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**The 14th Biennial Conference
of the European Association of Aquatic Sciences
Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC)
will take place in Lyon, 17-20 May 2011**

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You are all welcome and we hope to be numerous ☺



More information about Lyon: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lyon>

Marie Pascal Baligand

Dear EURASLICers,

2010 was a difficult year for most of us. The libraries get less money every year and we all have to fight for our existence. Print journals cease more and more and we have to rewrite our policies.

Due to this we had to delay our conference - which will now be held in Lyon, France, in 2011. Thank you, Marie-Pascale for being so kind to offer your help and organizing the conference. We will hear more about it in the beginning of the next year!

I would like you all to remember how important it is to have contacts all over the world - and discussion, exchange of information and last but not least exchange of articles become more important in difficult times like this. Let's continue to help each other and keep this wonderful organisation going!

I am looking forward to seeing you all again in 2011!

Barbara Schmidt
EURASLIC President

The French Connection – Nicole Momzikoff, the French Group and the early days of EURASLIC...



Nicole's retirement earlier this year brought back memories of the formation of EURASLIC and the important role of the French Group in nurturing its growth and development. I recall in particular the energy, enthusiasm and engaging personality of Nicole at the inaugural meeting and throughout the intervening years.

Twenty two years maturation of a whisky finished in a good French Bordeaux oak barrel will give the spirit a refined character. My memories of the inaugural meeting of EURASLIC at the Marine Biological Association, Plymouth in 1988 may have been mellowed in maturation so please forgive me if I forget some people or important events. However I do remember clearly that of the 36 delegates at that inaugural meeting 4 were from France – Mary Delahaye, Denise-Hélène Hugol, Claude Uguen and *Nicole*.

Many of the participants at this meeting were already cooperating in networks within their own countries and the national group in France was particularly strong. Several of the participants offered to arrange and host the second EURASLIC meeting (the name EURASLIC had not yet been agreed but was used as an interim measure). The choice of the Institut Océanographique in Paris must have been a daunting time for the French Association, the Parisian aquatic librarians and for Nicole in particular. However, for EURASLIC it was an inspired choice.

The beauty of the Institute and the efficient running of the meeting was appreciated by all the 75 delegates from 15 European countries – the largest meeting so far?

Nicole – do I remember fresh flowers in the library at the Institute every day (not just for the duration of the meeting)? I am sure it was from your inspiration that I discovered two potential flower arrangers on our library staff – one of whom went on to win local and national prizes.

