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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

In my first editorial as president of Euraslic, I would like to thank all previous presidents, Board officers, and members for their hard work to bring our association forward as the benchmarking group of aquatic information workers that it is today. A group like Euraslic only exists and lives through the people that care for it, and through the continuous efforts of its members.

As we are evidently focused on the whole European continent and all its waters, this implies that we need to closely follow the new political, economical, technical and scientific evolutions that are taking place in this 'Old World'. We must pay attention to the new member states of the European Union, and to the EU-candidate states. They have great expectations, and will be looking to associations like Euraslic to help. But we also need to look beyond the 'classic' EU-borders and include partners that have long been neglected in their needs for support. Euraslic is free of political, religious and social constraints, and has throughout its existence acted as a truly European platform for aquatic information management issues. Today, it continues this mission, and in this respect, I am very pleased to announce the first steps in the future creation of a European ODIN-network as part of the global IOC-initiatives in ocean data and information management networks. Euraslic will play a key role in the actual establishment of this ODIN-network, and for full details, I refer to the report on this topic in this newsletter.

By now, each member will have visited the new Euraslic website [www.euraslic.org](http://www.euraslic.org), completely redesigned to meet the needs of each of you from one central access point. The site is far from finished, and indeed it should be considered as an ongoing project, reflecting the evolutions taking place in Euraslic and in the aquatic information field. Therefore a lot of input is needed from you, the user of the website. Suggestions for improvement, new services, new content, important news for members: it's more than welcome, and you can easily post it through our new forum. In this newsletter, you will also find an short manual, explaining the various tools this forum offers to you.

Euraslic is involved in several ongoing and new projects (see: <http://193.191.129.135/projects.php> ). These projects are an important part of the services delivered by our community to its members, and I call upon all of you to contact us if you would like to participate in one of them, or if you have proposals for new ones. In this respect, I would specifically want to call on all members involved in the freshwater environment to give us input and ideas, or to give us an idea of specific issues to be addressed in freshwater information management.

Further one you will find a report on the Iamslic meeting that took place between 5-9 September 2004 in Hobart, Tasmania, and on the GEMIM-meeting organized back-to-back with this meeting. But I want to conclude this editorial with reminding you of the most important event for Euraslic in the coming year: the Euraslic XI Conference 4-6 May 2005 in Split, Croatia ( <http://nippur.irb.hr/euraslic/index.html> ). We will be pleased to receive as much members and potential members to this meeting as possible. Please consider attending our conference, as it is an excellent opportunity to meet with your colleagues from Europe. This conference – under the title Open Waters Open Sources - addresses the very important issue of open access to scientific information, and the various solutions addressing this problem. I hope to see you in lovely Split under a nice Mediterranean sun!

*Jan Haspesslagh, Euraslic President*

# EURASLIC 2005

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

## Open Waters - Open Sources

### Conference Website

<http://nippur.irb.hr/euraslic/index.html>

**EURASLIC** - the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres - is an independent, non-profit European interest group and a regional group of IAMSILIC - the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers.

**EURASLIC Conferences** are held every two years. The Conference brings together librarians and information specialists from aquatic libraries in research centres, universities, government agencies and the private sector in Europe and from countries in bordering regions, as well as representatives of international organisations. The Conference provides a valuable opportunity for the exchange of ideas and expertise, and experiences in the dissemination of the relevant information in that field.

This **11th Biennial EURASLIC Conference** will be held in Split, Croatia from May 4-6, 2005. The Conference Hosts are the **Ruder Boškovic Institute** and the **Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries**. The primary venue will be the Hotel Marjan, however the Workshop will take place at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries. The focus of this Conference will be **OPEN ACCESS**. In addition there will be country reports, discussion sessions, commercial presentations, exhibits and plenary and board meetings.

