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Word from the President

Dear EURASLIC members,

this is already the 44th newsletter of EURASLIC and the first one to introduce me to you as a president of EURASLIC. It is a true delight to share with you the past, ongoing and upcoming activities and projects of our organization.

This year, the 41st IAMSLIC Annual Conference and 16th EURASLIC Biennial Meeting were held as a combined meeting from 7-11 September, 2015 in FAO, Rome, Italy.

A lot of interesting talks have been presented, and the Board and business meeting were held.

During the first EURASLIC Board meeting a new Board, which was elected in May 2015, has been officially appointed for two years term of office. I would like to welcome Kateryna Kulakova and Natalja Kondratjeva as new members on the Board. On behalf of the Board I would also like to extend our thanks to Barbara Schmidt and Marie-Pascale Baligand for serving in the Board during the past few years.

The Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic Transition (ODINECET) is still very active and the Steering group met during the conferences and discussed ongoing and upcoming activities.

During the meeting we also decided to take action to reactivate and update the national representative list. National representatives play an important role in representing EURASLIC within their country.

It was great to see many new EURASLIC and IAMSLIC members at the conference. Special thanks goes to Maria Kalentsits and Armand Gribling and the complete organization committee for hosting this very successful conference.

It's fantastic that I can already announce to you that the **17th EURASLIC conference**, taking place in May 2017, will be hosted by the **Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) in Bremen**. Many thanks to Christina Fromm!

I would like to conclude by acknowledging and thanking Snejina Bacheva, who was a great help for me and for serving the organization as secretary for 9 years and for being our president during the past 4 years.

As this year ends, I thank you for your continued support in 2015, and extend to you my wishes for a bright, happy and prosperous New Year 2016!

Bart Goossens
EURASLIC president

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Blue Growth: Motivating Innovations in Aquatic Information Management

41st IAMSLIC Annual Conference
16th EURASLIC Biennial Meeting
7-11 September, 2015
FAO, Rome, Italy

Bart Goossens, EURASLIC president



This year, the 41st IAMSLIC Annual Conference and 16th EURASLIC Biennial Meeting were held as a combined meeting from 7-11 September, 2015 in FAO, Rome, Italy.

There were 90 attendees from all over the world and 36 European colleagues made it to Rome.

The conference theme *Blue Growth: Motivating Innovations in Aquatic Information Management* was selected. The FAO Global Initiative on Blue Growth (BGI) in Support of Food Security, Poverty Alleviation and the Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources, defines “Blue Growth” as “Sustainable growth and development emanating from economic activities in the oceans, wetlands and coastal zones, that minimize environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and unsustainable use of living aquatic resources, and maximize economic and social benefits”.

Presentations covered topics like managing scientific data, sustainable information management, innovations and technology in library user services. Keeping IAMSLIC and

EURASLIC relevant and how to establish successful library partnerships was one of the main topics discussed during the conference.

On day 1 **EURASLIC Executive** and **Business meeting** were held:

- The newly elected board was officially appointed during the 1st executive meeting.
- A decision was made to continue with the EURASLIC Newsletter to be issued once a year covering the most important events for the past year. The last few years the newsletters have been edited by Sofija Konjević, Marina Mayer and Snejina Bacheva. It would be nice if there will be other persons willing to serve as Newsletter editors/co-editors for the next editions.
- The EURASLIC Leaflet is updated every 2 years and put on the website. The next update is planned in 2016. Volunteers are invited to do translations into their native languages.
- The national representatives list will be re-activated and updated. This list is available on the EURASLIC website.
- Ongoing regional network activities (e.g. ODINECET) have been discussed as well as future plans (e.g. DIGIMAR project).
- The participation of EURASLIC Members in IAMSILIC committees and activities was reviewed and most members have agreed to extend their term of office:
 - Maria Kalentsits: FAO-IAMSILIC joint activities
 - Armand Gribling: ASFA/FAO Liaison (2013-2015)
 - Snejina Bacheva: Regional Representative in the IAMSILIC Exec Board (2011-2015)
 - Bart Goossens: Regional Representative in the IAMSILIC Exec Board (2015-2017)
 - Heike Lust: 4-year member of the Joint IODE/IAMSILIC GE-MIM
 - Marie Pascale Baligand: Chair of IAMSILIC Membership Committee (2013-2015)
 - Sofija Konjević: Member of IAMSILIC Membership Committee (2013-2015)
 - Kateryna Kulakova: Member of IAMSILIC Nominating Committee (2013-2015)
 - Popi Panagiotoglou: Member of IAMSILIC Conference Site Selection Committee (2013-2015)

