

Word from the President

Dear EURASLIC members,

2017 has been a busy year with the organisation of the conference.

The 17th EURASLIC conference took place in Bremen, Germany, 8-10 May, 2017 and was hosted by the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT).

Because of a family tragedy I had to cancel my trip to Bremen a few days before the conference. Luckily I could count on a brilliant team who took care of everything. Special thanks go to Christina Schrader and Sofija Konjević and the complete conference team!

A lot of interesting talks have been presented, and the Board and Business meetings were held. At the conference the new board has been officially appointed for two years term of office. I would like to welcome Christina Schrader and Olivia Diehr as new members on the Board. On behalf of the Board I would also like to extend our thanks to Marina Mayer and Natalja Kondratjeva for serving in the Board during the past few years.

Meanwhile, the proceedings have also been distributed. Special thanks for this to the editors, Christina and Sofija and to all of you who contributed.

This year IAMSLIC organised its 43rd Annual Conference “Blurring the Edges: The Osmosis of Ideas”. The conference was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 22-26 October, 2017. I would like to thank Olivia Diehr for representing us at the IAMSLIC Board meeting and presenting the EURASLIC annual report.

As you all may already know, the 18th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC) will take place in Zagreb, Croatia in 2019. We will communicate the exact dates as soon as possible.

Also this year 2 active members retired. Best wishes to Marcel Branneman and Helen Wibley for a fun-filled but relaxing retirement. Thank you both for all of your dedication!

Last but not least I would like to express my gratitude to the EURASLIC Executive Board and the members who represent EURASLIC in the IAMSLIC Committees for their hard work and support. And thanks as well for submitting many very interesting articles to this newsletter.

Christmas and New Year arrive with hopes and it gives us new courage and belief for a very new start. Wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Bart Goossens
EURASLIC president

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 18th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC) will take place in [Zagreb](#), Croatia in 2019



ASFA update

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ASFA Secretariat

As many of you may know, Helen Wibley, retired from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in July 2017 after a long career with FAO, which included her last 7 years as the Editor-in-Chief, ASFA. Helen's dedicated and highly professional work has always been very much appreciated by the ASFA Partnership and IAMSLIC members.

Starting from January 2018, Maria Kalentsits will assume duties as the ASFA Consultant, Acting Editor-in-Chief. In December 2017, Paola Anton, will join the FAO Fisheries Statistics and Information Branch of the Fisheries Department and will be tasked with providing support to the ASFA impact evaluation exercise which is currently underway. The impact evaluation study will seek answers to the following questions: Does an abstracting and indexing service have a place in present day marine research and policy development? Does ASFA meet the information needs of its potential users or are there comparable alternatives that meet their needs?

Regarding the 2017 ASFA Advisory Board Meeting, it has been postponed until 2018 due to the recent FAO staff changes. The 2018 meeting will be held in Belgium in June 2018 and hosted by the IOC/UNESCO Project Office for IODE (Oostende). The meeting, as usual, will create a forum for discussions on various aspects relating to the development and management of the ASFA System and Partnership. A number of face-to-face sessions will be organized for partners in need of training.

"The ASFA Partnership is composed of an international network of co-operating institutions and organisations. The ASFA Partners are responsible for monitoring, selecting, abstracting and indexing literature relevant to the aquatic sciences for inclusion in the ASFA bibliographic database". The ASFA partnership currently includes, but not limited to, the 51 National partner institutions of which 15 partners represent European countries: Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain, Ukraine, UK.

I take this opportunity to call upon all EURASLIC libraries in Germany regarding the potential interest to become the ASFA National partner representing Germany on the ASFA Advisory Board and also responsible for providing bibliographic input to the database. The Bundesforschungsanstalt für Fischerei (BF), Hamburg (later renamed Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut), which was among the founding ASFA partners and actively participated in ASFA for many years, has recently ceased its participation. As you know, German aquatic publications are important, high quality information resources which greatly enrich the database, therefore, the ASFA Secretariat sees it as essential to establish a fruitful cooperation with another German institution for the benefit of the aquatic science community. If your institution is interested and has the capacity to become the ASFA National Partner, please contact the ASFA Secretariat (maria.kalentsits@fao.org).

INBO for Open Access

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Since September 20, 2017 the Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) aims to publish all its scientific articles as Open Access (OA). The INBO will promote publication in **open access journals** (where articles are immediately available for free) and deposit other articles after a maximum of 2 years via **green open access** in INBO's institutional repository (<https://pureportal.inbo.be/portal/nl>).

