

Word from the President

Dear EURASLIC members,

2017 will be an important year for EURASLIC with the organisation of the biennial conference and the election of a new board.

As you all know, the 17th EURASLIC conference, will take place in Bremen, Germany, 8-10 May, 2017 and will be hosted by the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT). You will read all about the conference and about the library of the ZMT in this newsletter.

In 2017 a new EURASLIC Executive Board 2017-2019 has to be elected. These elections will take place just before the next conference and the new board will officially be appointed during the first business meeting.

A few months ago IAMSLIC organised its 42nd Annual Conference "Traditional Knowledge and Modern Information Practice" that took place in Mérida, México, 16-21 October, 2016. The meeting was organized by CINVESTAV and it was held in conjunction with the 3rd Latin American Regional Group Meeting. Special thanks go to Maggie Popow for representing EURASLIC at the IAMSLIC board meetings and for writing a nice conference report in this newsletter.

This year two of our most dedicated members, Armand Gribling and Snejina Bacheva, retired.

Armand Gribling has been very active for many years in both IAMSLIC and EURASLIC. Armand was together with Maria Kalentsits our fantastically helpful host at the last EURASLIC conference that was held in conjunction with IAMSLIC at FAO, Rome, Italy. Many thanks Armand for your friendship and wishing you a long and joyous retirement!

Snejina Bacheva served as secretary for 9 years and was our president from 2011 to 2015. She was host of the 15th EURASLIC conference, held in Varna, Bulgaria. Snejina has been always an important person for me and for our organization. I thank Snejina personally for all the support she gave me in my first term as president. Without Snejina EURASLIC wouldn't have been the organization as it is today. Thank you Snejina for all the years of dedication and wishing you happiness and good health as you begin your new adventure!

As you all know, a satisfied and active membership base is the core ingredient of any successful association. That's why I cannot finish without expressing my gratitude to the EURASLIC Executive Board and the members who represent EURASLIC in the IAMSLIC Committees for their hard work and support.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at the conference in Bremen and wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year 2017!

Bart Goossens
EURASLIC president

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 17th Biennial Conference of the
European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC)
will take place in Bremen, Germany from May 8-10, 2017



Bremen is a picturesque city, situated in the northwest Germany on the river Weser. With 557,000 inhabitants, the city of Bremen is the eleventh largest city in Germany. Bremen is a major cultural and economic hub in the northern regions of Germany. It is a home of dozens of historical galleries and museums, ranging from historical sculptures to major art museums. With over 1200 years of history there are many things to see and to do in Bremen.

Conference topics:

- Advances in research information technology
- Research data management services in research libraries
- Linked data concerning expert databases (ORCID, ResearchGate, LinkedIn, OceanExpert etc.)

More information about the conference can be found on the conference page:

[Riding the Wave:
Information Retrieval and Resource Management for the Future](#)

We hope to see you in Bremen!

CONFERENCE HOST LIBRARY

The Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT)

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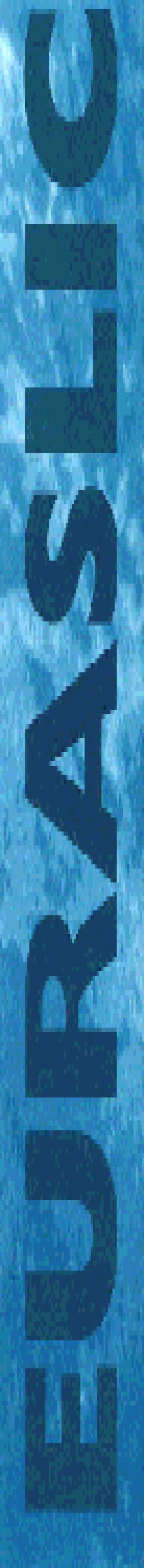
ZMT, Bremen, Germany



The Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (**ZMT**) was established in 1991 in Bremen and is focused on scientific monitoring of tropical marine ecosystems and tropical coastal environments in a biological, ecological as well as a social-economic context. The Center evaluates regional and global changes caused by climate change, urbanization, tourism, and other factors related to human behaviour and biodiversity.