**You are invited to participate and to submit papers, reports and posters...**

CONFERENCE TOPIC: **Open Access, Open Archives and Open Sources for the Aquatic Sciences**

The Internet is changing the way of publishing. Dissemination of information is getting easier and the number of electronic journals is growing rapidly. In these conditions, the sea of information should promise a smooth sailing for the users, and yet this is not the case. Journal prices are higher than ever and at the same time libraries are being forced to cut their budgets. The business model offered by publishers dominates the market, however alternatives such as the open access model are starting to gain importance. Only the future will show which model will prevail. The 11th Euraslic Conference will present and discuss open access models, highlighting achievements to date in this domain.

### PROPOSED DISCUSSION SESSIONS:

- **ECET - European Countries in Economic Transition**
- **MedSIG - Mediterranean Interest Group**
- **Freshwater Libraries Group**
- **Proposal for an IOC funded European Information Network - ODIN Europe**

### WORKSHOP

A skills workshop will take place during the Conference at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (Split). The specific topic to be announced.

## REGIONAL, COUNTRY, INSTITUTION AND LIBRARY REPORTS

A regular feature of Euraslic Conferences are the reports provided by National Representatives. These reports are included in the published Proceedings and provide a valuable ongoing record of advances in aquatic information provision in Europe.

## COMMERCIAL PRESENTATIONS

Euraslic encourages library and information centre suppliers to attend and exhibit at Conference, and time is set aside for representatives of commercial organisations to present their products.

## EXHIBITORS

An area will be available, close to the Conference Room, for exhibits. Please contact the Conference organisers for further information.

### Types of Contributions:

**Papers:** e.g. research studies, project reports (15-30 minutes per presentation)

**Posters:** short graphic/virtual presentations on research, studies, advances, examples, practices or preliminary work. (5-10 minutes duration)

**Reports:** Regional, Country, Institution or Library Reports (5-10 minutes duration)

**Commercial Presentations:** (max: 30 mins)

### Deadlines for Submissions:

**Abstracts:** 31 January 2005  
Acceptance information (based on abstract) by: 20 February 2005

**Final Papers:** 31 March 2005

**Posters:** 31 January 2005  
Acceptance information by: 20 February 2005

**Reports:** 30 April 2005

### Conference Fees:

The Registration fee will include:

**Lunch on three days**  
**Ice-breaking party**  
**Conference Dinner**  
**Copy of Proceedings**

Early registration (until 31 March 2005)

Members: Euro 65.-

Non-members: Euro 100.-

Late registration (after 31 March 2005)

Members: Euro 70.-

Non-members: Euro 110.-

1-Day-Registration Fee:

Members: Euro 25.-

Non-members: Euro 30.-

1-Day-Registration Fee (including Conference Dinner):

Members: Euro 55.-

Non-members: Euro 60.-

### Accommodation:

Rooms have been reserved at the Conference Hotel for participants. Please contact the hotel directly to book accommodation and mention EURASLIC to ensure that you receive the Conference rate.

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Email: [info@hotel-marjan.split.hr](mailto:info@hotel-marjan.split.hr);

Web: <http://www.hotel-marjan.com/index2EN.html>

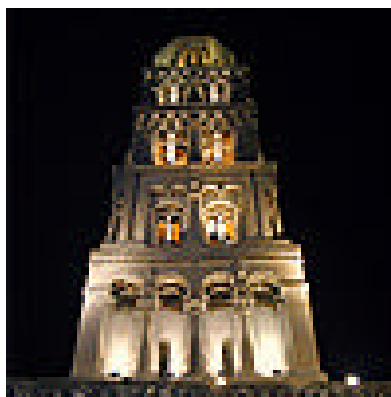
### Conference Organisers:

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# WELCOME TO SPLIT !

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Why choosing Split as a place for our EURASLIC meeting next year? We had more than one reason for that – let's mention just a few of them. The Adriatic sea will be a perfect background for the conference of "water" libraries. Our colleague Milica Vucemilovic from Library of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries in Split shares with us a big pile of the organizing tasks. And the city of Split itself with its rich history, lively spirit and beautiful surroundings will make sure that you spend a great couple of days in Croatia!