Researchers at the INBO traditionally publish in leading online journals that require potential readers to pay to get access (either by subscription or one-time purchase). The INBO will continue to allow researchers to do so, on the condition that these subscription-based journals allow green open access of the peer reviewed article (i.e. the post-print at minimum) after a maximum embargo of 2 years. The reason we decided to include the green OA option is because OA journals are not yet available for all areas with the same reputation as traditional journals.

The INBO will encourage its researchers however to publish in OA journals included in the Directory of Open Access Journals ([DOAJ](#)) and under a Creative Commons Attribution ([CC-BY](#)) license. This form of golden OA makes articles immediately available for everyone upon publication. The INBO will support the Article Processing Charges (APC) associated with publishing in OA journals.

Subscription-based journals usually also offer the option to publish the article as OA. This hybrid OA option usually comes with high APC and is a source of income in addition to the subscriptions and charges readers still have to pay for the other articles in the journal. The INBO OA policy will no longer support this form of hybrid OA, but rather invest its OA budget in full OA journals.

Tip: Do you often hit the paywall when looking for scientific articles? The Chrome extension [Unpaywall](#) will find the legal post-print for you.

PAST EVENTS

Article taken from EURASLIC web page

17th Biennial EURASLIC Meeting

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17th Biennial EURASLIC Meeting entitled *Riding the Wave: Information Retrieval and Resource Management for the Future* was held from 8-10 May, 2017 at Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research, Bremen, Germany. At the participants' arrival the sun shined upon the town after a long time of cold weather, as we were told. Despite some obstacles that preceded the conference, everything went smoothly according to the plan. The evening before the conference participants met at the ice-breaking gathering on the top floor of the ZMT outbuilding.

The results of the elections were announced during the conference, the old EURASLIC Executive Board was discharged and the new one appointed. Bart Goossens was re-elected as EURASLIC President, while Christina Schrader became new Vice-President, and as Member Representatives Olivia Diehr and Kateryna Kulakova were elected. Complete list of Executive Board is available on EURASLIC webpage.



Peter Pissierssens, from IODE, and Matthew Buys from ORCID kindly accepted invitation to give a presentation at EURASLIC meeting.

Peter Pissierssens, with the help of David Baca who joined the session via Skype, gave overview on IODE-IAMSLIC cooperation in which EURASLIC as a sub-regional group is interested as well. Both parties expressed their interest in continuation of cooperation in the forthcoming period. Main activities of IODE were shown with emphasis on their new policy



that is directed towards sustainability. Two participants also joined the session via Skype (Marina Mayer and Snejina Bacheva).

Matthew Buys gave overview of ORCID persistent digital identifier that is already adopted by many publishers and some CRIS systems and is interoperable with DOI and some other identifier schemes. The presenter hardly could finish his presentation because of too many questions.

Two more presentations were of importance for possibility of active participation. Barbara Bultmann gave presentation on DIGIMAR project with overview on the workshop held in Plymouth in April 2016. Also future plans on harvesting marine digital materials were mentioned. Kateryina Kulakova presented ASFA activities. As an advantage for members from developing countries that are ASFA partners is seen the possibility to have paid membership by ASFA Trust Fund, or to receive funds for some projects. Furthermore, in what direction ASFA database should develop was discussed.

Nils Moosdorf, from ZMT gave insight into his specific research topic: fresh submarine groundwater discharge, with review on literature search, and how sometimes it is hard to find literature on particular subject, stressing the importance of rare and special collections in libraries that are mainly neglected nowadays.

The Conference encompassed variety of topics: from journals and publishing, open access research data management, to research information technology, databases etc. Facing the increases in journal prices, we've heard about evaluating schemes that enable libraries to retain at least the core journals. Although libraries and publishers are seen as enemies, an example of good cooperation between librarian and institutional publisher was shown. During the times of uncertainty following the LOCKSS model (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) and putting papers in multiple repositories proved to be useful. We've heard of Open Access plan that enable researchers to publish more open access articles. Even though some repositories collect papers and other research data, they can be interoperable and crosslinked, easily retrievable through search engine. The new user interface created for 20th anniversary of Croatian Scientific Bibliography (CROSBIB) was shown. And we were introduced with a library cooperation project between Rostock-Gdynia-Riga and papers published thanks to that cooperation.

There were two posters, one about information systems in Russia and the other about books as art objects.