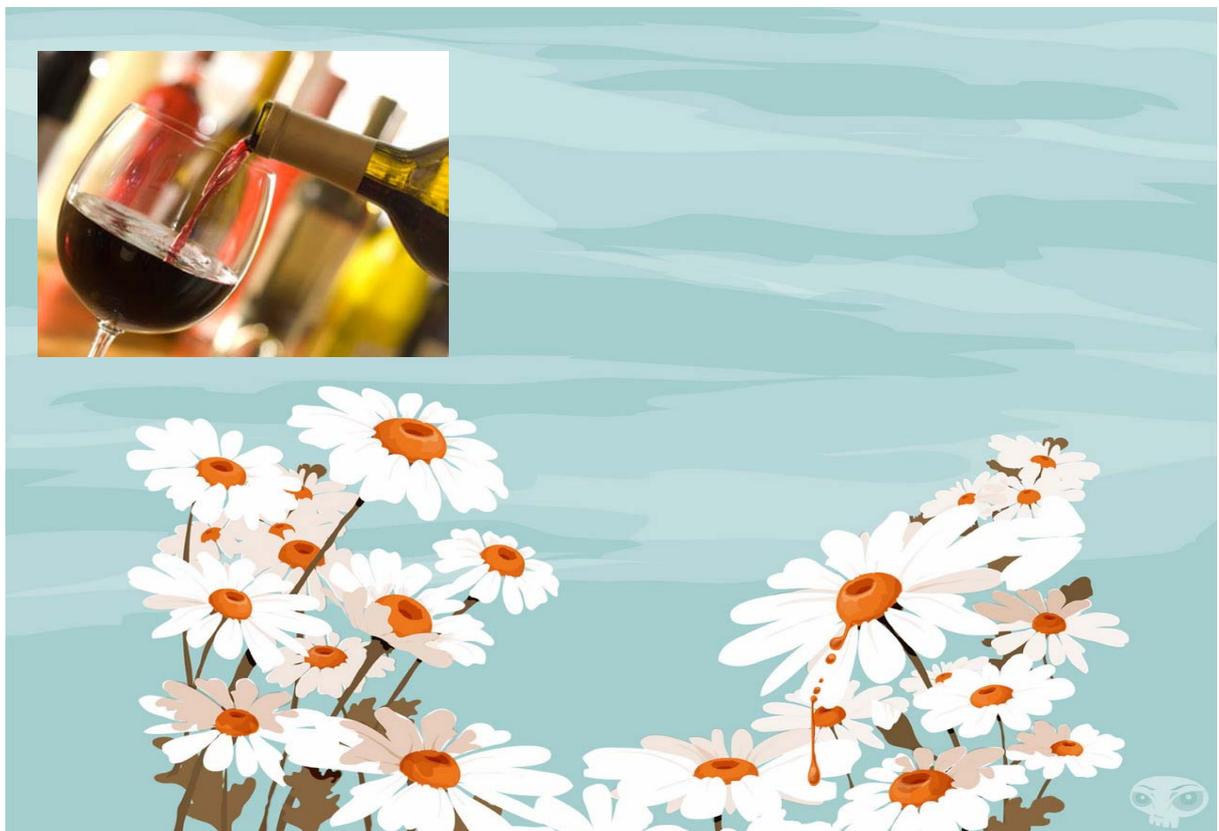
The meeting was held in two languages, French and English and the proceedings published with the papers in both languages. To facilitate this Nicole had organized an interpreter for the meeting (Ian Cowburn). I am not sure if Nicole is aware that this was yet another inspiration which my organization benefited from for at least five years after the meeting. Ian arranged for language students from France to join us in England for between one and three months each year to undertake translation of scientific papers.

After hosting such a large meeting many of us might have taken a well earned rest. Nicole did not. In addition to producing the Proceedings as a special issue of the journal Oceanis (Volume 16, 1990, in collaboration with Allen Varley), she worked with David Moulder to produce the first Directory of European Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres. This was a beautifully produced and comprehensive book published in 1991 by the Institut Océanographique on behalf of EURASLIC.

Nicole served as a very active country representative on the EURASLIC Board from 1992 – 1996 and continued to contribute to the Association until her retirement this year. Not only has EURASLIC benefited greatly from Nicole's drive and enthusiasm, but many of us as individual members have gained in many ways from meeting her through the Association and **I raise my glass to her for a long and happy retirement...**

Cheers

Ian Pettman
Freshwater Biological Association
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PAST EVENTS

Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic Transition — ODINECET (ODINECET Workshop Report)

IOC Project Office for IODE,
Oostende, Belgium, 18-20 March 2010



As it is known since IOC/IODE has established Ocean Teacher Academy (OTA) which offers courses in oceanographic data and information management to support educational programs of IODE through manpower training in oceanographic data and information management, ODINECET ceased its trainings.

IOC/IODE has recommended holding a three-day meeting for ODINECET members to discuss what had been done and what to be done within the framework of ODINECET. The meeting was specially scheduled back-to-back with the OTA Training Course on Preservation and Archiving of Digital Media to give an opportunity for the ODINECET group to participate in the training course.

Participants of the ODINECET session were 12 library and information professionals from 6 countries – Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Ukraine, plus Denis Slipetsky, IBSS and CEEMaR repositories administrator, and Vladimir Vladimirov, ODINBlackSea project coordinator.

Denis Slipetsky gave a lecture and conducted training on PowerPoint Presentation. He also introduced a Dspace version recently elaborated for the repositories of IBSS and CEEMaR and delivered a practical training on its use.

Vladimir Vladimirov, coordinator of ODINBlackSea program, spoke about the goals and tasks of the projects under implementation and the teams involved in them, and welcomed cooperation with the participants in the ODINECET program. He specified what sort of support the staff engaged in ODINBlackSea project would be grateful to have from ODINECET: search, scanning and replenishment of the e-repositories in IBSS and



CEEMaR with publications on the Black Sea, oceanography and marine biology. Special emphasis should be placed on grey literature and data from various sources, e.g. tabulated data of Soviet research cruises in the seas of the former USSR.

