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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members,

It's been two years since our last conference in Split and although it seems just like yesterday so much has happened in the meantime.

The marine science libraries of the world have moved together even more not only due to the rapidly developing electronic world but also because of closer international cooperation.

As an external indicator of that change EURASLIC closed ranks with other regional groups of marine sciences libraries. IAMSLIC now stands for an international organization which joins together almost all marine sciences libraries all over the world!

This closing ranks with IAMSLIC will have several benefits for all EURASLIC members. You can find out more about this within this newsletter.

In a rapidly changing world our two latest presidents have been caught up in a whirlwind of change. Jan Haspeslagh had to resign because his institute was restructured. Maria Kalenchits hit the jackpot and is moving 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.

We are all busy with preparations for our next conference which will be held from the 2-4 May 2007 in "Krimskoe Primor'e", Crimea, Ukraine.

The title of the conference is : **FROM TREASURES OF THE SEAS – TO TREASURES OF THE LIBRARIES** and it will forge a bridge between old, rare books and the new digital world.

I know that Olga Akimova is doing a wonderful job. Those who have not yet done so, should definitely have a look at the website of the [conference](#) – it will make your mouth water...

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and I wish everyone a safe journey!

Barbara Schmidt

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

From treasures of the seas - to treasures of the library

CONFERENCE UPDATE

At the 11th EURASLIC Conference in Croatia it was decided to hold the 12th conference in Ukraine. Despite routine difficulties met in organizing the forthcoming conference, we are eager to complete the preparations in the best possible way.

The registration fee of 35 *Euro* is reasonably tolerable and therefore permits to invite more participants from Russia and Ukraine and to enlarge the number of participating marine libraries. The membership dues of 20 *Euro* offered to ECET countries is another factor that stimulates greater influx of new members from Russia and Ukraine and their willingness to join our Association. About half of the participants put on the conference list are from Russia and Ukraine. Inasmuch as the knowledge of English is often insufficient, the conference reports will be translated into Russian.



The Conference will be held in the resort hotel **Krymskoye Primoriye** located in 15-20-minute walk from Biostation of Karadag nature reserve. On the first day, the second session will be held in Karadag Nature Reserve. The programme includes the trained dolphin show, excursion to the museum of Karadag flora and fauna, acquaintance with the rare and valuable book stock and, finally, light supper in a cafe.

On April 16th the final version of the conference programme will be presented. The submitted reports cover diverse aspects – marine library optimum structure and functioning, the available rare and valuable book stocks, the software for reviewing the stock through Internet. Several reports specially focus on keeping e-repositories. The original Ukrainian E-prints and DSpace programmes will be submitted. The report "Libraries supporting e-Science: combining cultures" to be made by Pauline Simpson is expected to be captivating - as always.

It is regrettable that the number of Country Reports is not as large as we would like.

Excursion on 5th May: do not miss the opportunity!

Karadag mounts



During the 4-hour excursion tourists go the mount up and down; the route is not difficult and admits any age and health group. For safety climbers should have a pair of sports shoes! After the descent to village Koktebel the tourists make a visit to a wine cellar for tasting of famous Crimean wines and dine in a café. Return by bus.

Karadag seen from a boat



Welcome aboard a boat - the excursion takes 40-45 minutes. You will see how Karadag looks when approached by sea and then you will land in village Koktebel. Terrestrial part of the route offers short visits to the house of Maximilian Voloshin, the Russian artist famous for the series of watercolours capturing the magical and romantic views of Karadag and Koktebel, then to the wine cellar and to a café. Return by bus.

**Olga Akimova,
IBSS, Sevastopol**

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

At the last Iamslic conference in October 2006, the Iamslic Membership approved an Implementation Plan that redefines the structure, procedures and financial management for the Regional Groups of Iamslic. Euraslic, being one of these regional groups, has been closely involved from the start of the negotiations that have led to this Implementation Plan.

What's new now for the Euraslic member? The most visible changes are the abolishment of the combined Euraslic/Iamslic membership, and the equal membership dues for each member, regardless from what Regional Group. This means following:

- Each person/institute that wishes to become Euraslic member will automatically also become Iamslic member
- The membership dues per person/institute will be set at 50 euros (normal tariff) or 20 euros (reduced tariff for members with reduced resources, formerly called 'developing'); for the current combined Euraslic/Iamslic members this means a reduction from 65 to 50 euros.