During the conference several meetings (EURASLIC Board and Business meetings, ODIN ECET meeting) were held. Marina and Snejina joined us again via Skype for the Board meeting, and Marina honored us by her virtual presence at a round table that was held for the first time at EURASLIC conference.

Under innovative conducting of Olivia Diehr at Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven, the round table gave us opportunity to discuss and shape the future of EURASLIC. An emphasis was put on promotion of the association in order to get more new members as well as to motivate the existing ones to be more active. Also suggestions were made to introduce new possibilities for membership like professional exchange or at least possibility to exchange experience virtually via Skype, teleconferencing etc. As for mailing list it was recommended to use it not only for ILL requests but for discussion as well, which started right after the conference.

And not to forget the lovely dinner at Haus am Walde restaurant and the city tour guided by a very unconventional guide.

The 43rd IAMSLIC Annual Conference

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The 43rd IAMSLIC Conference took place in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, October 22-26, 2017. It was hosted by the University of Hawaii and the NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center.



More than 40 attendees from the United States, Canada, Philippines, Vietnam, Malawi and Germany met in Honolulu for 5 days.

Two EURASLIC representatives were among the attendees, [Kathrin Brannemann](#) from Centre for Polar and Marine Research, Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Bremerhaven, Germany and me, [Olivia Diehr](#) from Leibniz Institute for

Baltic Sea Research, Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany.

The theme of the conference was "[Blurring the Edges: The Osmosis of Ideas](#)". The informative conference program with abstracts is available online at <http://www.iamslc.org/conf2017/wp-content/uploads/IAMSLIC-2017-CONFERENCE-PROGRAM-pdf.pdf>

"*New Perspectives Guests*" were enhancing the program and made the conference to something very special. On Monday Kelvin Chun, a creative magician, introduced [IKIGA! concept](#) to us. [Alton Chung](#), a professional storyteller, followed on Tuesday. Alton's concept is how to reduce our mission "by an elevator speech" regarding the addressee. We worked together in small groups and had a lot fun all afternoon. The next New Perspectives Guest was "*Mark Branner & Company*" on Wednesday. They incorporated puppetry into educational programming. Mark Branner & Comany performed their current program "[Be an everyday clear water hero](#)".



I was giving a workshop on Thursday "Meeting the Fairy". I asked the participants for their personal professional magic wishes.

Everybody was invited to create a collage at the day of their retirement looking back at their business career, including all wishes fulfilled by a beneficial fairy.

It was a great conference, and I was very grateful to have the chance to attend this international conference in Hawaii. Mahalo!

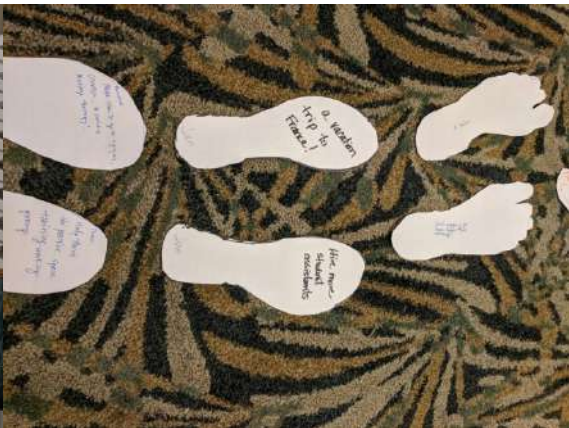
Impressions from the workshop “Meeting the Fairy: Think in New Ways to Create New Resources”



Creating a collage



Thi Hai Yen with her collage



Next steps

On behalf of Alice Endra, Jeanine Scaramozzino introduced [Entebbe, Uganda](#), as place of the upcoming IAMS LIC conference 2018 to us. The 44th IAMS LIC conference will be held in conjunction with the AFRIAMS LIC Regional Meeting, 22-26 October, 2018.

IFLA WLIC 2017 from the volunteer perspective

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IFLA World Library and Information Congress entitled *Libraries Solidarity Society* was held in Wrocław, Poland from 19–25 August 2017. The conference was held at Centennial Hall (Hala Stulecia) which was constructed in 1913 by architect Max Berg. The Centennial Hall was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2006, and nowadays it serves as a venue for conferences, congresses, concerts, trade-fairs or even sport events.


