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FROM THE PRESIDENT



DEAR MEMBERS,

Another year is almost gone and it is time to renew your membership.

A lot has happened this year:

Jan Haspeslagh had to resign from presidency because his institute was restructured.

Maria Kalenchits, our Vice-President, hit the jackpot and moved to Fiji for the next three years to work as a Librarian/PIMRIS Coordinator at the School of Marine Studies, University of the South Pacific (Fiji).

Both Jan and Maria have been members of the Executive Board for a long time and we will really miss both of them. Thankfully Jan will at least stay on the Board as the Website-Administrator! Thanks, Jan.

I took over the job of the President while Bart Goossens from Belgium agreed to work as the Vice-President for the rest of the two-year period.

In November you will all be asked to nominate new candidates for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and two Membership Representatives. We are looking forward to lots of suggestions! The vote will take place within the first months of 2008.

I am happy to tell you that the next EURASLIC Conference will be a joined EURASLIC/IAMSLIC Conference and take place in Ostende, Belgium in 2009.

And in 2010 Jan Haspeslagh from Ostende, Belgium, will be the new IAMSLIC President - we are very glad for him - Congratulations, Jan!

In the beginning of May we met in "Krimskoe Primor'e", Crimea, Ukraine, where we had a wonderful conference - many thanks to Olga Akimova!

We learned a lot about treasures: we not only saw old, rare books but learned about a new view to look at them and to read them. We got a glimpse of what is possible in the world of electronic cataloguing, saw examples of e-repositories and I think we all went home with new ideas, filled with new energy and hopefully with new friends.



I think this conference made us aware that every one of us is EURASLIC and that each single person is a very important part of EURASLIC! We are EURASLIC and EURASLIC can only be as good as we are. So every member of EURASLIC can and should take an active part in this organisation and I am convinced that EURASLIC has been, is, and always will be a wonderful, successful, helpful and friendly organisation.

I invite you all to take part in this wonderful organisation - either by working on the Executive Board, by becoming a member in one of our committees, by exchanging ideas or just by helping each other with Interlibrary Loans.

I wish you all a very peaceful rest of the year 2007 and I am looking forward to a fresh, new and exciting 2008!

Barbara Schmidt

Executive Board
1 March 2007 - 30 April 2008

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NEWS from the COMMUNITY

OMER 2007



CEMAGREF hosted on the 29 –30 March, 2007 the French group OMER in Lyon. It was the 24th meeting of OMER : **the French group of EURASLIC .**

This meeting gathered 50 librarians from a lot of French institutes. It was an opportunity to exchange views concerning open archives, bibliometrics, professional awareness and also to discover new CSA functionalities.

On the evening a visit to Lyon allowed each one to discover the city that is now in UNESCO patrimony. Two nice days very profitable for everybody .

*Marie Pascale BALIGAND
CEMAGREF*

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Retirement of **Marie-Thérèse Panouse** on July 1st 2007, after 27 years as head of the library at the *Laboratoire Arago - Observatoire océanologique* in Banyuls-sur-mer (France)



She was a founding member of EURASLIC and has been very actively involved in the elaboration of EURASLIC bylaws (English and French translations) with David Moulder and Allen Varley. In 1993, when the bylaws became effective (registration in the Prefecture of Paris) and the board formed, she became the first treasurer of the association (until 1996). She attended several EURASLIC meetings and had also been an active member of IAMSLIC (nearly since the beginning). In addition, she was very much involved in the French group OMER and in 2005 the annual meeting which took place in Banyuls. She is a wonderful and helpful colleague and remains a good friend (we met many years ago at the *Musée Océanographique* in Monaco).

*Nicole MOMZIKOFF
Institut océanographique*

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Nomination



October 1st, 2007: Dr Jean-Louis Etienne, French polar explorer, becomes General Director of the Institut océanographique, Fondation Albert I^{er} de Monaco (Musée océanographique in Monaco and Institut océanographique in Paris). Président d'honneur of the foundation is Prince Albert II of Monaco.

