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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EURASLICers,

Time flies and we are already in the middle between conferences again. This last year has been very busy. We voted for a change in the bylaws and on two new honorary members: Pauline Simpson and Joan Baron Varley. I am glad that they will be able to stay members of EURASLIC and I hope they will continue to share their knowledge with us!

As you all know an organisation is only as good as its members. I am a bit worried about the quietness within our list and I would like to ask you to think about contributing more and therewith make EURASLIC a more lively and dynamic organisation!

Our website committee, for example, is collecting ideas how to reorganize the EURASLIC Website - so please give your thoughts to this - any ideas will be welcomed!!! (Thanks to the Committee members: Margaret Popow, Marie-Pascale Baligand, Marina Mayer and Jan Haspeslagh)

Our next conference will be a joined Conference with IAMSLIC. It will take place in Oostende, Belgium, September 27 - October 2, 2009. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the meeting and share your experience with us.

Finally I would like to remind you all to take the chance and vote for the new board! The election is still open until the 23rd of May - so please hurry up and vote!!! (You will find more information within this newsletter!) I want to take this opportunity to thank our nomination committee for their marvellous work: Sofija Konjevic, Nicole Momzikoff and Olena Mykhalechko.

Also I want to welcome all new members and express my hope that you all will share with us your experience, problems and ideas!

I wish us all a successful election, a wonderful summer and more lively discussions and information exchange!

Barbara Schmidt

Executive Board
1 March 2007 - 30 April 2008

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH NEW HONORARY MEMBERS OF EURASLIC



Joan Baron Varley has a First Class Honours Degree in Information and Library Studies from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and more than 25 years experience in the library and information sector, working for 21 years at the University of Portsmouth, the last 11 years managing the library and information resources at the Centre for the Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources (CEMARE). Joan has been actively involved in various aquatic networks including the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) network of coordinating centres; the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC); and the European Association of Aquatic Science Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC), serving as President of EURASLIC from 2000 - 2004. Following involvement in several smaller FAO projects, Joan joined the oneFish Team in December 1999 during the early stages of development of the CDS system as Chief Editor and Information Manager of oneFish.



Pauline Simpson is consultant, Digital Repositories at the National Oceanography Centre, University of Southampton Waterfront Campus, UK. Until Nov 2006, Pauline Simpson was Head of Information Services at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton, a jointly funded venture between the University of Southampton and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). She had responsibility for the National Oceanographic Library, the Marine Information and Advisory Service (a commercial service), Archives and Scientific Output Information for the Centre. She was also Head of the University Engineering Science and Mathematics Faculty Library Services. In addition she was Head of Libraries for NERC covering 6 research centres the UK. Pauline is active in the information profession at a national and international level, including the Unesco Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Group of Experts on Marine Information Management where she has been involved in the capacity building of marine science information centres in developing countries designing and presenting marine information management training courses for the Ocean Data and Information Networks and the implementation of a national thematic repository (OceanDocs). She was a partner in two EU Libraries Programme Projects: DALI and UNIVERSE and as Project Manager of the UK JISC TARDIS Project 2002-2005 successfully guided the Institutional Repository to become a University funded service supporting the RAE exercise. The link with repositories continued as a partner in two JISC Projects, GRADE (Scoping Geospatial Repositories) and CLADDIER (Citation, Location and Deposition in Discipline and Institutional Repositories - linking datasets and full text). She is now involved in the implementation of a Funding Agency repository and a thematic repository in Aquatic sciences. She regularly gives conference presentations on key information-related topics particularly concerning digital repositories.



Website Committee Report

For some months we have been discussing the important matters that should be changed on the website of EURASLIC.

They are, as follows:

- We need a kind of "intro" with sea, ocean, a map, etc.
- The information of "about us" and "home" is just the same. We should change it. Text from Home should be transferred to About us / What is EURASLIC. More official EURASLIC documents, like minutes from various meetings, etc. (besides existing bylaws) should be put on this page, visible only to members.
- The data of members are not actual. The same we have in a part "members" and "EURASLIC directory". Members should be able to update their data by themselves, when logging in as members. We need to decide exactly which information will be available in Members (visible to all), and which in Members full contact. Besides those two, we also have EURASLIC directory. That might be confusing.
- We do not know why we have Algeria and Tunisia. Are they European?!
- The part of conferences is not actual, so isn't Proceedings.
- We should updated the history of our organization. The date placed under the first picture is not correct. Document "The history of EURASLIC" is interesting, but only visible to members. why isn't it public?
- ECET should be in a part "services". The page of ECET is not actual. There should be a link to ODINECET pages! and a short description of ODINECET.
- We can change "news" into "publications". Newsletter we should put in Publications in Activities. Or have separate category for Publications? News can be a separate part with real news, fresh announcements of all kind etc.
- Instead of "how to join" we can put "membership".
- Bylaws should also be translated into German, Spanish and Russian. Maybe we should consider a multilingual web? The amount of text is not so big for translation.
- What are Joint activities under Activities?
- Add "Ask EURASLIC" button for questions of all sorts.
- Visible date of last updating would be good.
- A "reference" page with useful links would be good.
- Our forum is questionable. Forums should be for discussions, but it is only used for putting posts on. Posts are read a lot, but not answered at all. Mailing list is more effective. We need some "modern" tool for exchanging ideas. Maybe people should be reminded to use our forum more, to point out its benefits, what could it be used for, how to use it. An email about that sent to the mailing-list should be written.