ZMT's 'MEDIA Unit' (**M**anagement of **E**lectronic Resources, **D**ata, **I**nformation and **O**pen **A**ccess) provides library services and serves as a reference library for the ZMT staff members and guest scientists.





Additionally, external users, especially students, are welcome to use the library for their research. The main focus of the library collection is on ecology, marine ecosystems, fisheries biology, coastal management, biogeochemistry, and social sciences.

The collection comprises about 6,500 monographs and offers institutional subscriptions to more than 8,000 electronic journals and databases.

Through ZMT's mission on co-operative research together with institutions located in tropical countries, the ZMT supports the global Open Access initiative. The ZMT has mandated the MEDIA Unit to coordinate its Open Access activities.

ODINECET: now and future (in brief)

Olga Akimova

ODINECET coordinator

Meeting of the ODINECET Steering Group was held in Rome, Italy, 7 -11 September, 2015. It was wonderful opportunity for communication and time spent together. We left Rome with great optimism.

Two months after the conference we experienced severe problems.

I regret to inform you that we had problems with our server on which IBSS and CEEMaR Repositories were hosted. The server went down on November 21, 2015, when Crimea had switched to autonomous reserve power because of the blackout. In addition, the Institute where the webserver should have been placed was changing the administrative regulations for web-services, and the existing pool of webserver was disassembled. We had made some efforts to recover the server but we couldn't do it. In the end of November 2016 the Institute (IMBR) acquired a new powerful webserver just for the library, and we hope to upload the backups of IBSS and CEEMaR Repositories.

The main task of ODINECET project in 2016 was implementation of KOHA. The overall objective of the KOHA development project is to support the development of KOHA ILS software for libraries of the ODINECET group. Some part of this project was done. Koha electronic catalogue was developed in cloud technologies and it is hosted now on the site <http://marine-research.org/>. The catalogue requires further design refinements.

Except KOHA implementation, the ODINECET activity was low in 2016, so during the forthcoming EURASLIC conference the SG ODINECET group will have a meeting in order to reorganize the group and determine future activities.

The 42nd IAMS LIC Annual Conference

Małgorzata Grabowska-Popow,
National Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Gdynia, Poland



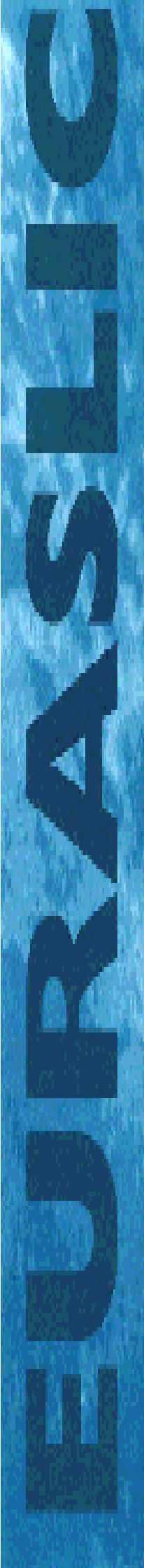
IAMS LIC Group Photo 2016

The 42nd IAMS LIC Annual Conference “[Traditional Knowledge and Modern Information Practice](#)” took place in Mérida, México, 16 -21 October, 2016. The meeting was organized thanks to CINVESTAV and it was held in conjunction with the 3rd Latin American Regional Group Meeting.

EURASLIC had two representatives at the conference: Olivia Diehr from Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research, Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany and Maggie Grabowska-Popow from the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Gdynia, Poland.

More than 50 persons from North and Latin Americas, Europe and Africa took part in the conference. The sessions were in English and Spanish with the help of simultaneous interpreters.

On the first day several workshops were held. New IAMS LIC Executive Board was presented and some EURASLIC problems like a small number of members were discussed. The report on ASFA activities and their effort regarding grey literature and its inclusion in the database were described as well as IOC/IODE activity. IAMS LIC and IODE agreed to continue and expand their cooperation that will encompass following activities: set up a



global mailing list of marine information professionals, preparation and conduction of survey on today's marine professional job description and training needs, joint organization of MIM training courses etc. It was also announced that the next IAMSLIC meeting will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

Next days of the meeting were reserved for presentations and posters.

The presentations covered various topics, from scientific libraries activities to digitization and open access. The important role of open access, like electronic libraries and repositories was underlined.