Olga Akimova, coordinator of ODINECET project, delivered the lecture *"Strategic directions of information service development for marine sciences of ECET region"*. She explained how the strategy and tactics of information services based on the experience accumulated at aquatic information centers and libraries worldwide work for the scientists of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas in Sevastopol. Pertinent examples were the Russian and foreign information systems and databases and the corresponding search techniques used. Statistical evidence related to the services was also presented.

ODINECET programs and projects

Four years that have passed since the first meeting and training on ODINECET program make it evident that ODINECET has been bearing good fruit. The number of members increased from 11 to 20; some projects have been implemented, other have started, for instance, CEEMaR.

The program goes well in general outline, though some items need to be revised and clarified. Most urgent are:

Workplace automation

The projects that are implemented today have not fully solved the problem of workplace automation as yet. This work feels everlasting inasmuch as technical means become out of date too fast.

In 2009 EURASLIC allocated a 3000 € grant to CEEMaR libraries and information centers for purchasing scanners. The money was distributed between six libraries in Poland and Ukraine. Thanks again to the EURASLIC Board which decided to help us!

In March 2010 Session of IODE Officers passed the budget for 2010-2011 which approved allocation of 2000 USD in 2010 and 3000 USD in 2011 especially for purchasing the necessary equipment. To make this step IODE asked the interested parties to give sensible grounds. Presently the issue is under consideration.

Software for e-catalogues

Knowing that many libraries of the ODINECET group need software for e-catalogues accessible through internet, Koha software (www.koha.org)



was offered free. Details of this software are under final elaboration by the personnel of the Laboratory of Marine Information Systems, IBSS. Five persons from the ODINECET group have decided about using this program in their libraries.

United catalogue of serial publications of ECET group

The relevant project involves 22 participating libraries of Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Ukraine. By 2010 the catalogue held 72 serials; continued input uses the IMIS-based software, VLIZ product.

Creating regional ECET and ODINECET e-repositories at the institutes

E-repositories created and regularly updated at IBSS and CEEMaR are among the projects of ODINECET group that are going well.

From December 2008 to November 2010 three new members, two from Ukraine and one from Latvia, joined the repository. By 1st November 2010 the repository numbered 791 items altogether. Launched in June 2007, the repository of IBSS of 1475 original documents is an integral part of the ECET group repositories project.

Capacity building in marine information management

Ocean Teacher Academy is an IODE initiative which offers teaching programmes of courses related to oceanographic data and information management. In 2009 two training courses were organized in which ODINECET group members took part.

In 2010 all participants of ODINECET meeting attended the OTA training course on Preservation and Archiving of Digital Media and some of them took part in other training courses organized by IODE the same year.

We are looking forward to successful project implementation in the future.

Olga Akimova
ODINECET Project Coordinator
IBSS, Sevastopol

36th IAMS LIC Conference

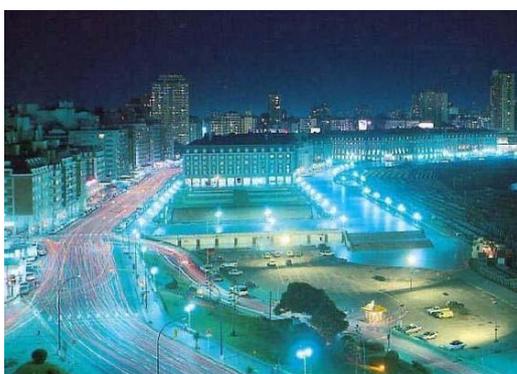
International Aquatic Marine Science Libraries & Information Centers



Netting Knowledge: Two Hemispheres – One World

*36th IAMS LIC Annual Conference
17-21 October, 2010
Mar del Plata, Argentina*

<http://www.iamslic.org/conf2010/>



Mar del Plata is located on the Atlantic Ocean coast in Buenos Aires Province, 400 km south of Buenos Aires. It is the biggest seaside beach resort and one of the major fishing ports in Argentina.

Euraslic was represented at this meeting by Bart Goossens (Belgium), Bojan Bacan (Croatia), Marcel Branneman (Germany) and Marie Pascale Baligand (France).

The 2010 Conference brought together the knowledge and information professionals from all around the globe and shared their insights on managing data, information and knowledge.



