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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

In a few weeks from now, many of us will meet again at our 11th Euraslic Conference in Split, Croatia. The list of participants shows me that a lot of first-time attendees will find their way to this important and unique event for European aquatic librarians. This is really motivating and I will see to it that the newcomers will be well received by us “old-timers”.

Behind the curtains a tremendous amount of work has been done by the Organizing Committee to make this meeting a success, and I know that until the last moment details and unexpected situations will have to be dealt with. But I see an elaborate and interesting program, more than 50 attendees that have subscribed so far, a lot of challenging discussions ahead, and on top of all, the beautiful setting of the city of Split and the Adriatic coast, ready to receive us. I would like to express my thanks now already to a really enthusiastic Croatian team, and also to our other members who have helped in the past months with numerous small, but important details. A special thanks goes to Joan Varley for her very productive work in attracting sponsorships for this conference.

If for any reason, you are still in doubt of coming to Croatia, don't think any longer, and join us from 4-6 May 2005 in Split. You can still subscribe on the conference website <http://nippur.irb.hr/euraslic/index.html> where you will also find the most up-to-date information on this event.

Just before this conference, I will be attending the IODE XVIII-meeting (26-30 April 2005 in Oostende, Belgium), as delegate of the European aquatic information management sector. At that meeting, a review of the most urgent information management needs in ECET-countries will be presented by the GEMIM-group. This review will support a motion to the IODE community to consider the establishment of an ODIN-network for the ECET-countries (ODIN stands for Oceanographic Data and Information Network). I hope to bring some preliminary results of this meeting to Split to share with all of you. In any case, we should consider this action as a small but important first step towards the establishment of a European aquatic information network supported by IOC, using the strength of the Euraslic network as a sound base.

In the following pages, you will find a lot of interesting information for your day-to-day work. There are also reports on meetings, projects, and initiatives whereby Euraslic members are involved. I am particularly pleased to see 4

new members listed, and I send them a warm welcome from here, and my hopes that they will enjoy a lot of benefits from their membership!

Each of you is still invited to send in contributions for the Newsletter. This publication should be a reflection of all activities within Euraslic. Don't think that your specific project in your library is not interesting to us! Send us short descriptions of what you are doing, or are planning to do! We all need to learn from each other, and who knows, someone might be interested to cooperate with you, to enhance your project or work! Our Newsletter editor, Snejina Bacheva, will be more than happy to assist you with any contribution that you can send.

I wish you all a very nice “aquatic” Spring and Summer 2005!

Jan Haspeslagh

EURASLIC 2005

**11th Biennial EURASLIC Conference
4-6th May 2005, Hotel Marjan, Split, Croatia**

Open Waters - Open Sources

CONFERENCE UPDATE

There are less than 3 weeks now before the start of the Conference. We have received your applications, made the programme, organized a field trip for Saturday, managed to find sponsors... There are still things to be done, but we'll do our best to sort everything out before your arrival. Conference web page (<http://knjiznica.irb.hr/euraslic/>) is being updated daily because some changes in the programme and participants list are still possible. If there is something else useful you think we should put on the web page, please contact Sofija or me with your ideas (sofija@irb.hr, mmayer@irb.hr)!

PARTICIPANTS

Right now there are 50 participants on our list. Check if you are on it and that your name or institution is spelled properly (and please excuse us and report if there is a mistake!):



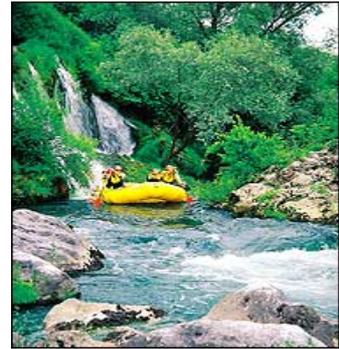
Marjan Hotel

EXCURSION ON SATURDAY

As you already know, for those of you who can stay on Saturday there is a field trip to the river Cetina near Split. We have offered two options: easy one (sightseeing by bus, boat and on foot) and not so easy one (rafting). Both groups will meet in the end and

have a lunch together. Fourteen brave people chose rafting – this fact totally undermines the stereotype image of a slow-non-sporty-don't-wanna-walk librarian, well done! Now all we need is good weather. May in Dalmatia usually promises enough sun for the first swim in the sea so we are hoping for the best. We'll keep an eye on the weather forecast and you'll be informed on time. Detailed description of the excursion is on the Conference web page. If you have forgotten to apply, please do it as soon as possible!