Barbara Butler from Oregon Institute of Marine Biology presented the results of digitization works over Oregon Estuarine Invertebrates. The access to the repository can be found [here](#).

Chilean presenters showed a specialized subject repository – [Gaia Antarctic Digital Repository](#), which aim is to construct a unified platform that collects, preserves and popularizes scientific and popular scientific knowledge on the Antarctic polar areas.

Mary Markland from Oregon State University described her searches of interesting fish lithographs in over 14000 volumes of reports that had been published since 1817. They were placed in [US Congressional Serial Set](#).

The main aim of Olivia Diehr's (Germany) presentation was to identify the core journals for marine sciences, at least for the researchers from her institution.

During the conference some presentations made on the basis of a few questionnaires were shown, for example, librarians were interested in the problems like: how the students access the library content by means of mobile devices (smartphones and tablets), in what way the library users have changed or the factors affecting the attendance of IAMSLIC members at IAMSLIC annual conferences.

Two sociological and anthropological presentations dealing with economics and society of Yucatan inspired a great discussion on some changes in fisheries and fishermen lives.

At the conference six posters were presented. One of them was by the EURASLIC member, Maggie Popow from Poland, about the problem of readership in Poland, with methods of its popularization described.

Last day of the conference was reserved for panel discussions on the future of the libraries, and annual reports of regional groups.

The organizers of the Merida conference enriched the program with two interesting excursions to Dzibilchaltun and Uxmal, a walking tour of downtown Merida, performances every evening in the center of the town, as well as splendid welcome and dinner parties.

There were also occasions to visit Chichen Itza and a beautiful Museo del Mundo Maya, to take swim in the Gulf of Mexico and in two cenotes.

Hawaii – the place of the next IAMSLIC conference in 2017 – was presented.

DIGIMAR Conference in Plymouth

Barbara Bültmann and Emily Miles

National Marine Biological Library, Plymouth (UK)



In April 2016, representatives from research organisations, universities, libraries and museums, met at the National Marine Biological Library in Plymouth to discuss the digital future of their valuable collections of marine literature and artefacts. 27 delegates attended the Digimar Euromarine workshop, representing 22 organisations across Europe, for two days of fascinating insight, discussion and clarification as well as to embrace an opportunity for co-operation.

A strategy for digitisation is needed within the marine sector following the recent “digital only” trend expected by researchers resulting in rare and unique material on the shelves being underutilised and neglected. The main aim of the Digimar workshop was to identify these unique records and outline potential new digital services and digitisation projects.

There were some great presentations from invited delegates exploring the different digitisation approaches and possibilities. Presentations were followed by break-out discussions designed to share and amalgamate information to identify a clear, common way forward.

Some good discussions were had and ideas delivered such as digitising material to coincide with anniversary events (e.g. Challenger 2020) or creating a database of expertise to make it easier for any organisation with an idea to source a collaborator, whilst others know what projects are being undertaken to avoid duplication. These working groups and ideas are being taken forward.

Presentations from the workshop are available online at <https://www.mba.ac.uk/national-library/digimar/>. A session will also be run at the forthcoming EURASLIC conference in 2017.

It was a very positive workshop resulting in outcomes for future collaboration and digital preservation of materials. It was also encouraging to see strong links forming between national, regional and international marine libraries and information networks. Models for cooperation were suggested to undertake joint projects thus improving the exchange and dissemination of information. There still remains, however, the issue of how to get to this point. Besides collaboration between libraries it will also require a degree of cooperation from researchers to identify the priority and need of digital material.

All in all it was a very enjoyable and informative workshop hosted in an excellent facility located at the Marine Biological Association. We hope those of you that came enjoyed it as much and found it as useful!

The workshop was sponsored by Euromarine and the Marine Biological Association.

