definitive form, i.e., a working tool of exceptional quality devoted to research and development.

I am sure you will find it both impressive and appealing.

*Marthe Melguen
Head of the Service of Documentation and
Libraries at IFREMER*

Océanopolis in brest: a fantastic tool to discover the oceans of temperate, tropical and polar regions, and a showcase for ocean research

After encouraging you to come and discover the CEDM in Brest next October, I would also like to propose another discovery, that of Océanopolis, which we will also visit during the 27th IAMSLIC-EURASLIC Conference.

On the scale of France, and even Europe, Océanopolis is a creation of exceptional scope and quality. It attracts over 500,000 visitors each year to Brest and is one of the main vectors for the development of tourism in Brittany. Since 1990, it has been located in Brest's harbour area and was designed to raise public awareness of the beauty, rich variety and specificity of the **temperate ocean's** floors. Brittany's sea floors are particularly highlighted, showing both the facies (rocky and sedimentary) and related ecosystems along a bathymetric profile going from the coastal cliffs to the ocean depths off Brittany. Moreover, as well as the benthic ecosystems, its superb aquariums present living marine resources, (for instance: fish, crustaceans, shellfish, seaweed, etc.) which exist at this latitude and at the depths in question. This presentation is combined with an initiation for visitors to understand the oceanographic and climatological mechanisms on the global ocean scale.

Since last summer, Océanopolis has two new pavilions, a **polar pavilion** and a **tropical pavilion**, as well as a screening room for 3-D films.

Now we can take an ocean voyage, from the coasts of Brittany to the Antarctic and then to the coral reefs of tropical zones. This is made possible by huge pools (3,000 m³) with the conditions required for polar species on the one hand and tropical marine species on the other. Every day, you can see the beautiful ballet of seals, fur seals and sharks.

As of 2003, thanks to other major extensions to come, the voyage will take you:

- on the one hand, to the realm of very large sea mammals,

- on the other, to the tropical rain forest, thanks to the addition of giant tropical greenhouses to Brest's current botanical garden (conservatory of endangered plant species). This site, linked to that of Océanopolis, will be called "Botanopolis".

This will give us another good reason to invite you to visit Brest, for a change of scene while enjoying the dissemination of scientific and technical culture thanks to new technologies!

Marthe Melguen
Head of the Service of Documentation and Libraries at IFREMER

And you ? Does your library join a consortium, do you have a new website, something new... ? Tell us via the Euraslic Newsletter!
(Not only for french people ☺)

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MANAGING RESOURCES IN A SEA OF CHANGE:

27th Annual IAMSLIC Conference and 9th EURASLIC Conference,
Brest, France. 14-18 October 2001

Dear Members

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 15th April 2001:

This is to remind you that the closing date for submission of Abstracts for papers to be presented at the Joint Iamslic/Euraslic Conference is 15th April 2001. Abstracts should be sent to Susan Berteaux, the Chair of the Joint Conference Organising Committee at: sberteaux@ucsd.edu. Further information about the Submission of Abstracts/Papers and other Conference details can be found at:

<http://www.nefsclibrary.nmfs.gov/2001iamslic/2001call.html>

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