*Marina Mayer
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From EurOcean Web Pages

European Commission to consult on future maritime policy for the Union

The European Commission today announced its [decision](#) (~ 129 Kb) to launch a consultation process on a future maritime policy for the Union. In a communication presented jointly by President José Manuel Barroso and Commissioner Joe Borg, the Commission sets out the reasons behind this initiative. The communication says that the contribution that the sea makes to our livelihood and well-being is considerable as is the potential for economic growth. The challenge is to ensure that we make the most of this potential in a sustainable manner. An integrated approach would help avoid conflicts and optimise synergies between the various sea-based activities so as to boost their economic potential and safeguard the environment. It would also encourage greater stakeholders' participation and enable all the parties concerned to consider the sea as a whole as well as understand the implications of each set of activities thereon. A Task Force, made up of Commissioners responsible for sea-related policies and chaired by Commissioner Borg, will prepare a consultation paper on a future maritime policy

for the Union. The publication of this document, scheduled for the first half of next

year, will launch an extensive consultation exercise as to possible options for a maritime policy for the Union. The Commission will then examine all the contributions and decide what shape and form the new policy should take before preparing proposals in this direction.

President Barroso stated: "Europe's past, present and future is anchored in the oceans and the seas. Only if we take good care of them, the oceans and the seas will be able to care for us and future generations. A maritime policy for the EU can help releasing Europe's tremendous growth potential, while protecting our marine environment. Through responsible management of our common marine resources, the oceans and the seas can remain a source of wealth and pleasure for everyone in Europe years ahead."

"A maritime policy would enable us to identify, co-ordinate and implement sea-related measures in the Union in a way that optimises economic and recreational returns from the sea in a more participative and sustainable manner. I very much look forward to working with my colleagues and public and private stakeholders on this exciting project." Commissioner Joe Borg, responsible for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs said.

President Barroso has asked Mr Borg to “steer a new Maritime Policy Task Force with the aim of launching a wide consultation on a future Maritime Policy for the Union”. The Commissioners concerned are Mr Verheugen, responsible for Enterprise and Industry, Mr Barrot: Transport, Mr Dimas: Environment, Mrs Hübner: Regional Policy, Mr Potocnik: Research and Mr Pieblags: Energy. Other Commissioners may also be asked to participate when the discussions will relate to subjects linked to their portfolios. In drawing up the consultation paper, expertise will be drawn from a range of policy and technical areas.

The sea is very important to the Union. Twenty Member States have coasts stretching to almost 70,000 km. Almost half of the EU population live less than 50 km from the coast. The EU maritime regions of the 15 Member States already accounted for over 40% of the

GNP. Shipbuilding, ports, fisheries and related services industries employ two and a half million people (See attached Fact sheets and [memo](#) of today.)

Enclosures:

Fact sheets:

1. [The sea, a vital EU resource](#) (~ 932 Kb)
2. [Fisheries and aquaculture](#) (~ 46 Kb)
3. [Maritime transport](#) (~ 657 Kb)
4. [Coastal zones, for living and leisure](#) (~ 1, 1 Mb)
5. [Energy](#) (~ 94 Kb)
6. [Environment, research and EU actions](#) (~ 53 Kb)

[EUROPA - FISHERIES - PRESS releases - 02.03.2005]

oneFish Community Directory - New Monthly e-Newsletter oneFish is an Internet portal providing access to information on fisheries and aquatic research and development. oneFish provides an environment for individual researchers, research institutes and other aquatic organizations, to publish their research output directly on the web, and to link their research results to other relevant information in oneFish. In April a new Monthly Newsletter will be launched. The Newsletter will list all new resources, e.g. topics, news items, events, documents, web sites, added to oneFish during the preceding month. It will also include links to topics regularly updated from external sources, e.g. FAO Documents, ICSF News, SEAFOODplus EU Programme News; and links to Discussion Lists archived in oneFish, e.g. Aqua-L, Fish-Ecology, Seafood List. To be sure that you receive a copy of the new oneFish e-Newsletter go to <http://www.onefish.org> and register as a member - for free!

*Joan Baron Varley
Chief Editor and Information Manager
oneFish Community Directory Project*

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ON THE WEB

The OCEANS & FP7

EU 7th Framework Programme: Building the European Marine Research Area

ESF-Marine Board (2002) Integrating Marine Science in Europe, Position Paper 5, 148pp. ISBN 2-9-12049-35-0).

http://www.esf.org/esf_genericpage.php?language=0§ion=2&domain=3&activity=0&genericpage=177

Maritime Policy

The Oceans and Future Aspects of the European Marine Research Area (2004) <http://www.eu-norway.org/Forum/premeeting/Meetings.htm>

Towards a future Maritime Policy for the Union: A European vision for the oceans and seas . You can find this content at the following URL:

<http://www.eurocean.org/files.php?action=viewfile&fid=437> .

EurOcean Leaflet . You can find this content at the following URL:

<http://www.eurocean.org/files.php?action=viewfile&fid=432> .