Euraslic is currently the only Regional Group with an own Treasury. This will of course remain as such, but there are some changes in the way your membership money is handled and distributed. 30 % of the membership revenues will be transferred to the Iamslic treasury, where this money will be used for the overall management of the organisation –for the benefit of each member, including ourselves, e.g. the Aquatic Commons Project, the further development of the z39.50 catalogue, etc.- and part of it will be allocated to the support of the 2 Iamslic Grant cycles (see further). The remaining 70 % of the membership dues remain in our own treasury and are used to support the overall activities and projects of Euraslic as the independent European interest group for aquatic libraries.

How is part of the 30% Euraslic money that goes to the Iamslic grant cycles allocated? The cycle in itself has changed since this year 2007 and consists of:

- Grant Cycle One: Proposals for special projects accepted from members not affiliated with regional groups.
- Grant Cycle Two: Travel grants for the annual cycle will be announced if funds are available.

Especially for Grant Cycle Two, we will have to be proactive to submit proposals for Euraslic-members to enable our colleagues to also take part in the Iamslic conferences, besides the Euraslic conferences.

The salient points to remember are following:

- Each regional group member worldwide will pay the same membership due and will have the same rights, benefits and support from Iamslic.
- Part of the money transferred to Iamslic is allocated to activities for the benefit of all members, part will be used to support individual members to attend Iamslic conferences.
- Each regional group has a much stronger responsibility to use its membership revenues for regional projects, meetings etc; the regional groups will therefore need to take more initiatives in that direction.

A last important remark: this new way of working is in a pilot phase and will be evaluated at the 2008 Iamslic conference.

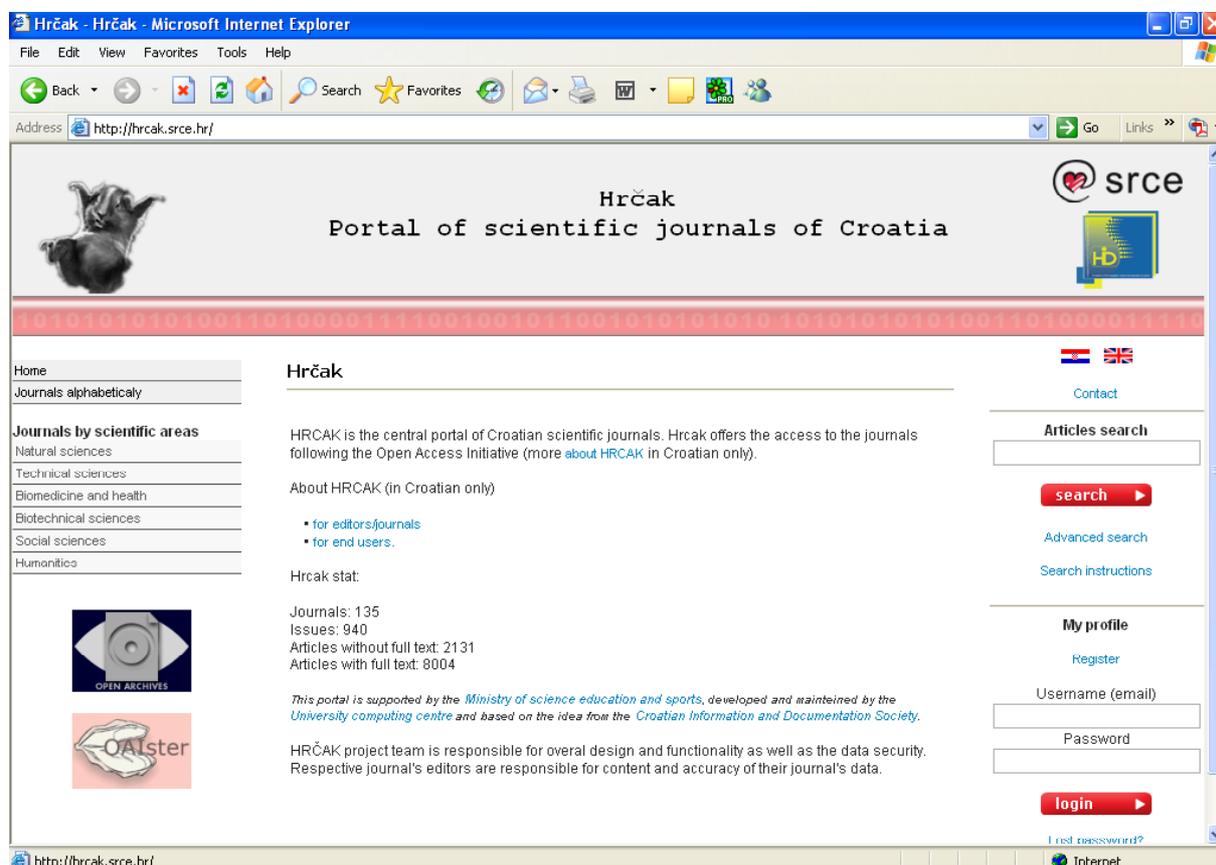
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HRČAK