*Nicole MOMZIKOFF
Institut océanographique*

Blog IRB Knjižnice RBI Library's new Blog

Rudjer Boskovic Institute Library (Zagreb, Croatia) has decided to embrace a new way of sharing news with library users. Since about two months ago we started a blog called „Blog IRB Knjiznice“ („IRB Library Blog“). All content is in Croatian, but even if you don't understand it take a look at <http://knjiznica.irb.hr/blog/>. We write about news from the Library that concern our users (i.e. trials, new acquisitions, event announcements...), but also about news from the culture, science, wonderful world of librarianship... Posts are sorted in several categories: bibliometrics, happenings and lectures, education, culture, LIS, trials, travel stories... Categories are subject to frequent changes. Comments can be submitted by all blog readers. We introduced blog to the library users as a new

form of the „News“ section on our web pages. So far comments have been only positive, both from RBL staff and other librarians. Maintaining a blog turned out to be a great fun. It gives us the opportunity to show how library staff is very well informed about everything, not only the number of books on our shelves! We recommend you to try it by yourself and see what happens... We are using [WordPress](#) blogging software (Open Source).

*Marina Mayer
Rudjer Boskovic Institute Library*

PAST EVENTS

REGIONAL MIM TRAINING COURSE FOR UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN AQUATIC LIBRARIANS

7-9th May 2007, “Krimskoe Primore”, Crimea, Ukraine

Cooperation between the aquatic libraries in Central and Eastern Europe is given strong support from IODE/IOC, IAMSLIC and EURASLIC. To adapt a marine information management in the region to international standards and to support the networking of libraries, a series of initiatives were put into practice, in particular, those related to continuous professional development of the personnel.

The kick-off meeting of the ECET coordinating group was held on 25th March 2006 in Oostende, Belgium. A document on launching the ODINECET (Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic Transition) pilot project was adopted which among the main objectives provided training opportunities in marine information management. Further planning included an organisation of a regional basic training course in Ukraine for Russian and Ukrainian marine librarians.

So in the work frames of the ODINECET the First Regional Training Course in Marine Information Management (MIM) was organized and held 7-9 May 2007 in Crimea, Ukraine. Ten aquatic librarians from Ukraine and Russia took part in this training course. The report of the training course you can find on the ODINECET web page:

http://www.iode.org/odinecet/events/ukraine_course07.html



The Programme of the training course included the basic knowledge on MIM. Special attention was paid to creating and management of institutional e-repositories. Among the trainers were Pauline Simpson and Jan Haspeslagh. Many thanks for their interesting lectures which were adopted to meet the needs of the Ukrainian and Russian librarians.

The tasks set by ODINECET were discussed during the period of training. The idea about creation of repositories and the related opinions and decisions stirred up the most vivid interest. It was decided to create a repository for the countries participating in the

ODINECET project. The initial stage suggests creation of a repository of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas (IBSS).

I would like to pay your attention that the repository of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas is already created and is regularly updated with new IBSS publications.

See: <http://repository.ibss.org.ua/dspace/>

Transport and accommodation (including meal) costs of the participants in the training course were covered by IOC IODE. However, in order to participate in the EURASLIC Conference the selected trainees had to cover their accommodation costs during the Conference from other financial sources. Three of the trainees have received financial support from EURASLIC to attend the Conference.

*Olga Akimova
ODINECET project coordinator*

33rd Annual IAMSLIC Conference and 17th Annual SAIL Meeting October 7-11, 2007 in Sarasota, Florida, USA

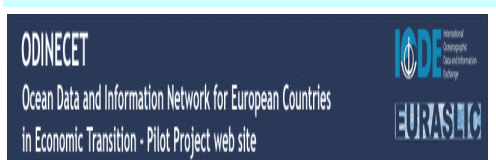


Photo by courtesy of Susan M. Stover
MOTE MARINE LABORATORY

The Conference was attended by five EURASLIC members: Barbara Schmidt, Jan Haspeslagh, Bart Goossens, Marcel Brannemann and Frederic Merceur.