2016 ASFA Board Meeting at the CIS (Center of Informatics and Statistics), Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Kateryna Kulakova

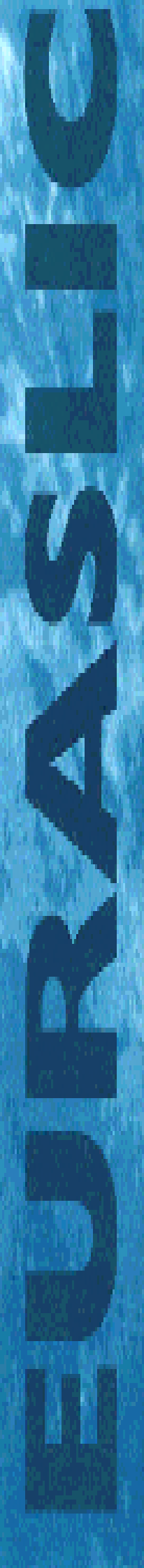
Southern Scientific Research Institute of Fisheries and Oceanography (YugNIRO, Kerch, Crimea)



The 45th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) Advisory Board was hosted by the Centre of Informatics and Statistics (CIS) and took place from 12 to 16 September 2016 at Hanoi Delight Hotel, Ha Noi, Viet Nam. The meeting was opened by Mr. Ngo The Hien, Director of CIS, Mr. Jong Ha Bae, FAO Representative in Viet Nam and Mr Marc Taconet, Head of Fisheries Statistics and Information Branch, FAO. The Meeting was attended by 31 participants, representing 30 ASFA Partners. Mr. Pettman (FBA, Great Britain) chaired the Meeting and the Agenda was completed on time. The main rapporteur was Ms Wibley (FAO ASFA Secretariat) and Mr. Superio (SEAFDEC/AQD, Philippines) was assistant rapporteur.

This year a number of discussions were devoted to the ASFA records with full-texts. The partners agreed on completing a survey, where they would indicate which (inter)national or institutional repository they use for submitting full texts (Aquatic Commons, OceanDocs, etc.). It will be further investigated by the ProQuest staff in which way (if any) it is possible to harvest full texts of grey literature submissions from those repositories directly into the ASFA database without having to identify Accession Numbers of single records and supplement them with the URL link.

The FAO ASFA Secretariat also agreed to liaise with the ProQuest regarding the need to simplify some of the data entry codes due to no longer need to use them while submitting



records. It was suggested to send some test records containing examples of simplified mathematical signs, Greek letters or characters and check if the new ProQuest Editorial Platform would still be operational. Moreover, the ProQuest representative Paula McCoy commented that ProQuest was neither including subject category codes in the records on their other databases nor the users applied the subject category codes for their searching purposes. Thus, the FAO ASFA Secretariat agreed to investigate among all ASFA Partners if anyone would object to not having to allocate subject category codes anymore to ASFA records, which would also simplify and speed up the process of records preparation.

The partners discussed future updates of the ASFA Thesaurus and Geographic Authority List (GAL) and initiated the ASFA Thesaurus Working Group (represented by FAO, ProQuest, IFREMER, INIDEP, SEAFDEC/AQD, FBA), which would agree on the output format suitable for the ProQuest platform. Ms Cosulich (INIDEP, Argentina) and Ms Levashova (VNIRO, Russia) agreed to provide the FAO ASFA Secretariat with a list of the Thesaurus terms that they had translated into Spanish and Russian so far; their translating activities were regarded as extremely useful for the other ASFA partners and they were encouraged for further efforts. As for the GAL, the re-activated Geographic Authority List Working Group (FAO, ProQuest, FBA, IFREMER, VNIRO, NIO) would do the final cross-checking of the prepared file. If feasible, the file would be ready by the end of December 2016, so that it could be included with the Thesaurus and Geographic pick-list updates for incorporation into the www-ISIS-ASFA software.

A number of Trust Fund Proposals have been put forward for further (dis)approval by the FAO ASFA Secretariat. Most of the proposals were intended for digitisation, open access deposition and ASFA record preparation of grey literature.

Regarding carrying out regular ASFA Training workshops back-to-back with IAMSILIC conferences, the FAO ASFA Secretariat agreed to liaise with the EURASLIC Organizing Committee as for the idea to determine the feasibility of carrying out an ASFA Training Workshop for new ASFA partners after the 3-day EURASLIC Conference in Bremen (Germany) on 8-10 May 2017 and investigate a possibility for replacement of VTI, ex-German National ASFA Partner located in Hamburg.