## **SPLIT ONCE...**

More than 1700 years ago, in the year 295 A.C., the Roman emperor Diocletianus (Diocletian) started to build his palace in the bay of Aspalathos on the Dalmatian coast, the land of his birth. After his abdication, he retired to the palace and spent there the rest of his life. After Diocletian's death the palace remained an imperial possession. Transformation of the palace into a town began in the 7th century, when the inhabitants of the nearby Salona (present-day Solin) took refuge within the walls of the palace during the invasion of Avars and Slavs.

In the 10th and 11th century Split came under the rule of Croatian kings. At the beginning of the 12th century it became a free (autonomous) town commune under the direct authority of the Hungaro-Croatian king (it was the case with many other towns in Dalmatia). In the beginning of the 15th century, the status of the free commune was replaced by Venetian administration, which lasted until the end of the 18th century.

In the nineteenth century, after a short period under French rule, the town fell under the Austro-Hungarian empire. After World War I, the role of Split as a cultural, administrative and economic centre became still greater, reflecting in the town expansion and large population influx.

After the Second World War, during which the town suffered from frequent air raids,

began the most dynamic development of Split in the economic and administrative centre of the Middle Dalmatian region.

## **... AND TODAY**

With about 200,000 inhabitants, Split is today the second largest town in Croatia. It is a university seat and host to numerous scientific institutions. Split's busy port has regular ferry services with the nearby islands and north and south Adriatic. The international airport and a new highway Zagreb-Split (still under construction, but with a large part already finished) provide good (inter)national travel connection. Split's economy is based largely on tourism, but also on developed industry and agriculture production in the surrounding areas.

The city of Split is situated in the warmest region of the northern Mediterranean coast, in the very centre of the Adriatic eastern coast. It is bordered by the small river Zrnovnica in the southeast and the river Jadro in the north. Its mild climate, with 2700 sunny hours per year, makes it a place where one can enjoy the sun even in wintertime. Split nourishes its "green soul" on the hill Marjan situated in the westernmost part of the peninsula. Its forested park infringed by the city and the sea offers pleasant walks away from the city noise under the pines by the sea.

The most important sight of the city is the already mentioned Diocletian's Palace. Today it is the heart of the inner city of Split. In 1979 UNESCO, in line with the international convention concerning the cultural and natural heritage, adopted a proposal that the historic Split inner city, built around the Palace, should be included in the register of the World Cultural Heritage. In addition, numerous museums, the National Theatre and old churches make Split an important cultural and tourist centre.

## SURROUNDINGS

Few cities can offer such variety of entertainment and excursions in their closest surroundings as Split. At the very entrance to the city there are ruins of the ancient Salona, once the capital of the Roman province Dalmatia and the biggest archaeological locality on the eastern Adriatic coast. Just a bit further away stands the town of Trogir, entered in the UNESCO register of the World Cultural Heritage. Trogir's two-millennium-old history is woven in modern life of this town-museum. North of Split, on the way to Sinj, rises the fortress of Klis. It was built to defend this region from the Turkish invasion. Having passed the fortress you enter the hinterland that offers the possibility to enjoy in riding, rafting and canoeing down the white waters of the Cetina River. Split is also a perfect start point for exploration of the coast and islands. If you set off to the sea, the routes will take you to Hvar, Brac, Vis or many other islands full of rich history and tradition as well as the unique beauty of nature.

This is just a short introduction to the city which will host our guests next May. If you make an effort and come, you will be able to see all this (and much more) by yourself. Come for the conference – your presence will help us make it a successful meeting; stay for an extra couple of days – you'll most certainly enjoy the sights and atmosphere of Split and Dalmatia!



## INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES, SPLIT

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The Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries in Split was founded in 1930 to become, nowadays, one of the biggest research institutions in the Adriatic region with the longest scientific tradition. Scientific approach to marine research is markedly interdisciplinary owing to its coverage of a variety of very complex studies of almost all the components of biological, chemical and physical oceanography along with sedimentology, fishery biology and aquaculture. The work of the Institute has been organized through ten research laboratories of which eight in Split and two in Dubrovnik. The Split unit houses an experimental hatchery plant whereas an experimental aquarium and the public one are parts of the Dubrovnik unit. The research vessel of the Institute «BIOS» is well equipped for oceanographic and fisheries research. The staff of the Institute now counts 110 persons of which 70 in the scientific unit and the rest working as technicians and administrative staff.