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/56037544@N04/>

The program was build up around the following sessions:

- Core Marine Journals: shrinking/smaller core collections, consortia, and shared access
- Building, Promoting, and Providing Access to specialized databases & archives

- Expanding Horizons: innovations in education and instruction
- Assessing our impact and expanding our roles
- Green Flash Round Robin
- New technologies for a growing World of mobile and open access information.
- Resources for both Hemispheres

The lifeblood of a university is its library, and cutting library resources is like cutting off oxygen to the brain"
Robert Buckingham

Some presentations concerned comparison between different tools. For example:

- *Managing Information: Evaluating and selecting citation management software, a look at EndNote, RefWorks, Mendeley and Zotero.* **Amy Butros, USA and Sally Taylor, Canada**
- *ABCD et Koha – ABCD vs. Koha: open source library options.* **Bojan Macan, Croatia and Gladys Fernández, Argentina**
- *Libraries and Data Management: a Survey of Current Practices and Future Trends.* **Joan Parker and Lisa Raymond, USA**

Steve Watkins presented the new Iamslic Website and all the opportunities that this new environment and software (WordPress) offers to us.

All the presentations are available on :
<http://www.iamslic.org/member-access/members-area/conference-presentations>

At this meeting, we were very happy to learn that the future IAMSLIC president will be Maria Kalenchits from Estonia, a lot of us know her.

IAMSLIC has accepted the IOC/IODE proposal to host the Aquatic Commons repository for three years, 2010/2011 through 2012/13
<http://aquacomm.fcla.edu/>

The next IAMSLIC meeting will take place in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

Marie Pascale Baligand
Bart Goossens

Joint 2009 IAMSLIC/EURASLIC Conference 27 Sept – 1 Oct 2009, Bruges, Belgium



The joint 35th Annual IAMSLIC (International Association of Aquatic and Marine Sciences Libraries and Information Centers) Conference and 13th Biennial EURASLIC (European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres) Conference was held in Bruges, Belgium between 27 September and 1 October 2009. The event,

co-hosted and co-sponsored by IOC/IODE and the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) was organized in the Provincial court at the central square of Bruges and was attended by over 80 participants from all over the globe.

The theme of the conference was **'Confluence of Ideas: Evolving to meet the challenges of global change'**. Various topics were discussed on how libraries could adapt to the challenges of our times: innovative and customized services such as data publishing, data curation, involvement in cyberinfrastructure, collaborations and marketing of the library or information centre.

Nineteen EURASLIC members attended the event. Two meetings of the Executive Board and a Business meeting were held during the conference.

At the meeting of the EURASLIC Executive Board and the Business Meeting, considering the changing circumstances and in order to make our activities more feasible it was decided to propose for voting to all members the following amendments to the EURASLIC Bylaws:



In Article 4: Executive Board:

1. To give every member of the Board the right to vote.
2. The Chair of each Committee should be an ad-hoc non-voting member of the Board.

To add a new Art.: 12:

In the cases where the Bylaws prevent the Executive Board of carrying out its responsibilities for EURASLIC it may suggest an exception to the Bylaws and set a reasonable deadline for response by the members. After that the Board may act and inform the EURASLIC members of its actions.

A decision was made to update the EURASLIC website and Ad hoc Website Committee was appointed which comprised the following members: Sofija Konjevic - Chair, Bart Goossens, Marina Mayer, Margaret Watts, Malgorzata Popow, Marie-Pascale Baligand and Heike Lust.

Since there were no volunteers for the position of a Treasurer it was decided the funds of EURASLIC to be transferred and managed by the IAMSLIC Treasurer, i.e. EURASLIC membership fees would be collected by the IAMSLIC treasurer. IAMSLIC is going to keep 30% for the services they offered and EURASLIC will receive the rest 70% of the Membership fees.

Discussion about sponsorships and grants took place. A decision for allocation of three types of grants was made:

- 1) Project grants
- 2) Travel grants
- 3) Support to any other EURASLIC members

Barbara Schmidt, EURASLIC President, summarized the activities of the members and the Executive Board during the period between 12th and 13th EURASLIC Conferences. She thanked the old Board for its work and presented the newly elected EURASLIC Executive Board for the period 30 September 2009 – 30 September 2011 (see the list below).

Snejina Bacheva
EURASLIC Executive Secretary

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