Make sure you always have librarians! © (Guillermina Cosulich in her presentation “Twenty years of collaboration between INIDEP and ASFA”)

PUBMET2016 – the 3rd Conference on Scholarly Publishing in the Context of Open Science

Marina Mayer

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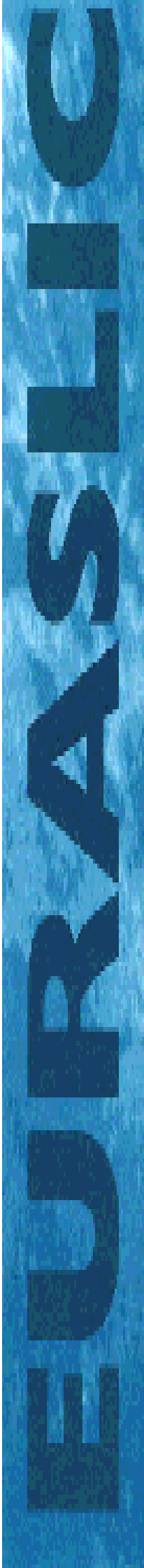
Old city center in Zadar, Croatia

PUBMET2016 – the 3rd Conference on Scholarly Publishing in the Context of Open Science was held in Zadar, Croatia, 20-21 October, 2016. This international conference was marked by a number of interesting lectures held by foreign and Croatian experts from different disciplines within the open science and publishing. Co-organizers of the event were the Department of Information Sciences in Zadar, University of Zagreb and the Centre for Scientific Information of Ruđer Bošković Institute, Zagreb.

Both conference days started with workshops. Pavel Synek from EBSCO Information Services held a workshop about EDS – EBSCO Discovery Service. It is a discovery tool which enables fast and simple search of multiple databases, journal collections and other resources. Pierre Mounier from OpenEdition held workshop on Lodel, an open source publishing software for social sciences and humanities, developed by OpenEdition, a European infrastructure based in France, which supports open access publishing in social sciences and humanities. Participants were introduced to Lodel and were able to try working with it by themselves

Presentations were grouped in several sessions covering different topics: *Research Assessment and OA Implementation*, *Peer Review and Research Integrity*, *Open Access and Library Role*, *Good publication practices* and *Scholarly publishing in Croatia*. From a long list of interesting presentations we can highlight some:

- Gunnar Sivertsen from Norwegian Institute for Studies innovation, Research and Education (NIFU STEP), Oslo, had a presentation „Data Sources and Indicators for a



Balanced Representation of All Fields“. The lecture discussed the problems and difficulties in comparing different scientific disciplines with a conclusion that the academic community, and not the providers of commercial services, should control what is included into bibliometric evaluation so that the evaluation system would function more successfully.

- Pablo de Castro from LIBER, FP7 Post-Grant OA pilot project leader, talked about funding of OA publications coming from completed FP7 projects and alternative funding mechanisms for APC-free Open Access.
- Dominic Tate from University of Edinburgh presented REF (Research Excellence Framework) in UK.
- Flaminio Squazzoni from University of Brescia, presented some issues regarding open peer review process.
- Ana Marušić from University of Split talked about enhanced publications in the digital age with an insight in Croatian scientific journals.
- Liz Wager, freelance publishing consultant, talked about responsible publication and how to get your research published.
- Nicolaie Constantinescu from Kosson talked about open research data which was also a hot topic in several other presentations.

During the poster session four posters were presented.

Detailed programme, speakers' CV's and presentations can be found [here](#).

The conference was a stimulating environment for the exchange of ideas and sharing experiences about issues participants encounter in their everyday work. Lively discussions about conference topics were held during the official part of the conference and were continued at informal gatherings and on social networks.

The next PUBMET conference will be held in September 2017 and will cover new interesting and relevant topics. You are all very welcomed to participate in the conference and spread the word! Details about the conference are available on the official website: <http://pubmet.unizd.hr/>. Keep an eye also on the [Facebook](#) for updates in 2017!

The young shall inherit the earth

Ingrid Čatić

Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Split, Croatia



Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries; Split, Croatia

Our Library forms an integral part of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries in Split, Croatia, and its users are mostly the scientists of the Institute itself. But, we are very happy that there are also many children and young visitors frequently visiting our Institute and Library. They are very interested in learning and observing new things and especially to see the reading room and our Old-book collection as well as all the laboratories in the Institute. Their questions and lovely comments are very interesting and inspiring. After the visit they are motivated to observe their environment and the nature and some of them already “know” that they are going to be scientists when they grow up.