Daily reports have been published by Kris Andersen and are available on the IAMSILIC blog: <http://www.iamslc.org/blog/>

Stephanie Ronan, a new member and national representative for Ireland collated all the tweets from the 41st Annual IAMSILIC & 16th EURASLIC Biennial Meeting and created a 'story' that can be viewed here: <https://storify.com/StephanieRonan/new-story-55f3244492765f6408ac8ed2>

Special thanks goes to Maria Kalentsits and Armand Gribling and the complete organization committee for putting together a very interesting program and for hosting this successful conference.

Ten Years of the ODINECET

Olga Akimova, ODINECET coordinator

I would like to remember the history of ODINECET which goes back to 2004, when Mr Jan Haspeslagh, (EURASLIC President 2004-2005) participated in the 8th Session of the IODE Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (GEMIM-VIII). Mr Haspeslagh had informed the Group that EURASLIC as an organization had tried to assist Eastern European members, but resources had been insufficient. He then suggested the establishment of an ODIN for ECET (European Countries in Economic Transition). Mr Jan Haspeslagh had also summarized the needs of marine libraries in the Eastern Europe.

The GEMIM Group welcomed the proposed establishment of an ODIN for Eastern Europe to strengthen the capacity of marine libraries in Eastern Europe.

The 18th Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE-XVIII) (Oostende, 26-30 April, 2005) adopted the summary report of the GEMIM-VIII Session and as such gave the green light for further studies towards the development of ODINECET (Ocean Data and Information Network for the European Countries in Economic Transition).

ODINECET was defined as "network which constituted a capacity building strategy for Eastern and Central European countries linking training, equipment and operational support in a regional context, that was product and service-oriented and using a multi-stakeholder approach". ODINECET is a network which is integrated by 7 member states. Network focuses on Marine Information Management.

During the IODE/EURASLIC workshop on the European Countries in Economic Transition (ECET) ODIN initiative (27-28 October, 2005, IODE Project Office in Oostende, Belgium) it was decided that a Coordinating Group would prepare a concept document that describes the way the European ODIN would be started and propose a list of activities for 2006. In the first stages, this network would focus on aquatic information management mainly, building on the already existing preconditions and networks in the ECET-region, whom indicate a stronger support need for the information sector.

A first concrete IODE action undertaken to start ODINECET was the First ODINECET Training Course on Marine Information Management, which was held at the IOC Project Office for IODE in Oostende on March 13-24, 2006. As part of this meeting discussions were held on the terms of reference of ODINECET and a working document was prepared.

Immediately following the course, the ODINECET kick-off meeting was organized (Oostende, March 25, 2006). This meeting reviewed and established the working document.

Ten years have passed since ODINECET program has started. The number of members increased from 16 to 23 (7 countries and 19 organizations); some projects have been implemented, the others emerged.

We had a lot of trainings courses:

- ODINECET MIM Training "Marine Information Management Training for the ECET (European Countries in Economic Transition) countries", 13-24 March, 2006, Oostende, Belgium. Among the 14 participants were aquatic

librarians and information specialists from Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Ukraine.