Open access portal for Croatian scientific journals

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HRCAK (<http://hrcak.srce.hr/>) is name for the central portal of Croatian scientific and professional journals. HRCAK started in 2003. as initiative of Croatian Information and Documentation Society (CIDS), with support of Croatian library association, Croatian information technology society and more than thirty scientific journals editorial boards. CIDS designing project was sent to University computing centre (SRCE) for development and maintenance. Portal is supported by the Ministry of science education and sports of Croatia. Even there was some good examples of Croatian electronic scientific journals such as Croatian Medical Journal, Chemistry in industry, Journal of Computing and Information Technology..., majority of Croatian scientific print journals didn't have full developed electronic version. In order to help small publisher (mostly societies and associations) to publish their electronic counterparts, project Hrčak is initiated. Hrčak offers software solution, technical [maintenance](#) and costless electronic publishing. Scientific journals that already have electronic version are registered in Hrčak too. The project is based on Open Access Initiative, and metadata are compatible with Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) which enables interoperability between similar databases and also between HRČAK and Croatian Scientific Bibliography (CROSBI). The portal is indexed by Library of Congress page Portals of the world. It is searchable through OISTER, Google, Google Scholar, Scientific Commons... At the moment there are 135 journals in the database. Journals can be browsed by an A-Z list, according to scientific field or searched. Journal administrator is responsible for promptness of data. The portal has Croatian and English searching interface. It is planned to implement open source software for editorial process like OJS (Open Journal System) which will make editorial and publishing process easier. One of the main goals of the project is to collect all Croatian scientific journals at one portal enhancing their visibility and supporting at the same time open access to scientific articles.

EURASLIC Equipment Grants 2006

In 2006 the Euraslic Board set aside 2800 euros for the Annual Equipment Grant Cycle and received three applications totalling 1920 euros. The remaining amount of 880 euro was returned in the Euraslic Treasury as support money for attendance of the Euraslic Conference in Ukraine 2007.

Here are the short reports of the grant recipients:

Poland



Dear Friends,

In 2006 my Institute (**Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia**) got a grant of 500 euros. I would like to inform EURASLIC that this sum is a part of money for which we got a new computer set. Our new computer set costs about 800 euros.

Some data: PIV 3,6 GHz, 1 GB RAM, 250 GB SATA hdd, DVD+/-RW DL, Gigabyte Radeon X600Pro, 128MB DDR, TV&DVI, PCI-E, Logitech #BT608DG4222, True Touch no serial (mouse).

Now, our computer is located in the library. We also got a new LCD monitor SyncMaster 713BM.

I am very grateful to the EURASLIC Board for this grant as the new computer set has made our work quicker and more efficient.

*Margaret Popow
SFI, Gdynia*

Russia



The Research Institute of Azov Sea Fishery Problems (AzNIIRKH) was awarded a grant of 770 euros in 2006. The money was spent as follows:

Computer IMANGO Flex 420 W; 17" Samsung SyncMaster 720N (VKS TFT) liquid-crystal monitor; A4-TECH BW-35 <PS/2> optical mouse; GENIUS KB-06X <Ergo, PS/2> keyboard; PowerCom IMP 525 AP power supply unit; Defender ES surge filter; Samsung Laser Jet ML-2570 <A4>; USB04-06 A---B USB 2.0 (1.8 m) cable. All this equipment costs 727.43 euros. Twenty euros were paid earlier for the

EURASLIC membership fee, and banking services took the rest. So we have managed to use all the sum.

*Marina Artemova
AzNIIRKH, Rostov-on-Don*

Bulgaria



The Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture received 650 euros grant in 2006.

It was used to provide the library with a personal computer, scanner, printer and Xerox (technical data as given in the application form). Institute's staff wishes to express its gratitude for the support given by the Euraslic Board.

*Tsvetanka Kaneva
IFA, Varna*

Past Event

First Intermediate EURASLIC Executive Board Meeting 18 September, 2006, Institut océanographique, Paris, France



The meeting was organized on the initiative of our former President, Jan Haspeslagh and supported by the kind hospitality of our Honorary Member, Nicole Momzikoff.