Basic scientific research is an essential orientation of the Institute. For this purpose three research programmes, including ten

topics, have been formulated. The general, long-term objectives of this research are to further the knowledge of the structure of diverse plant and animal populations in the Adriatic, as related to different abiotic and biotic factors, relevant for an equilibrium of the Adriatic ecosystem. It also takes into account the land-open sea interaction, so as to be able to recognize the likely changes affected by climate and human activities. The mechanisms of the basic effects of population dynamics, biology and ecology of marine organisms and particularly commercially important fish and edible invertebrate species (crustaceans and cephalopods) are studied to determine their maximum sustainable yield. Apart from basic scientific research, the Institute is engaged in a number of applied research activities to provide the scientific information required for environmental protection, aquaculture development and for the economy in general, which may, in addition, lead to their practical implementation.

The Institute has been developing international collaboration under different basis (with international organisations IOC, UNEP, CIESM, WMO, WHO, OECD, GFCM, international project and programs with Italy, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Norway, France, USA). The Institute is nominated for «focal point» FAO –ADRIAMED program.

International co-operation is closely connected with the publishing activity. The Institute has been issuing its scientific journal ACTA ADRIATICA ( [www.izor.hr/acta](http://www.izor.hr/acta) ) since 1932. It is currently exchanged with more than 350 national and international scientific publications.

Another activity, which should not be omitted is training and educational work. The organization and a graduate level teaching at the Department of marine science and maritime affairs of the University of Split has been entrusted to the Institute.

The Library of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries was established in 1930

( <http://www.izor.hr/library> ). First scientists of the Institute have been in charge of the book collection complementing with all scientific books from Oceanography and Fisheries. With the beginning of publishing of the journal "Acta Adriatica" in 1932, intensive exchange of periodical publications with the European countries as well as with the rest of the world has begun. A total of 116 titles received in 1938 had been registered. Since then, the number of issues has been increasing and becomes the most important segment of the library holdings which suite to all needs of the Institute scientists. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Euraslic-report on activities 2003-2004 at the IAMSlic Conference**

**Hobart, Tasmania 5-9 September 2004**

### **Euraslic Board**

Every two years, a new Euraslic Board is elected. In May of this year, following persons were appointed to form the new Euraslic-Board:

President: **Jan Haspeslagh**

Vice-president: **Maria Kalenchits**

Treasurer: **Agnès Massonneau**

Executive Secretary: **Snejina Bacheva**

Member Representatives: **Wencke Rickfelt Vadseth** and **Enrique Wulff-Barreiro**

Coopted non-voting members: **Joan Baron Varley**, **Barbara Schmidt**, **Sofia Goulala**, **Olga Akimova**, **Margaret Watts** and **Elisa Paavilainen**.

### **Conferences and publications**

The 11<sup>th</sup> **Biennial Conference of Euraslic, entitled Open Waters – Open Sources**, will be held 4-6 May 2005 in Split, Croatia (see: <http://nippur.irb.hr/euraslic/index.html>). The organizing institutes are the **Ruder Boskovic Institute Library (Zagreb, Croatia)** and the **Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries Library (Split and Dubrovnik, Croatia)**. The organizing committee comprises **Sofia Konjevic**, **Jadranka Stojanovski**, **Marina Mayer**, and **Milica Vucemilovic**. Preparations are at full speed now with sponsorship calls being started, and a first call for papers being launched this Fall. One of the dominant topics is the evolution in the Open Archives and the Open Access to Information domains. More specifically, the impact at the European marine information level will be addressed. We would like to send out a call to the IAMSlic community to consider attendance to this conference, because we feel this can only strengthen the bonds between the two communities.