A report about IAMSLIC Conference is to be sent by Barbara at a later point.

UP COMING EVENTS



ODINECET TRAINING COURSE IN MARINE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (Intermediate level) 19 – 23 November, 2007

In the frames of the ODINECET pilot project (Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic Transition) the ODINECET Training Course in Marine Information Management (Intermediate level) will be held from 19 – 23 November, 2007. The Training Course is sponsored, organised and hosted by the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE in Oostende, Belgium.

Fifteen librarians from Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia and Croatia are among the participants in the course.

The Programme will be mostly dedicated to creating and management of e-repositories.

One of the most important goals of ODINECET project is to create a distributed E-Repository (CEEMaR - Central and Eastern Europe Marine publications Repository) which will include publications in the field of marine sciences from all institutes involved in ODINECET project. The training will be around practical tasks to input publications on a test server. Linda Pikula will give us an interesting lecture about User Needs Assessment. On Friday we will have time to discuss the Overall Goals of the ODINECET project.

Olga Akimova
ODINECET project coordinator



Joint EURASLIC and IAMSLIC Conference Oostende, Belgium, 2009

Most probably in September
More details to be announced in the following issues and both Websites
and Discussion Lists

ON THE WEB

View the 30 seconds spot: "**Make food not war**" at <http://www.fao.org/videocatalogue/>, released jointly by the UN's three food agencies - FAO, WFP and IFAD - to highlight the devastating impact of war on food production and to mark the International Day of Peace, 21st September 2007.

*Richard Pepe
Fishery Information Officer, FAO*

Photos from 12th Biennial EURASLIC Conference 2- 4th May 2007, "Krymskoye Primoriye", Crimea, Ukraine

Conference link: <http://internilib.irb.hr/galerija/thumbnails.php?album=272>

Excursions link: <http://internilib.irb.hr/galerija/index.php?cat=45>

By courtesy of Sofija Konjevic

Photos from 33rd Annual IAMSLIC Conference and 17th Annual SAIL Meeting October 7-11, 2007 in Sarasota, Florida, USA

Steve Watkins's photos:

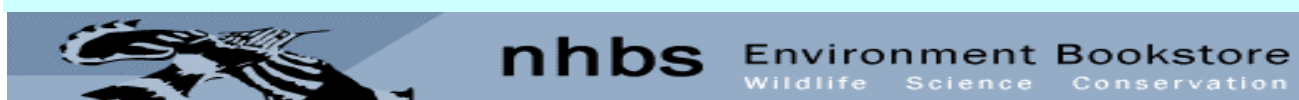
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Lenora Oftedahl 's photos:

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Creating Cross-Domain Consensus for the European Digital Library

Consistent with the [i2010 digital library initiative](#), this [thematic network](#) will build consensus to create the European Digital Library. It will find solutions to the interoperability of the cultural content held by European museums, archives, audio-visual archives and libraries in the context of The European Digital Library. Find more on <http://www.europeandigitallibrary.eu/edlnet/>



Gratis Book Scheme, run by Bill Sutherland (he's the Miriam Rothschild Professor of Conservation Biology at Cambridge University). This scheme makes ecology and conservation books available for free to individuals in developing countries.

NHBS provides the co-ordination and the logistics, the publishers and authors provide the books (usually 200 copies of each title), and the postage is currently subsidised by the British Ecological Society.

Please note that this scheme is intended for individual researchers, rather than libraries, and we usually receive more applications than the number of books available. Having said that, I think it is a great programme, and we would be more than happy if you could spread the word!