- E-repository Training Course, 23-28 April, 2007, Oostende, Belgium
- ODINECET Marine Information Management Training Course, 19-23 November, 2007, Oostende, Belgium, attended by 13 participants from 7 countries
- ODINECET Marine Information Management Training Course, 3-7 November, 2008, Oostende, Belgium, attended by 12 participants from 6 countries
- OceanTeacher Academy MIM: Training Course on Preservation and Archiving of Digital Media, 22-26 March, 2010, Oostende, Belgium
- OceanTeacher Academy Course MIM: Literature and databases of the Marine Sciences, 26-30 April, 2010, Oostende, Belgium
- OceanTeacher Academy Course on Disaster Planning and Recovery for Marine Librarians, 1-7 July, 2010, Oostende, Belgium
- OceanTeacher Academy Course MIM: Writing for Professional Publications 29 November - 3 December, 2010, Oostende, Belgium



Participants of the first ODINECET MIM Training in 2006 in Oostende, Belgium

This courses helped us start many projects, such as establishing digital repositories (IBSS and CEEMaR).

E-repositories are regularly updated at the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas (IBSS) and the Central and Eastern European Marine Repository (CEEMaR) and are among the projects of ODINECET group that are advancing well.

ECET Union Catalogue of Serials is also long-term project which started some years ago and had many changes, since there were problems with special program for data

inputting. The first program was too complicated for inputting. The new web-based input interface for the management of the ODINECET Union Catalogue of Serials was developed by VLIZ IT staff and was introduced by Jan Haspeslagh in September 2012. The list of serials has been updated by Marine Library of VLIZ. In 2014 they organized an import/update of journal records in their database, based on information from the ISSN database. VLIZ has also added some extra journal titles to the collection, which are in relation with the existing journals. The relevant project involves 22 participating libraries of Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Ukraine. Working within this project continues, but currently there is also a discussion about its future.

Some years ago we have started with Koha project and at last it will be finished at the end of this year. Money was allocated by IODE for the finish designing of the e-catalogue. The overall objective of the KOHA development project is to support the development of the KOHA ILS software for libraries of the ODINECET group. Converter (ISIS > KOHA) manages conversion and imports converted items to KOHA. For selected Ukrainian and Russian marine libraries which do not have OPAC's, development of the union bibliographic catalogue will be available within Koha project. Three libraries from Crimea are ready to join this project. We hope that by the end of this year the Koha catalogue will start to work and give results.

Meeting of the ODINECET Steering Group was held in Rome, Italy, on September 7 and 11, 2015.

At the Session the group reviewed tasks and ongoing programs and projects and discussed future proposals. Detailed discussion was held about the ECET Union Catalogue of Serials project as some decisions were needed for continuation, since all participants of the ODINECET group are involved in this project.

Among new initiatives which were discussed was the establishment of a Regional Training Centers for conducting training courses, meetings and other actions aimed to upgrade professional skills of the aquatic and marine librarians and information specialists. The creation of such Regional Training Centre in Russia (Moscow, VNIRO) was proposed and is discussed with authorities.

The SG also proposed to apply to IODE for having one Training course for ODINECET group in IODE Project Office in 2016. Subject for training will be suggested by the Group. My opinion is that we have to change aims of the ODINECET as we need to think about new initiatives and projects which are different from those we had worked on since the ECET group was established. I propose the following:

ODINECET – network providing a capacity building strategy for Eastern and Central European countries by working on incorporation, creation and dissemination of marine information resources including the training components.

PAST EVENTS

2015 ASFA Board Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Kateryna Kulakova, Southern Scientific Research Institute of Fisheries and Oceanography
(YugNIRO, Kerch, Crimea)



The 44th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) Advisory Board was hosted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) and took place from 5 to 9 October 2015 at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The meeting was opened by Mr Fred Kingston, Executive Secretary, NAFO and Dr Bertrum MacDonald, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University. The Meeting was attended by 33 participants, representing 26 ASFA Partners and 4 observers. Mr Pettman (FBA) chaired the Meeting; the main rapporteur was Ms Wibley (FAO ASFA Secretariat).