The **Euraslic Newsletter** continues to be published twice a year, giving an overview of current Euraslic-activities and topics of interest. Where possible, special attention is given –per issue- to one specific European country or region, by inviting a guest editor from that country/region to contribute. Furthermore contributions from Euraslic members are also published in the IAMSlic

newsletter. We would like to call on the IAMSlic community that if they have news and topics of interest to European aquatic information workers, to communicate this information to the Euraslic Newsletter editor for inclusion in the next issue.

### **Projects**

Several projects are ongoing. For full details, reference is made to our web site, [www.euraslic.org](http://www.euraslic.org) where full description and status of the different projects can be found.

One specific project, the **Euraslic Directory project**, will reach its conclusion by the end of 2004. This project is funded by IAMSlic through their Special Grants program, for which the Euraslic Board expresses her gratitude.

The other current projects however are pending, due to very limited resources. Furthermore, we feel a new approach to project management will be necessary, especially regarding coordination between projects (e.g. avoiding to start up projects with very similar objectives), and regarding the fund-seeking processes. The Euraslic Board will take this up in the coming months, and will formulate terms of reference for Euraslic projects.

### **Website**

At the Kiel Conference in 2003, the Euraslic Board decided to grant a project to redesign the Euraslic website. It was soon felt necessary to completely renew the site, regarding content, lay-out and hosting. A web site committee formulated recommendations for content and lay-out, and these were implemented by a small task group at the new hosting institute (Flanders Marine Institute VLIZ, Belgium). In June 2004 the new site [www.euraslic.org](http://www.euraslic.org) was launched, receiving much appreciation from the start. A month later, a forum was added to the site. This forum will gradually replace the old Yahoo-groups application, that was mainly used as a platform for the Euraslic mailing-list. All information and services, including the mailing-list, from the Yahoo-group will be transferred to the new Euraslic-forum by the end of 2004, when this Yahoo-group will be definitely closed.

For the Euraslic Board

**Jan Haspeslagh, Euraslic President**

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## POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EURASLIC AND IOC: AN EASTERN-EUROPEAN OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION NETWORK

At the GEMIM-meeting in Hobart, TAS (Australia), I had the chance of introducing an agenda item on the problems of information management in Eastern Europe (see the full report on the meeting, page 30, and further, at: <http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/files.php?action=viewfile&fid=414&fcid=20>). The GEMIM-group gives advice to the IODE Committee during the IODE meetings. The GEMIM-group accepted to formulate a proposal for the establishment of a European ODIN-network to support marine information management, especially in the Eastern-European region. This proposal, that will be submitted in April 2005 at the IODE XVIII-meeting in Oostende, Belgium, must be based on detailed information, and therefore an assessment is needed of all possible needs in Eastern Europe regarding proper marine information management. Therefore, the GEMIM-group: *“recommended that national and regional needs assessments be undertaken in cooperation with EURASLIC (deadline: February 2005). The Group further requested the Eastern European IOC Member States, in collaboration with EURASLIC, to prepare a proposal for submission to IODE-XVIII (deadline: February 2005)”* (page 30 of the report, bottom paragraph).

The actual establishment of a European ODIN-network may be the most important thing that could happen to Eastern-European information workers, as has been proven before for the African continent (ODINAfrica), and the Caribbean region (ODINCARSA). Moreover, similar projects are being worked out today for other regions such as the Indian Ocean region (ODINCINDIO). To make the European proposal successful, Euraslic will need to activate its whole network, and especially the National Representatives. I will discuss the best procedures to follow with the Euraslic Board shortly, but almost all Euraslic members will be involved in this process in the coming weeks/months. More specifically you will be asked to formulate in detail all your needs in the field of information management, that are not supported (enough) today. As a first step, I invite you to consult the links listed below, to inform yourself on the structure and goals of ODIN-networks, and how such a network can support your activities. **Another thing that can be done, especially by Eastern-European members, is to get a**

**representative of their country on following list:**

[http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category\\_no=150](http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category_no=150). This list contains the names of official national coordinators in marine information management for IOC. Please get in touch with your national datacentre responsible (you can find this information on this list: <http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/contents.php?id=97>) and make them aware of the **IOC Circular Letter No. 2125**, where they are asked to propose a coordinator for marine information management in their country. These persons can then act as future contacts within the Eastern European ODIN-network.