One of the interesting events being a part of the activities in the Institute is the Festival of Science that was held in 19 towns all over the country in April, 2016. The theme of this year's festival was Science and Arts, being inspired from the same source – human creativity, both being led by the wish to change our world and to help us understand it.

As a part of the Festival of Science the R/V *BIOS II* from the fleet of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries was anchored in the port of Split and this year it attracted to its deck many visitors, mostly children. So, our scientists and novices were happy to meet the visitors and show them some of the omnipresent beauty and art in the world of science or to explain and present the marine life to them. They presented some examples of the scientific research in the laboratories, some scientific projects of the Institute, or even enabled them to take part in minor scientific experiments, using the microscopes, observing the planktons or mixing the colours. For example, they explained what the sea-drop is made of, how to distinguish some fish from another etc. It was a good way of

introducing the artistic side of nature to the public. There are for example fabulous forms of marine organisms, clouds in the sky or attractive colours of the sea surface.

Our library is furnished with the hand-made wooden furniture and to children it looks like it is from some fairy tale, so their comment is very often that it reminds them of the Harry Potter's world. Although it is not easy to attract and keep the patience of the youngest ones, I have to admit that they really listen patiently to the presenters, except when we put some candies on the table and then immediately you can hear some rustling. As a matter of fact, this is not difficult to understand! There are of course various groups of visitors, but the happiest and loudest are those groups of children and the teenagers. We are always happy to welcome them in our Institute and Library.

R/V BIOS DVA



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IN THE LIBRARY



You can find more details and photos here:

<https://www.facebook.com/izorsplit/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FestivalZnanosti/>

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Guests from Indonesia visited the Library at the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research in Warnemünde, Germany

Olivia Diehr

Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research



The Indonesian delegation together with the IOW library staff

Five information professionals from Indonesia visited the [Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research \(IOW\)](#) in Germany in September 2016. The 2-week information tour through several German libraries was organized by the [Goethe-Institut Visitors Programme](#).

We welcomed the delegation from the [Indonesian Institute of Sciences \(LIPI\)](#) with a dinner in Rostock on Sunday, 11 September. The dinner was delicious and we jumped just into lovely talks about our institutions in Indonesia and Germany.

On Monday, 12 September, our colleagues visited the Institute and our marine science library. Situated just at the Baltic Sea coast, the IOW library is certainly one of the most beautiful places to work at.

Our guests were interested in knowledge exchange and talks with experts in library and data management. Beginning with an introduction and followed by a short tour through the open stack library, we met scientists from the Marine Geology, Biological Oceanography and Directorate.



Researchers presenting their work

Following this, we went into talks.

Talks with library and IT staff concerned the following topics:

- management of electronic resources and journal evaluation
- Electronic Journals Library ([EZB](#))
- [library services](#) for scientists
- IOW publication's database
- publishing of the [Marine Science Reports](#) and assign DOIs
- infrastructure and management of research data

The visit of the information professionals from Indonesia was a very nice highlight for all of us. It was a pleasure to welcome our guests to Warnemünde.



Participation of EURASLIC Members in IAMSLIC committees and activities

- Maria Kalentsits, Armand Gribling: FAO-IAMSLIC joint activities (2015-2017)
- Bart Goossens: Regional Representative in the IAMSLIC Exec Board (2015-2017)
- Ingrid Čatić: Member of the Aquatic Commons Board
- Helen Wibley: ASFA/FAO liaison at the Aquatic Commons Board
- Roberta Zucker Hanfling: Member of the Iamslic Conference Site Selection Committee (2016-2018)
- Marie Pascale Baligand: Chair of IAMSLIC Membership Committee (2012-2016)
- Sofija Konjević: Member of IAMSLIC Membership Committee (2013-2017)
- Kateryna Kulakova: Member of IAMSLIC Nominating Committee (2013-2018)
- Stephanie Ronan: Member of the IAMSLIC Website and Communicatons Committee (2015-2017)
- Heike Lust: 4-year member of the Joint IODE/IAMSLIC GE-MIM

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[Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!](#)