This year a number of discussions were devoted to the ASFA software update and including additional worksheets aiming at covering the datasets. A specific presentation “Software, datasets and subject scope” given by Ms Tamsin Vicary (Freshwater Biological Association, Great Britain) raised the issue of the importance, willingness and capability to cover the datasets by the ASFA National Partners, in case any were produced within their institutions. The Board Meeting participants were also familiarized with the analysis and assessment report, carried out by Ms Tamsin Vicary, which was focused on the current and to-be-added metadata fields for their further supplementing to the upgraded ASFA software, in case the ASFA Partners consider the changes worth implementing.

The modern tendency of digitizing and open-access depositing of grey literature is still being very much encouraged by the ASFA Trust Fund. Some of the ASFA Partners (Italy, Chile, and Ukraine) reported their successful completion of the funded projects, whereas others (Nigeria, Philippines, and Tunisia) put forward the new proposals, some of which were approved during the Board Meeting. The FAO Secretariat highly appreciates the

amount of grey literature, inputted and indexed by the ASFA National Partners through the possibilities that the FAO Trust Fund can provide.

Following the discussion as for the Strategy for Recruitment of New Partners (Strategy for Priority Setting for Future Expansion of the ASFA Partnership, Annex-42 of 2002 Report), Ms Helen Wibley once again reminded that the new ASFA Partners are very welcome into the ASFA family sharing any information, which deals with aquatic sciences both from periodicals and “grey literature”. Following this trend, she mentioned that negotiations had been conducted with the Institute for Food Safety and Animal Health (BIOR, Riga, Latvia) regarding their interest in participating in ASFA. During the next intersessional period this long-term member of the EURASLIC group will hopefully become the new ASFA Partner and join the existing ASFA network members.

ASFA does make a difference!

THE UPCOMING EVENTS

The DIGIMAR Workshop

Bart Goossens, Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO), Belgium

Many marine library collections are composed of rare and unique documentary materials often only available in print format. Research has shown that printed material is underutilized because many information seekers prefer to use electronic resources and the internet to obtain information quickly and easily.

The main aim of the DIGIMAR workshop is to identify the unique records and literature Marine libraries hold and outline potential new digital services and digitisation projects.

Different digitisation approaches and possibilities will be presented and explored with the aim of synthesising a practical, common way forward.

The key outcome from the workshop will be:

1. Examine the current digital landscape relevant for Marine Science
2. Understand methodologies of how relevant information from library material could be extracted and submitted to overarching initiatives as presented.
3. Formulate potential future digital project proposals and identify potential funders
4. Propose a way forward: agree on a common approach, the overarching aim and next steps.

The workshop would lead to the production of a synthesis paper with the ultimate aim of identifying a H2020 call that would be suitable to allow digitisation of selected material.

The objectives of EURASLIC are to encourage cooperation within Europe and to build links with other national, regional and international aquatic science libraries and information networks and to undertake joint projects, to improve the flow, exchange and dissemination of aquatic information. It's obvious that this workshop taking place in Plymouth, UK, 26/27th April 2016 would be a great opportunity to look for potential areas for co-operation.

I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to present EURASLIC on day 2 and I'm hoping that many EURASLIC members will be able to attend the workshop.

NEW MEMBER LIBRARY

The Marine Institute (Foras na Mara), Ireland



Stephanie Ronan, Irish Marine Institute.

I am delighted that I have joined EURASLIC as a national representative for Ireland. Ireland has not had a national representative on EURASLIC before, so it is a new role for both me and Ireland. I hope to follow the great example set by other representatives and promote the organization and engage with the EURASLIC community.

I first worked for the Irish Marine Institute in 2013 as a Library and Information Stagiaire. This is similar to an intern position; it was advertised to people within two years of completing their library qualification. I completed my Masters in Library and Information Studies in 2011, from University College Dublin. You can view my LinkedIn profile here for further information: <https://ie.linkedin.com/in/sronan> .