If anything is not clear to you in this important matter, don't hesitate to contact the Euraslic Board, or your National Representative!

**Jan Haspeslagh**

Useful links:

What is IODE?

[http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category\\_no=52](http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category_no=52)

Information on the next IODE meeting

[http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category\\_no=96](http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category_no=96)

Examples of existing ODIN-networks

[http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category\\_no=7](http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/categories.php?category_no=7)

Report of the GEMIM-meeting 2004

<http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/files.php?action=viewfile&fid=414&fcid=20>



## ( VERY BASIC ) DESCRIPTION AND MANUAL FOR THE EURASLIC FORUM

The new Euraslic website hosts a forum application that serves as the primary communication tool for Euraslic members, Iamslic members and other persons interested in our activities. This forum completely replaces the former (privately owned and corporate funded) Yahoo-groups tool, from 1 November 2004 on.

The main reasons to transfer all communication services between Euraslic members to this forum were:

- the opportunity to host these services on an institutional server, thus providing stability for the future, easy archiving facilities, and very low cost maintenance (free hosting)
- the opportunity to get away from an environment driven by corporate interests, often causing possible conflicts with our non-commercial goals as an independent organization
- the availability of an open-source forum platform, that can be managed completely by Euraslic members, without interference from outside or from the software providers

Following manual briefly explains the several tools and possibilities of our new forum, and the procedures to follow when using the forum. If you experience problems or if you have any question regarding this Euraslic-forum, please contact the forum moderator Barbara Schmidt at [bschmidt@ifm-geomar.de](mailto:bschmidt@ifm-geomar.de).

The first step is to subscribe to the forum: go to [www.euraslic.org](http://www.euraslic.org), click the link **Forum** (<http://193.191.129.135/phpBB2/index.php>) in the right corner, and then click **Register**. It is important to register under your actual personal name in this way: **Surname, First name**. This will enable an alphabetical register of all subscribers to be displayed on the forum, and you will be identifiable for your colleagues. The server hosting this forum application is completely secured against malicious attacks from the net (hackers, spammers, etc.), so your personal information is secure within this environment. (Note: this was not the case in the former Yahoo-group, as several of our members have experienced!).

Once registered, you will have access to the (current) 3 subsets of the public Euraslic forum: **General, ILL Requests, and Membership Votings**. Please take some time

to explore these groups to see if there are any messages of interest to you.

For all these groups there are several possibilities to handle messages: **Read** a message, **Post Reply** to a message, start a **New Topic**.

- **Read** a message: simply click on the title of the message, and you will be able to read the full message
- **Post Reply** to a message: click this button to post a reply to that specific message. The author of the message will receive a notification of the reply, if he has indicated this facility in the original message (recommended!!)
- start a **New Topic**: click this button to post a new topic; you will have to choose one of the subsets before (General, ILL requests, Membership Votings) appropriate to your topic. Choose a short, but relevant title for your topic, write your text, and click the option **'Notify me when a reply is posted'**. When someone replies, you will be notified of this through email.

For urgent and/or important ILL (and other) requests we have slightly changed the original forum options. The main reason for this is that normally a forum member has to take the initiative to go to the forum, and read the messages, because you are not notified of new messages on the forum automatically! But for urgent questions the whole community has to be reached at once (as normally through a mailing list service). Therefore we have added following on the Euraslic website: go to [www.euraslic.org](http://www.euraslic.org), take the link **'Services'**, and then **'Mailing List'**. You will be presented with a forum message-form, where you can type in your message, request or question. There are two extra options provided here: **Recipients**, and **Destination Forum**.

- **Recipients**: choose a group from the pick list available. The message will be sent to all members of the chosen recipients group (e.g. 'All Euraslic-registered users': the message will be sent to ALL subscribers of the forum).
- **Destination Forum**: choose an option from the pick list available. A copy of the message will be posted in the subforum that has been chosen.