Board Members Present: Jan Haspeslagh , Maria Kalenchits , Agnès Massonneau, Sofia Goulala, Margaret Watts, Enrique Wulff-Barreiro and Snejina Bacheva. Hostess and observer - Nicole Momzikoff.

Items discussed: Euraslic opinion on the current "Implementation Plan for the Regional Group Proposal" tabled to be discussed and possibly agreed upon during the Iamslic Board and Business meetings in Portland, Oregon, October 2006; Assessment of current activities within Euraslic (ODINECET, MEDSIG Directory), future developments of these and other projects;

Assessment of the Euraslic Treasury, financial prospects for the coming years ; Euraslic Conference 2007 in Ukraine: status and organisation .

Snejina Bacheva

Announcement



As of 1 January 2007 **The Danish Institute for Fisheries Research** has merged with the Technical University of Denmark, Risø National Laboratory, the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, the Danish National Space Centre and the Danish Transport Research Institute. The Technical University of Denmark (DTU) is the continuing unit. More information on www.detnyedtu.dk

Jennifer Oakley

ON THE WEB

Closing the Net - www.closingthenet.info
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is a serious global problem. In 2003 a small group of fisheries Ministers and directors-general of international conservation organisations established the High Seas Task Force, with the aim of providing additional impetus to existing initiatives. After two years' work by a wide range of international legal, scientific, economic and enforcement experts the High Seas Task Force identified a number of specific recommendations designed to expose IUU fishing activities, deter them and improve enforcement against those responsible. These initiatives, and the projects to implement them, are being taken forward by international partners.

www.closingthenet.info is promoting the projects and activities initiated and taken forward by the High Seas Task Force and like-minded partners.



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UP COMING EVENTS

REGIONAL MIM TRAINING COURSE FOR UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN AQUATIC LIBRARIANS

7-9th May 2007, "Krimskoe Primore", Crimea, Ukraine



In the work frames of the **ODINECET** pilot project (Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic transition) the **First Regional Training Course in Marine Information Management (MIM)** will be organized back-to-back with the EURASLIC 12 Conference 7-9 May 2007 for 10-12 aquatic librarians from **Ukraine and Russia**.

The working language of the training session will be **Russian** to enable the participation of aquatic librarians with insufficient English knowledge.

The **Programme** of the training course will include the basic knowledge on MIM as well as up-to-date working experience of some aquatic libraries. Special attention will be paid to creating and management of the institutional e-repositories.

Transport and accommodation (including meal) costs of participants of the training will be covered by IOC IODE. However, in order to participate in the EURASLIC Conference the selected trainees have 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



Biodiversity and climate change - where oceanography meets terrestrial ecology.

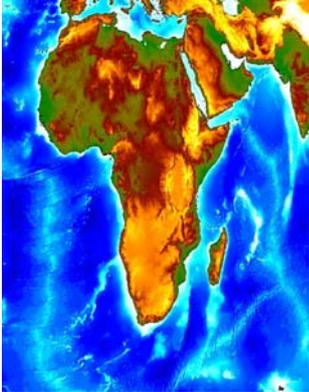
Terrestrial and marine ecology face similar environmental problems that affect ecosystems globally. These problems can be summarized as: How do organisms react to global climate changes, and how does this impact the biodiversity and functioning of ecosystems? Because it is necessary to find solutions quickly to many of these problems, it is crucial that scientists working on marine and terrestrial ecosystems meet and share their mutual expertise. In this context, **the Arago Laboratory organizes the 32nd annual meeting of the French Oceanographic Society, in Banyuls sur Mer, from 24 to 27 September 2007.**

Information and Registration @ <http://www.obs-banyuls.fr/UOF/>

Marie-Thérèse Panouse

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Ostend/Paris/Nairobi, 23 February 2007.



The first African Marine Atlas was officially launched on 23 February, 2007 at the Project Office of the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) in Ostend, Belgium. The Atlas was developed by the Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa (ODINAFRICA) with support from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's (IOC) of UNESCO and the Government of Flanders, Belgium. The occasion was presided over by the IODE Programme Coordinator, Mr Peter Pissierssens, the Head of the IODE Project Office Dr. Vladimir Vladymyrov, representatives of key National Oceanographic Data and Information Centres (NODCs) in Africa and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The African Marine Atlas can be accessed at <http://iodeweb2.vliz.be/omap/OMAP/index.htm> and provides substantial maps, images, data and information to coastal resource managers, planners and decision-makers from various administrative institutions and specialized agencies in Africa. The Atlas will be of immense benefit to national institutions and a variety of users such as environmentalists, local administrators, park managers, scientific community, fishing cooperatives, tourists, hotel keepers, teachers, NGOs, the general public, and any other interested persons. It has over 800 downloadable data products derived from the fields of marine geo-sphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, biosphere, geopolitical and the human socio-economic dimensions.