I am very grateful to everyone who has helped to collect the ideas, especially I would like to thank Marina Mayer for her valuable comments.

*Margaret Grabowska-Popow
Sea Fisheries Institute*

ODINECET Training Course on Marine Information Management (Advanced level)



This Training course is a continuation of intended instruction within the framework of the ODINECET project. The Training Course was attended by 13 participants from 7 countries - Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Ukraine. Training staff included two previously trained ODINECET instructors and several lecturers from Belgium and the USA who are part of the IOC OceanTeacher and Oceandocs projects.

The course was sponsored and hosted by the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE in Oostende, Belgium, 19-23 November, 2007.

During the training course in Ukraine the ODINECET group decided to explore the creation of a regional electronic document repository or participate in an established electronic repository, such as OceanDocs.

As a result of this decision the main topics of November, 2007 training were devoted to the theoretical and practical steps in the creation of an electronic document repository. Other advanced topics on marine information/data partnering, current integrated library systems, and historical ecology/data mining and graphics were also presented.

The ODINECET Central and Eastern Europe Marine Repository (CEEMaR) has already been developed on the technical base of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas and is ready for use.

On behalf of the trainees I would like to express our gratitude to the invited lecturers Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Marc Goovaerts, Jan Haspeslagh and particularly to Linda Pikula who helped us with programming and was a guardian of our ODINECET project.



*Olga Akimova
ODINECET project coordinator*

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## Second Intermediate EURASLIC Executive Board Meeting 18 February, 2008, Institut océanographique, Paris, France



Board members present: Barbara Schmidt, Bart Goosens, Jan Haspeslagh, Agnès Massonneau, Linda Noble, Enrique Wulff-Barreiro, Snejina Bacheva. Hostess and observer - Nicole Momzikoff.

Items discussed: EURASLIC members, treasurer's post, discussion on changes in the bylaws, secretary's, equipment grant, ideas how to get EURASLIC members become more active, honorary members, participation in Z39.50, ideas for more activities, joint IAMSILIC/EURASLIC Conference 2009.

The decisions taken included: voting on a change in the Bylaws ( instead of the old text: "Elections shall be by printed ballot mailed to each Association member thirty (30) days before the EURASLIC Business Meeting or date of election;" the changed text would be: "Elections shall be by electronic mail mailed to each Association member thirty (30) days before the EURASLIC Business Meeting or date of election;") and honorary membership; preparation of a special welcome letter for the new members; to support projects instead of awarding equipment grants; from 2009 the Secretary's job will be performed on volunteer's principle; participation of EURASLIC libraries in Z39.50; change of period for the Board (the board elected this spring will be on duty till shortly before the joint conference in autumn 2009).

*Snejina Bacheva  
Institute of Oceanology*

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OMER 2008

Martine Fiorini from L'Observatoire Océanologique de Villefranche sur Mer welcomed the French group OMER on 20–21 March, 2008. It was the 25th meeting of the French group of librarians and documentalists in marine and freshwater science (many of them are members of EURASLIC and IAMSLIC).

The meeting gathered 40 librarians from a lot of French institutes. It was an opportunity

for exchanges concerning open archives, Aquatic project and so on . We have also discovered CSA Illustrata.

Villefranche sur Mer is located on The French Riviera (Côte d'Azur), south-eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea . It's a wonderful place to discover.

These two nice days were very profitable for everybody .