Here is a link to the Gratis Book Scheme: <http://www.nhbs.com/Conservation/gratis-books.php>

*Anneli Meeder
NHBS Environment Bookstore*

NEW BOOKS

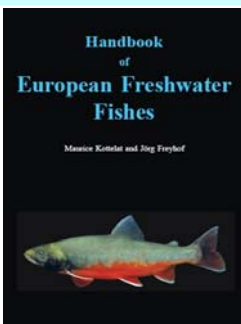


INSTITUTO DE CIENCIAS MARINAS DE ANDALUCIA (ICMAN)

A book on the history of the **Marine Science Institute of Andalusia** (Cadiz, Spain) has resulted to be recently published by CSIC (Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research). By improving the history of science tradition about the Gulf of Cadiz in the Ibero-Moroccan Atlantic and Mediterranean area it will attract new members backed up by its contents. A review has been published by '**The History of Oceanography Newsletter**' (ISSN 1013 3917), **page 58**, available from Prof. Eric Mills desktop (Dalhousie

University, Canada).ref.: http://www.ijnhonline.org/volume3_number2-3_AugDec04/ocgr%20pdf%20archive/HistOCR19.pdf

*Enrique Wulff-Barreiro
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Handbook of European Freshwater Fishes

Maurice Kottelat & Joerg Freyhof

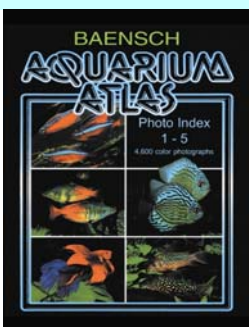
Just published. 2007. 26 x 17.5cm. Pp.xi,646. 900 photographs and figures including colour photographs of most species, 546 distribution maps, keys to species.

Standard reference to the freshwater fishes of Europe covering 546 native and 33 introduced species. Includes diagnoses for all species with keys to genera and species, methods for identification, notes on habitat, biology, ecology, native, extirpated and introduced distributions, species conservation status (validated through IUCN procedures), up-to-date taxonomy and nomenclature using modern methods and concepts. Included is a bibliography of more than 870 references.

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Baensch Aquarium Atlas

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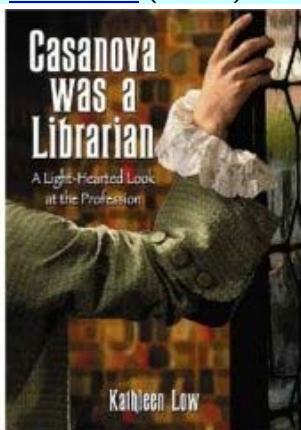
987882440836 3rd edn., 2007. 19cm. Pp.1216. 4600 colour photos. Hardbound. The Photo Index 1-5 is a compact reference. It contains concise information on approximately 4000 fish species presented in the Aquarium Atlas. This comprehensive index includes common names, synonyms, and scientific names - listed by genus/species and species/genus. A glossary defines some of the most important terms used in the Atlas series. 4600 colour photographs complete the book. The Photo Index will prove to be an asset for

those who do not have all the volumes of the Aquarium Atlas ; this edition is revised to include 100 new photographs and updated nomenclature, the old names now being synonyms.



Casanova Was a Librarian: A Light-Hearted Look at the Profession

by [Kathleen Low](#) (Author)



Paperback: 184 pages

Publisher: McFarland & Company (March 28, 2007)

Language: English

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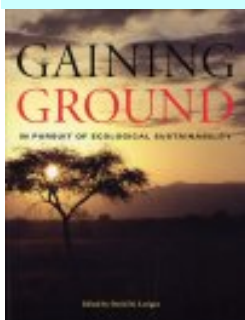
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Amazon.com Sales Rank: #800,101 in Books

What do Casanova, Pope Pius XI, Benjamin Franklin and first lady Laura Bush have in common? At one time, all were members of the librarian profession. While librarians are often stereotyped as quiet, shy ladies who wear their grey hair in a dignified bun, that doesn't reflect the variety and diversity of today's library professionals. As of 2004, 159,000 people in the United States held the job of librarian. Although only 18 percent of that number was male, the median age for librarians was a young 47 far from the grey-haired, bun-wearing ladies of our imaginations!