The Atlas indicates areas of intense use along the coastline requiring careful management and provides potential foresight on likely consequences of specific decisions. Further, the Atlas indicates gaps in knowledge and information base, where additional efforts may be directed. The Atlas will also act in other ways as a guide to recreational opportunities and tourist attractions.

In developing the Atlas, the main objective was to collate available geospatial datasets and information on the marine environment and to summarize it into an African Marine Atlas suite.

The website product is one of a set of Marine Atlas suites that will include web data services, web mapping and an Atlas publication when completed.

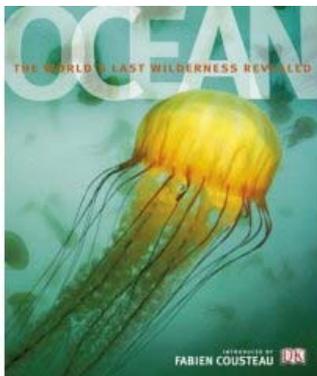
The Atlas was realized after nine months of intensive work by a team of 16 marine scientists and GIS experts from NODC's in Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, and Tanzania. International ocean data experts provided key inputs in data analysis. It is based on an extensive survey of coastal and marine data needs undertaken in early 2006 in all the countries participating in ODINAFRICA.

Primary partners in this project were the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the African Coelecanth Ecosystem Programme (ACEP). UNEP will develop a clearinghouse and information system on coastal and marine resources of Eastern Africa from the regional atlas. The Atlas has brought great benefits to participating national institutions and Africa as a whole, by encouraging scientists to work together, learn new techniques, and build teams that will continue to regularly update the Atlas with national and local scale data sets.

OCEAN

The World's Last Wilderness Revealed

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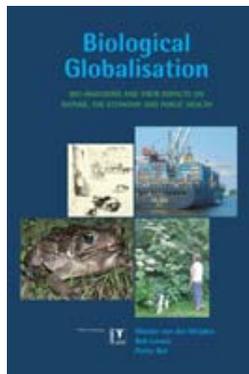
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Explore the last wilderness left on Earth. From mangrove swamp to ocean floor, mollusc to manatee, Atlantic Conveyor to Hurricane Katrina, unravel the mysteries of the sea. Marvel at the oceans' power and importance to our planet - as the birthplace of life on Earth, a crucial element of our climate, and as a vital but increasingly fragile resource for humans. You will discover every aspect - from the geology of the sea floor and the interaction between the ocean's and atmosphere - to the extraordinary diversity of marine life. Dive in for an awe-inspiring view of a world few of us have experienced. A beautiful visual essay celebrates the drama of the sea, while stunning illustrations and the latest satellite-derived maps explain and illuminate each natural process and phenomena. It includes an inspiring introduction by Fabien Cousteau, grandson of Jacques. Dramatic, thought-provoking, and revealing, "Ocean" shines a bright and revealing spotlight into the depths of the last wilderness on our planet.



Biological Globalisation

Bio-invasions and their impacts on nature, the economy and public health

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Bioglobalisation is anything but new. The exotic fungus *Phytophthora* has threatened European potato harvests since 1846, while the Mongolian conqueror Kublai Khan, as early as the thirteenth century, was known to collect live trees on his travels and replant them in Beijing. Since then, the number of deliberate and accidental introductions of exotic species has grown rapidly. Environmental factors such as climate change also play an increasing role. The new book *Biological globalisation – Bio-invasions and their impacts on nature, the economy and public health* is a thorough and informative overview of all aspects of bioglobalisation. It describes its nature and scope, as well as history, drivers and mechanisms. Using vivid examples, the book addresses which species are likely to become invasive, which bioregions are vulnerable, and whether we can – and should – try to control bio-invasions. Separate chapters address the impacts of bioglobalisation on the environment and on our economy, and discuss, for instance, how virus invasions are threatening human lives worldwide. *Biological globalisation*, written by two biologists and a medical epidemiologist, is fascinating reading material for anyone interested in the interactions between our planet's inhabitants. Written in clear, informative and captivating language, the book will appeal to a broad readership. Countless surprising case studies and photos make the story lively and attractive.

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