The conference gathered together about 3700 participants from more than 120 countries from every corner of the world: all aspects of library profession like cataloguing, preservation, conservation, information services, books, serials, document delivery, altmetric, copyright, open access and many others were covered through 247 sessions and by more than 500 speakers. Also, all types of libraries were represented: public, school, academic, metropolitan, law, agricultural, art and other, therefore everybody could find subject of his/her interest. Simultaneous interpretation in seven official languages was provided in some conference rooms. About 190 posters were presented at poster session.

For the first time IFLA organizers decided to seek for volunteers internationally. Volunteers had free registration (offered for at least three half days of volunteering), complimentary lunches were provided, and accommodation at favorable price was offered at a Student hall located near the venue. All participants including volunteers had free public transport. There were 270 librarians from different countries volunteering at IFLA. Volunteering encompassed various duties such as working at registration desk, business centre, or as a part of social media group, room assistant and badge control. While not on duty, participants could attend sessions of their choice. After the last shift each volunteer received a volunteer certificate.



IFLA volunteers in front of Centennial Hall

Also for the first time in IFLA history opening session was live streamed, as well as highlights, president and closing session. After official addressing by IFLA President Donna Scheeder



and IFLA Secretary General Gerald Leitner, a letter from the President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda was read and the participants were also addressed by the First Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, chairs of the National Committee and keynote speaker Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski, College of Europe. Short history of Wrocław was presented through outstanding theatrical show at the end of the Opening session.

Cultural evening took place next to Wrocław Multimedia Fountain near the Centennial Hall. Participants enjoyed specialties of Polish cuisine accompanied by presentation of traditional Polish dances, concert, fountain show and two disco parties: one traditional and one silent. In order to understand the views and opinions of IFLA members and to shape the future of library field, [Global Vision survey](#) was launched.

As a room assistant I had the opportunity to attend various sessions all the time whether I was on duty or not. It was very interesting to find out more about new services in public libraries (helping migrants find information of interest, providing space for gathering, playing, helping with story writing or writing personal biographies and storytelling, etc.), to see presentations about new library buildings around the world, or to hear about best practices in moving collection etc. I liked very much the project of National Library of Public Information, Taiwan (<http://library.ifla.org/1668/>) about building a smart library and enabling children finding the literature by innovative and interactive way by using smart watches, RFID bookshelves, visualized interfaces and touch-screen book wall that offer game-oriented environment to children. As I come from an academic library, the sessions of my choice were the ones related to my professional environment: ILL, information literacy, data mining, data management and copyright. There were presented examples about legislation like ancillary right for press publishers implemented in Germany and Spain, EU ruling on e-lending, 3D printers in libraries and copyright issues they bring. Vanessa Proudman from SPARC presented OA activities, revolutionary approach to future of scholarly publishing was presented by Chris Hartgerink, while Peter Murray-Rust presented open source software [Content Mine](#). Interlibrary loan system [Academica](#) was presented at Document Delivery and Resource Sharing session.

At the closing session a new President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, new President-elected Christine Mackenzie and new [Governing Board](#) officially took their duties. Also [honours and awards](#) were conferred during the Closing session. Datuk Rashidi bin Hasbullah, the deputy secretary general of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture for Malaysia together with numerous [Malaysia delegation](#) announced and promoted Kuala Lumpur as the host location for the [World Library and Information Congress 2018](#).

Different library visit tours were provided for the participants: public libraries tour, pedagogical and school libraries, special collections, academic and scientific libraries tour. I joined academic and scientific libraries tour on which the following libraries were visited: Library of Wrocław University of Economics, Wrocław University Library, Center for Scientific and Technical Information and The Ossolineum Library. The Ossolineum Library, home to a magnificent collection of historical archival materials and valuable rare book collections and one of the largest scientific libraries in Poland, is located in a baroque building, while the other three libraries we visited are all in new buildings equipped with modern technology: impressive computer rooms for users, scanners for digitisation projects and even PC equipment for disabled.

I have always wanted to participate in IFLA conference, but due to high conference fee and, depending on the location, huge travel expenses, it didn't seem very probable. So when I saw the Call for volunteers in February 2017, having also in mind that Poland is easy to reach from Croatia, I considered it as a unique opportunity. And really it was, it was great experience, it was nice to be a part of such a huge event, sharing experience with people from all over the world and I would recommend it to everybody.