I returned to the Marine Institute in January 2015 on a part time 25 hour basis, and I am the only librarian working in the Institute. Since returning, I have re-invigorated the Marine Institute within IAMSLIC, presenting a poster in Rome this year and have joined the technical and communications team. As Ireland has been quiet regarding IAMSLIC over the last few years, and had never attended an IAMSLIC conference, my poster presentation was on the Irish Marine Institute itself. I will provide you with an overview of the institute here.



Marine Institute Headquarters, Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway, Ireland. Photo: Mike Hogan

The Marine Institute (Foras na Mara) is the state agency responsible for marine research, technology development and innovation in Ireland. The Marine Institute provides scientific and technical advice to Government to help inform policy and to support the sustainable development of Ireland's marine resource.

Ireland has a vast and diverse marine resource – the seabed territory covers about 880,000km², more than ten times Ireland's landmass. The coastline of 7500km is longer than that of many European countries. The Marine Institute works across a wide range of areas to ensure the sustainable development of Ireland's marine resource, to improve our understanding and to safeguard it for future generations.

The Oceanus library is a special library that holds an extensive collection of scientific literature relating to marine and freshwater resources. An important element of this collection includes the archive, with material dating from c. 1840, consisting of scientific reports, books and publications prepared by Irish and international researchers.



Stephanie in the Oceanus Library. Photo: Cushla DromgoolRegan

The library supports the Marine Institute researchers with their information needs and makes their research available through OAR, the Marine Institute's Open Access Repository. OAR provides free access to digital full-text versions of Marine Institute publications including reports, peer-reviewed articles, conference papers, educational resources, PhD and MSc theses. OAR was established in 2011 and currently holds more than 1000 full text items. The library also supports the Marine Institute's educational outreach 'Explorers' programme. The *Explorers Education Programme* provides fun lesson plans, resources and activities for primary school teachers to inspire their student's interest and knowledge in our ocean, marine environment, species and seashores.

Infrastructure & Facilities: our lab and building facilities, research vessels, deep water remotely-operated vehicle (ROV), Marine Renewable Energy and catchment facilities provide an essential platform for marine research. Our two research vessels are the RV *Celtic Explorer* and the RV *Celtic Voyager*. The *Holland I* Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) is a scientific deepwater ROV system deployed from the RV *Celtic Explorer*. On a recent survey of the Porcupine Bank, it recently aided the discovery of a new cold-water coral habitat. This discovery possibly doubles the amount of cold-water corals previously thought to exist in Irish waters.



RV Celtic Explorer. Photo: David Branigan

The Marine Institute also holds a unique catchment research facility at Newport, Co. Mayo. This include a laboratory, administration block, freshwater hatchery, fish rearing facilities, fish census trapping stations, a salmonid angling fishery and a comprehensively monitored freshwater lake and river catchment.



Newport Catchment Facility, Newport, Co. Mayo, Ireland. Photo: David Branigan

During International Open Access Week in October this year, I gave a talk at a [Repository Network Ireland](#) event. My presentation was on 'The Aquatic Commons repository; an international collaboration', you can download the slides [here](#) for re-use.

FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot

Marina Mayer, Ruđer Bošković Institute, Croatia

The European Commission and OpenAire started a pilot project related to the financing of publications resulting from the completion of FP7 projects: Post-Grant FP7 Open Access Pilot. The project will finance the costs of publication (processing charges) for articles, books, book chapters and conference proceedings. Publications must be published in the open access and stored in the full-text repository compatible with the OpenAire guidelines.

Only completed FP7 projects which officially ended not more than two years ago will be considered. A maximum of three publications per project will be financed, up to € 2000 for articles, book chapters and conference proceedings and up to 6000 € for books. Publications have to be reviewed and can apply for funding after they are accepted for publication. The articles must be published exclusively in the "golden" OA journals (with complete content of the journal in OA), and not hybrid journals. In the work's acknowledgements it is necessary to state that the work is the result of a certain FP7 project.