*Marie Pascale BALIGAND
CEMAGREF*

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## Open House of Rudjer Boskovic Institute

From April 24 until April 26 Rudjer Boskovic Institute opens its doors for the third time to the public. There were 16 spots opened to visitors. Since Rudjer Boskovic Institute is the largest Croatian interdisciplinary institute in the field of science the public was able to see diverse presentations from atomic nuclei to cosmic rays. These 16 spots were divided in 4 tours (A, B, C, D):

### Tour A

- Modern tailors of materials
- Scanning electronic microscope - glimpse into the "invisible world"
- How nanocrystals shine
- Voyage to the past

### Tour B

- Everyday use of organic chemistry
- Atomic nuclei - small magnets
- Sea nanoworld
- Meet the bacteria resistant to radiation

### Tour C

- Spectroscopy - from ecology to forensics
- The wonderful world of molecules and crystals
- Attention! You are bombarded by cosmic rays!
- How one reads DNA

## Tour D

- Alice in the Infoland
- Do your urinary calculi have the same composition as your pet's
- Nuclear physics and accelerators: from atomic nuclei to stars
- Fitting the puzzle pieces together - a new approach to the therapy

Library also took active participation in Open House at the spot Alice in the Infoland. Alice, White rabbit, Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat and other characters from Alice in the Wonderland found themselves lost in the land of information. Relevant information sources like databases, electronic journals, electronic books were presented to the general public, as well as educational web pages for school children and educational computer games for the youngest. The most attractive was the Penguin worried about global warming and safety of his family. His return to the family in danger made visitors very sad.



More than 4200 visitors visited Institute. The majority were school children from 76 Croatian schools. Among the visitors were also students, diplomats, business partners, general public. This kind of manifestation is very important for the promotion of the Institute and promotion of science as well. Perhaps thanks to Open House some of the scholars will choose science as a future profession.

*Sofija Konjevic  
Rudjer Boskovic Institute*

## ON THE WEB

Access to e-journals through the



Paris, FRANCE - February 22, 2008 - EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently joined forces with Hasselt University Library, Belgium, and the IODE (International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange) programme of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC) to develop a global Open Science Directory. <http://www.opensciencedirectory.net>

The Open Science Directory, which utilizes EBSCO's A-to-Z® locator product to provide access to useful scientific information needed in many of the world's developing nations, has originally been developed by EBSCO and Hasselt University Library based upon a request by marine information management experts collaborating within the framework of the IOC's IODE programme. Available via the Internet at no charge, the Open Science Directory provides developing regions a comprehensive search tool for all open access and special program journal titles. Designed to enhance access to these collections by providing direct links to journals and articles in the EBSCO A-to-Z title database, the Open Science Directory offers immediate access to approximately 13,000 scientific journal titles, with an objective of 20,000 titles midway through development. Among the main open access collections in the Open Science Directory are DOAJ, BioMed Central, HighWire Press and PubMed Central, and special programs HINARI, AGORA and OARE. INASP-PERI and eJDS will be added in the near future.

Read more on <http://www.iode.org/osd>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **IAMSLIC: Sustainability in a Changing Climate**

*The 34th IAMSLIC Annual Conference*

*September 14-18, 2008*

*Suva, Fiji*



The 34th Annual IAMSLIC Conference will be held September 14th - 18th in Suva, Fiji. The theme for this year conference is ***Sustainability in a Changing Climate***. This theme applies both to the physical climatic changes that are occurring worldwide, and to the climate we experience in our libraries and information centers. The host will be the [University of the South Pacific](http://www.usp.ac.fj/) in Suva. For more information please visit the conference webpage:

<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=180>

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2nd Joint IAMSLIC/EURASLIC Conference

27 September – 2 October 2009, Oostende, Belgium

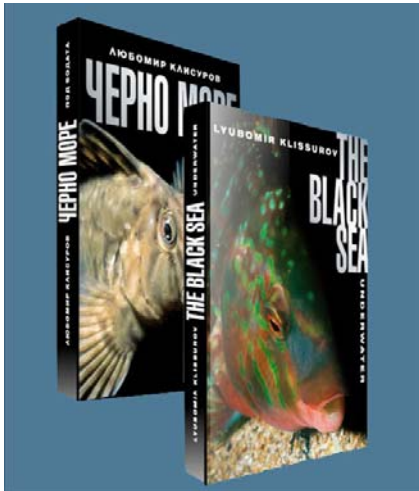
We have been able to fix the dates for the 2009 joint meeting of IAMSLIC and EURASLIC. This event will take place from 27 September to 2 October 2009 in Oostende, Belgium. It is a nice coincidence that this will be one of the first activities precluding our events program in October-November 2009 for the 10th anniversary of the Flanders Marine Institute! We will closely cooperate with the IODE Project Office for IOC who will provide us with meeting facilities and other support.

Looking forward to a well attended and memorable meeting with you all!