Above all, Poland is a beautiful country worth visiting and Wrocław, one of the Poland prettiest cities, was a good choice for the conference. Located in the heart of Europe with more than a thousand years of history, amazing, colourful city on Odra River with nice main square Rynek, a lot of churches, libraries, bridges, islands (Tumski), restaurants... It is home to more than 300 [gnomes](#) scattered throughout the city symbolising the Orange Alternative. At the crossroads of different cultures, Wrocław has been promoted like a “meeting place” open to new ideas and to multiculturalism and was chosen for European Capital of Culture in 2016.

While traveling throughout Europe there is always some EURASLIC member somewhere, so I met my Polish EURASLIC colleague Małgorzata Grabowska-Popow in Warsaw.



Wrocław – Rynek, The Old City Hall and the New City Hall

Maggie and Sofija in Warsaw



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

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PUBMET – Conference on Scholarly Publishing in the Context of Open Science was successfully held for the 4th time. This year it has moved from Zadar to Zagreb, Croatia, 21-22 September, 2017. Co-organizers were Department of Information Sciences at the University of Zadar, the Centre for Scientific Information of Ruđer Bošković Institute and University of Zagreb. Conference venue was the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing in Zagreb. There were around 150 participants from 15 countries.

The concept of the conference was slightly different than before: there was a pre-conference day on September 20. It was reserved for four workshops covering practical topics: using XML in scientific publishing, avoiding plagiarism, bibliometric tools and analysis in Scopus, and introduction to altmetric. The fifth workshop about the future of open access was held the next day. All workshops were very well visited.

This year PUBMET has again had several prominent invited speakers:

- Jan Erik Frantsvåg (The Arctic University of Norway) is Chair of the [SPARC Europe](#) board and a member of [DOAJ](#) Advisory Board. He talked about experiences of introducing OA in work of the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø.
- Joan Marsh (editor in The Lancet) talked about reducing waste from incomplete or unusable reports of biomedical research.
- Tony Ross-Hellauer (University of Göttingen at the time of the conference; now at Know-Center, Graz, Austria) talked about open peer review process and the research which OpenAIRE had undertaken about it in the recent few years.
- Raf Guns (University of Antwerpen) spoke about performance-based research funding systems (PRFS), which distribute funds over institutions using a set of output indicators on the example of Belgium and effect of PRFS on Social Sciences and Humanities.
- Kianoush Khosravi-Darani (Sh. Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran) talked about issues with starting a new scientific journal from a perspective of an editor.
- Geoffrey Williams (co-founder and President of the [EvalHum Initiative](#)) had a presentation about the problem with evaluating books within an academic framework.
- Matthew Buys ([ORCID](#)) presented how ORCID number works in connecting individual researchers, their professional activities and institutions.



Joan Marsh's presentation on the first day of PUBMET

Other 15 interesting presentations covered topics such as scientific journals editors' experiences, new tendencies in peer review, altmetrics, open access in academic institutions, research assessment, Open Journal System, national strategies for implementation OA in scientific community, plagiarism, paper retraction... There was also a short discussion session about increasing transparency of scholarly communication. During poster session four posters were presented. All presentations are available at PUBMET website under section [Programme](#).

Participants were also able to enjoy social events: guided tour through Zagreb city centre, conference dinner in Writers' Club at the main square and optional trip to Zagorje, a hilly region north of Zagreb, with visits to castle Trakošćan and Krapina Neanderthal Museum.



PUBMET participants in front of St. Mark's church in Zagreb

Next PUBMET conference will be held in September 2018, again in the beautiful city of Zadar. We invite EURASLIC members to come, participate in excellent programme and visit Croatia! Details will be available at the official website <http://pubmet.unizd.hr/>, and there's also a [Facebook page](#) for quick news.

This year PUBMET organizing team had a new member responsible for PR, which greatly helped us to reach the media and do follow-up on our social media (Facebook, Twitter). If you're planning to organize a bigger conference, we strongly recommend you to have one person in charged for PR – it takes a lot of time (even just taking care of Facebook page!) which organizers usually don't have, and professional PR has right skills, knowledge and contacts.

PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

At Bremen conference professional exchange was encouraged. EURASLIC libraries are invited to express their willingness to become host. The visiting librarian should be in charge of acquiring funds.

[BI-International für internationalen Fachaustausch/BI-International](#) offers such opportunity to German specialists to participate in professional visits abroad, as well as for international specialists to participate in professional visits in Germany. Information Associations Bibliothek & Information Deutschland (BID) also provides financial support for congress attendances in Germany with German government funding.

Here is the overview of professional exchange among EURASLIC members.