Applications can be filed through the web interface:

<https://postgrantoapilot.openaire.eu/#home>, where the user should first register. Through the interface the applicant can follow all the steps that an application passes during approval procedures. Applications can be made by scientists personally, or institutions/secretaries/library on their behalf. In the application information about the project and publication must be provided.

On the project website <https://www.openaire.eu/postgrantoapilot> you can find further information on the pilot project, as well as information about the conditions which an application must fulfill in order to be approved.

The project has a budget of € 4 million, and will last until the end of April 2017 or until exhaustion of funds. It would be good to send applications as soon as possible, while there's still money 😊

Since this is the first project of this kind within OpenAire, we should have understanding for possible problems with implementation. Project revision and, if necessary, improvements can be expected at the beginning of 2016, based on the results of project usage.

Recently the project manager Pablo del Castro held an informative webinar on the pilot project. A webinar recording and presentation is available [here](#).

GEOMAR Library, Kiel, Germany: Reconstruction of a Library – from one of the Biggest to One of the Smallest Marine Science Libraries in Germany... in a Blink of an Eye

Barbara Schmidt, GEOMAR Westbank Library Kiel, Germany

In September 2014 our Director decided to move the west bank library to the east shore. The need for offices is very high at the moment, so they wanted to open a “bullpen” for about 40 PhD students in the reading room of our library.

Some scientists and many students complained about the fact that the library would then be on the other side of the Kiel Fjord, too far away from the university to use the books in between lectures.

So it was decided to just cut off $\frac{3}{4}$ of our library and make room for about 19 PhD students. The rest would remain a small library.

We had to throw away more than half of our journals (choosing those who are available at the internet) to make room in our archive for the books which would not fit in the new and smaller reading room.

The construction work lasted about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months and we moved back in again in the beginning of November, right in time for the new students to start their studies of oceanography.



This was our library before the reconstruction.



We had to move all our books to the archive and tear down our shelves...



The wall must go!

At least we got the wall to a small room which contained copy paper and other materials torn down to get more space for our shelves, in keeping with the historic motto: The wall must go!

Finally we moved in:



The new library is small but cozy!

Ruđer Bošković Institute Open Day 2015

Marina Mayer, Ruđer Bošković Institute, Croatia

Once again Ruđer Bošković Institute has opened its doors to public in June this year. Open day was organized on June 13th under the title “Mission RBI 2015: Quest for the Nucleus”. Various activities were organized. There were eleven presentation points with short presentations about nucleus in different science fields (atomic nucleus, cell nucleus...), lecture halls offered lectures, and there was a science quiz and also a few tents in the outdoor with interactive experiments and demonstrations.

Beautiful sunny summer day attracted many visitors, mainly families with children who were thrilled to try the experiments themselves or “became a scientist for one day”, which was also part of the program. Student’s clubs for science popularization were participating, too.

RBI Library’s brainstorming about the presentation resulted with a presentation point “Journey to the Center of the Knowledge”, inspired by the Jules Verne’s book Journey to the Center of the Earth”. One of the Library’s reading rooms was decorated with motives from the book (volcano, underground ocean, minerals, seashells...), featured with a big home-made dinosaur named *Libroborgosaurus rugjeriensis*.



Made 100% from recycled materials, equipped some electronics, it even roared. Library staff had very good short presentations about Library, scientific information, open access, open data... but the dinosaur was absolute hit, especially among the youngest visitors. If you ever decide to make your own library dinosaur, here’s what you should know about it:

- natural habitat: libraries
- it can grow as tall as the tallest shelf in the library
- feeds on printed books and journals
- there are only two other living specimen in the world: in British Library (London) and Library of Congress (Washington D.C.)

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