This new google service is really worth a try: <http://scholar.google.com/>

Read a report on the launch of this new tool for scholarly internet searches here:

<http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3437471>

The Eighteenth Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE), will be held from 26 to 30 April 2005 in Ostend, Belgium.

Official inauguration of the IODE Project Office will be held on 25 April 2005 in Ostend, Belgium.

It is expected that this Session of the IODE Committee will concentrate on strong collaboration between IODE and other science, monitoring and observation bodies and programmes in order to share the 40 years of data and information management expertise and know-how available in the 65 IODE data centers.

All working documents for the Session will be available from the IODE web site

(<http://www.iode.org>), specifically the IODE-XVIII section on http://ioc.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category_no=96 .

International Marine Data and Information Systems Conference, 31 May / 3 June 2005, Brest, France . You can find this content at the following URL:

<http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/contents.php?id=339> .



Conference Sofia – 2004

The Conference “**Libraries, Globalization and Cooperation**” was held from 3rd to 5th November, 2004 in Sofia, Bulgaria. It was organized by the School of Library & Information Management, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, USA and the Department of Library and Information Sciences, “St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Sofia, Bulgaria. Sofia 2004 is a part of an international conference series hosted in Kansas City, Kansas (1995), Warsaw, Poland (1997), Sofia, Bulgaria (2000, 2002 & 2004). This

series is designed to explore the impact of globalization and change on the development of libraries, information infrastructure, and society.

It brought together about 120 participants (a wide range of experts in library and information science, infrastructure, technology, international development and policy) from 17 countries (Albania, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Thailand, UK, USA, Bulgaria). Exhibitors were Elsevier, Emerald Group Publishing Ltd., Jouve, ProQuest Information and Learning Ltd., Puvill Libros S.A., Springer - Verlag, TAGSYS RFID Systems, K. G. Saur Verlag, Walters and Associates Consulting.

Euraslic was represented by its Executive Secretary with the joint report: Snejina Bacheva & Jan Haspelslagh - **EURASLIC: European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres – A Model for Professional Capacity Building by Community Members.**

This report was translated into Bulgarian and published in the *Bulletin of the National Oceanographic Committee*, No 1/2005. The English version is accepted for publication in the bilingual journal *Marine Thought*.

PUBLICATIONS

Basics of SCUBA Diving

Ilija Krastev, Petar Ganchev

2005: Grafik. Varna, 218p., ill.

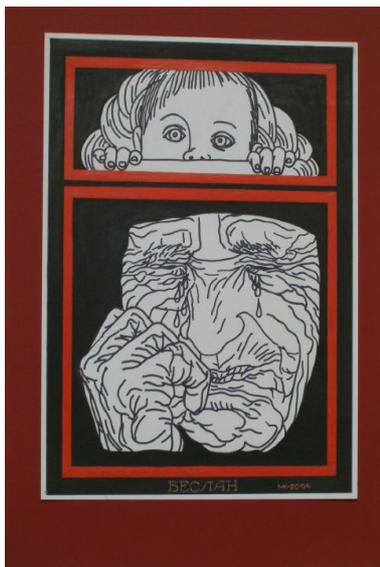
ISBN: 954-91-504-5-3

Basic problems of diving (history of diving, physics and chemistry for divers, underwater and hyperbaric medicine, diving equipment, diving techniques/organization and diving safety) are discussed in this manual. Some specific contemporary diving activities are focused – wreck diving, NITROX diving, deep diving, night diving, underwater photography, etc.

The manual is dedicated to large scope of people interested or practicing diving (from beginners to diving instructors). The matter covers first level requirements of CMAS and PADI diving courses.



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An art exhibition according to the Andalusian Icmán (CSIC) library's proposal.

In agreement with a proposal produced by the library the exhibition "Windows of blood, Beslan", by Muhadin Kishev, was showed at the Marine Sciences Institute of Andalusia (CSIC), on October 20-28, 2004.

At the central hall of the CSIC (Cadiz, Spain) Institute the Russian painter Muhadin Kishev (from the Kabardino-Balkaria republic, and with an art gallery sited in Puerto Real <http://karaart.com/mosscoart>), exhibited 4 paintings visualizing thoughts on pain and consolation after this scholastic year starting event at Beslan (North Osetian Russian republic).

This was an initiative of the institute's library. And the show took place coincidentally with the IX Advanced Course of Aquaculture and Environmental Quality

(http://www.csic.es/postgrado/cursos/cursos_2004.html#area_3_espec_6).

The local press supported the show with an article (in Spanish):

<http://www.diariodecadiz.es/diariodecadiz/articulo.asp?idart=482003>).

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Mailing list sale

In December 2004, upon the request of Taylor & Francis publishers, Oslo, Norway, the Euraslic membership list (names + emails) plus the right to distribute folders at our 2005 Conference were sold to them for the amount of 210 euro. The membership list will be used for leaflet mailing.

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