From pick-up lines to bumper stickers, this volume takes a light-hearted look at the many facets of the librarian occupation. Beginning with statistics, it enumerates gender divisions, personality types, salaries and educational requirements for various types of librarians including public, academic, school and special librarians. Other topics include specific occupational health risks, job-related recreation and novelty gifts for library professionals. Instances of librarians found in prose, poetry, film and musicals are also discussed.

One of the key documents of the decade on sustainability:



Gaining Ground

In Pursuit of Ecological Sustainability

Edited by David M Lavigne
425 pages, figures, tables.
International Fund for Animal Welfare
Distributed by NHBS



Reader's Digest

Taylor, K. (2007) Copyright and research: an academic publisher's perspective. SCRIPT-ed 4(2) 233-236 <http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/script-ed/vol4-2/taylor.asp>

Adams, Andrew A. (2007) Copyright and research: an archivangelist's perspective 4(3) SCRIPT-ed 285 <http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/script-ed/vol4-3/adams.asp>

The article by Adams is a response to Taylor's article, but it also an excellent overview of the current status of Open Access. If you want a quick update on AC, here it is.

Andrew Adams (2007) has written a powerful, relentless and devastating critique of Kevin Taylor's (2007) "Copyright and research: an academic publisher's perspective." Adams cites other archivangelists in support of his position, but this lucid, timely, rigorous and compelling synthesis is entirely his own. It will be seen and cited as a landmark in the research community's delayed but inexorable transition to Open Access.

Stephanie Haas
IAMSLIC Discussion List

Sharing Knowledge in the Aquatic Commons

The International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) is in the final stage of tailoring the **Aquatic Commons**, an open access digital repository of documents pertaining to the aquatic sciences

With this repository, IAMSLIC aims to:

- Improve sharing of information on fisheries and aquaculture management;
- Facilitate knowledge sharing and lessons learned;
- Ensure equal participation and coverage of literature from both developed and developing countries;
- Provide free and open access to information for all;
- Ensure the preservation of information and its availability for future generations.

For more information about the Aquatic Commons, read the [article](#) written by **Jean Collins**, Librarian, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department

For your entertainment

Movie recommendation by Sofija Konjevic:



The Librarian: Quest for the Spear

Director: Peter Winther

Even though librarians appear in many movies, only a few of them have a word "librarian" in the title.

Flynn Carsen (Noah Wyle) is 30 years old and after obtaining 22 degrees he finds his first job as a librarian at the Metropolitan Public Library. His work turns out to be anything but an ordinary library work. Here he doesn't work with books, but becomes a treasure keeper in Library's special collection of paranormal treasures from myths and stories (Pandora's box, Excalibur, Holly Grail...). Here begins Indiana-Jones-like story. A special assignment leads him to a new and unexpected adventure.

This is not a big Hollywood movie, but it's funny and entertaining, so if you are not too serious and critical I recommend this movie to all librarians. After all, the main character is a librarian, and not a stereotype one.

There is also a second part of the movie ("Return to King Solomon's Mines"), but watch this part first. If you don't like it, don't watch the second one, because it's not as good as first one.

More about movie: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0412915/>

Some Video fun



Cruise Cruise Baby! The video, the info, the lyrics.

http://www.cooa.unh.edu/cruise_cruise_baby.jsp

Madison Hard - Ocean Research Cruise

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0C2jpr80w>

Yellow Submarine and Ocean

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5-likbXTpQ&mode=related&search=>

L'OCEANOGRAPHIC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEWoUrtZ5jA&mode=related&search=>

Zehr Lab - Marine Microbiology Rocks!

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=Bc5qyqrD9k&mode=related&search>

"A Hipper Crowd of Shushers" - an article about librarians, published in New York Times, July 8, 2007, you can find

at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/08/fashion/08librarian.html?em&ex=1184126400&en=a0039b125f489b9b&ei=5087%0A>

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