This facility replaces the old Euraslic mailing-list that was based on the Yahoo-group! I invite every member to start using this new

tool from today on. If you have a suggestion to enhance this tool with new subforums to post to (e.g. a subforum to post information on available duplicate material), I will be happy to receive your comment at [jan.haspeslagh@vliz.be](mailto:jan.haspeslagh@vliz.be)

There are special facilities for defined user groups within the forum (for Board members, for moderators and administrators), but these are of little relevance to the normal user of the forum. Useful additional information can be found under these links on top of each forum page: **FAQ**, **Search**, **Memberlist**, **Usergroups**, and **Profile**.

- **FAQ:** giving an overview of answers to the most common questions forum users have; a very good introduction that everyone should read
- **Search:** giving detailed search facilities through the various levels of the forum

- **Memberlist:** gives an overview of all subscribers, and can be sorted in various ways
- **Usergroups:** gives the list of all usergroups you are subscribed to as a forum user
- **Profile:** giving access to your profile, and the possibility to edit when logged in.

To conclude: anybody can become a member of the Euraslic forum (as before in the Yahoo-group). The forum moderator however takes the responsibility to delete membership of persons that would abuse the forum for any use not related to Euraslic and its activities. Any question regarding the use or improvement of this forum are welcomed by the moderator Barbara Schmidt, and by Jan Haspeslagh, Euraslic webmaster.

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## A SHORT NOTE ON THE STATUS OF THE CURRENT EURASLIC PROJECTS

The Euraslic Directory project ( <http://193.191.129.135/projects.php> ) is currently being managed, and the actual data being compiled, by our Secretary, Snejina Bacheva. She has finished a first version which we will review shortly. This project will eventually result in an online version, accessible through the Euraslic website. I believe that this Directory remains one of our most valuable products, and I am particularly honoured that the IMIS information system of the Flanders Marine Institute has been chosen as the hosting database for this version of the Directory. To make this project a real success, we will need contributions from all over the continent, so a second round of information gathering will be organized, targetting countries and persons that are not represented yet in the preliminary first version.

Through negotiations with the IOC Secretariat, we have been able to ensure the continuation of the ECET Union List of Serials Project ( <http://193.191.129.135/projects.php#union> ). Beginning of 2005, a working meeting, funded by IOC, will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, where Maria Kalenchits and her colleagues will agree on a detailed project proposal, describing how and on what platform the Union List will be made available, and a training session and technical consultation round for input staff. The ECET project will be put forward as a first initiative within the proposed European ODIN-network (read more on this elsewhere in this Newsletter).

The BLICOP Project ( <http://193.191.129.135/projects.php#blicop> ) has been paused for the moment, but there is hope at the horizon here as well. The Director of the new IODE project Office at Oostende, Belgium, Dr Vladimir Vladymyrov (see: <http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/contents.php?id=219> ) has agreed to support this project. More specifically, the project could be reformulated as a continuation and enhancement of an already completed initiative from a group of partners, united under the 'Blackseaweb' ( <http://www.blackseaweb.net/welcome.html> ). We are looking forward to this cooperation that will hopefully restart this important project for the Black Sea region.

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## NEWS FROM :



### **Polar Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography (PINRO)**

From October 4 - 8, 2004 the Leader of the Ukrainian ASFA network, Chief of the World Ocean Fishery Resources Department (YugNIRO, Kerch) Dr. Evgeny Romanov visited the Polar Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography (PINRO) Library in Murmansk, Russia. Dr. Romanov installed ASFISIS software on the library PC and instructed the library staff how to work with it. Thus, the PINRO Library has become the second centre after the Research Institute of the Azov Sea Fishery Problems (Rostov on Don) which cooperates with the

Russian National ASFA Partner VNIRO(Moscow) for entering PINRO literature records into the ASFA Database. The training was successful because PINRO library already worked with IRBIS software created in the Russian National Public Library of Science and Technology over the past two years. We hope this will speed up the entry of literature published by PINRO.

*Irina Merkina*

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