*Jan Haspeslagh
Flanders Marine Institute*



NEW PUBLICATIONS



The BLACK SEA Underwater

by Lyubomir Klissurov (<http://klissurov.dir.bg/>)

Hardcover: 232 pages

Publisher: Stalker Holding; First edition (May 2008) in Bulgarian and English languages.

Printing House: Passat Press

Bulgarian: ISBN: 954 9768183 ; English: ISBN: 954 9768190

Album Dimensions: 31.5 x 24.5 x 2.4 cm

A part of the author's vast collection of Black Sea underwater photographs is gathered in his new album and demonstrates the region's wealth of flora and fauna. Some of these photographs are unprecedented: in 1986 and 1997 Mr.

Klissurov recorded for the first time two newcomers in the Black Sea waters - the ctenophores *Mnemiopsis Leidyi* and *Beroe ovata*. Also, in 2004-2006 he was the first to photograph mutated specimens of the hermit crab *Clibanarius erythropus* and *Diogenes varians* that had taken up residence in shells of a *Rapana* snail.

Also valuable are the author's picturesque, first-hand descriptions of his adventures while shooting of these photographs. His insights into the behavior of the region's underwater inhabitants are both engaging and profound. The photographs and accompanying commentary that is Mr. Klissurov's photo album of the underwater life in the Black Sea provides readers with a feast for the eyes and serious food for thought.

The album is published in two editions - Bulgarian and English and contains 248 photographs of more than 90 Black Sea species.

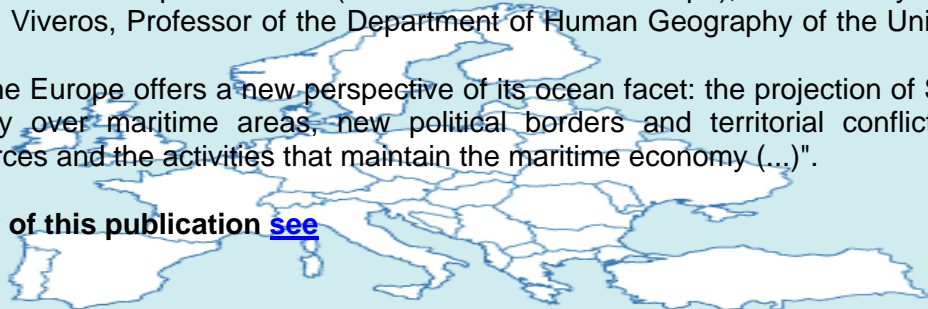
For more information on this publication contact the author: klisurov@ultranet.bg

Atlas of Maritime Europe

The publication "Atlas de la Europa Marítima" (Atlas of the Maritime Europe), was recently release by Juan Luis Suarez Viveros, Professor of the Department of Human Geography of the University of Seville.

"The Atlas of Maritime Europe offers a new perspective of its ocean facet: the projection of States, territorial sovereignty over maritime areas, new political borders and territorial conflicts, the exploitation of resources and the activities that maintain the maritime economy (...)"

To consult the flyer of this publication [see](#)



EURASLIC WELCOME LETTER

(Russian and Bulgarian version also available)



Dear new EURASLIC Member,

On behalf of the EURASLIC Board and all our members, I welcome you to our organization. I am delighted that you have joined us and looking forward to contributing to your development as an information professional.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many resources, services and networking opportunities afforded to members of EURASLIC.

Please visit the EURASLIC website at www.euraslic.org. This site provides general information about the organization.

As a EURASLIC member you will benefit from the following services:

- Euraslic Newsletter <http://www.euraslic.org/news.php#newsletter.php>
- EURASLIC Forum <http://www.euraslic.org/phpBB2/index.php>
- EURASLIC MEETINGS <http://www.euraslic.org/conferences.php>
- ANNUAL EQUIPMENT GRANTS <http://www.euraslic.org/annualequipment.php>
- ILL REQUESTS service
- Access to special interest groups, including, Eastern European Countries in Economic Transition group, and the Mediterranean Network of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centres

EURASLIC meets every two years at its Biennial Conference. The next meeting will be a combined EURASLIC/IAMSLIC Conference that will take place in Oostende, Belgium, September 27 - October 2, 2009

As a EURASLIC member you automatically become a member of IAMSLIC and therefore will also benefit from the following services:

- IAMSLIC Z39.50 Distributed Library <http://library.csumb.edu/iamslic/ill/index.php>
- AQUATIC COMMONS <http://aquacomm.fcla.edu/cgi/users/home>
- ANNUAL CONFERENCES <http://www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=25>
- IAMSLIC LISTSERV
- IAMSLIC WEBSITE www.iamslic.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Bart Goossens

EURASLIC Vice-President

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