My professional visit at the Scientific Library of The Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research, Warnemünde

Małgorzata Grabowska-Popow,
National Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Gdynia, Poland
29 September - 08 October 2017

The visit was granted by Bibliothek & Information – International/Bibliothek & Information Deutschland (www.bi-international.de).

I arrived to Warnemünde in September 30, 2017. I was to start my professional visit in October 2, but I wanted to have more time for sightseeing.

[Warnemünde](#), a resort and a district of the city of [Rostock](#) in [Mecklenburg- Vorpommern](#), Germany, located on the [Baltic Sea](#) and at the estuary of the river [Warnow](#), is a small (approximately 8,400 inhabitants.), but lovely city. At once I fell in love with the tiny, old fishermen houses, the beautiful lighthouse, the long promenade and narrow streets full of tiny shops. Thanks to the politeness of my German host, Olivia Diehr from the Leibniz Institute, who accompanied me during my sightseeing, I could see a lot of interesting places, like Munch's house or fish market.



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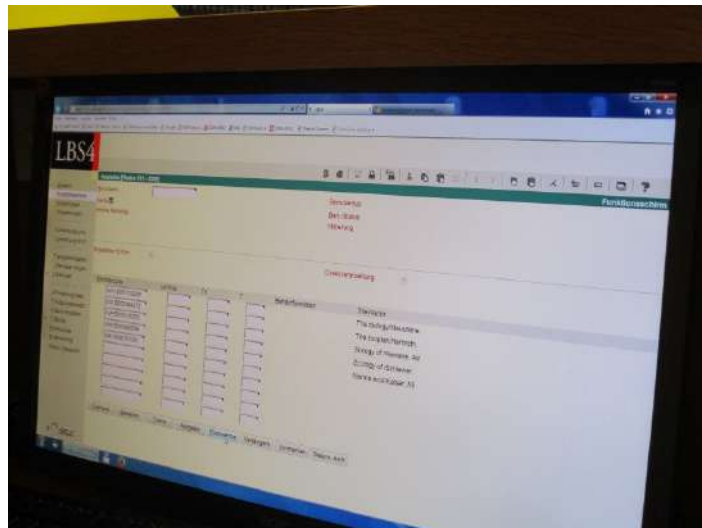
On 2nd October I started my professional visit at the scientific library of the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research.



The Institute originates from 1960 and is now an independent research institution specializing in interdisciplinary study of coastal oceans and marginal seas. In particular, the work focuses on the Baltic Sea ecosystem. The Institute owns its scientific library. The aim of the library is to support the researchers in their work. The library holds over 40 000 volumes of books and periodicals. At the library there is unlimited access to the shelves. Head of the library is Olivia Diehr, and there is one more employee: Juerene Bruns-Bischoff. From time to time a university student comes to the library to help the librarians.



That day I had the occasion to learn the library system, called LBS, that is a part of CBS. I got to know how cataloguing, visitors' library cards, as well as acquisition and readers' service look like.



I could compare that library to mine which has its own, special library system.

I saw the differences and could understand that a library system that acts in the Leibniz library is much better than the one I have at my library, because it allows to cooperate with different libraries' systems. In the same time our system works only in our library and no cooperation is possible.

At my library, unlike the Leibniz library, an unlimited access to the shelves does not exist. Instead, the way the Leibniz library receives books is similar to my one. Besides the donations from private persons or other libraries, the library gets books from the Institute researchers who buy them from their grants. Such books become the library property and the researchers lend them from the library.

I also found some things to adopt to my library, like, for example, a children box with children books on sea and ocean or the idea of devoting part of the library to a place where the researchers can meet and discuss their matters.



After I had been introduced to the activities of the library and its collection, I was given the opportunity to do some practical exercises. My task was to return books back to the shelves according to the classification.

Next day (the National German Holiday) I devoted to visiting Rügen, which I found very interesting and unique.



Wednesday was devoted to Greifswald university library, precisely its old part where the most precious books are kept. The university library in Greifswald is one of the oldest university libraries in Germany. It opened in 1604 and now it houses over 2 million volumes. I could talk to the librarians who do cataloguing and also to persons who work digitizing selected items and who renovate the destroyed ones. I was very interested in the digitizing office because of the digitizing works in my own library. Especially I admired the Treventus Scan Robot that is able to digitize 600 pages in an hour.



On my way back to Warnemünde, I visited a very interesting Deutsches Meeresmuseum in Stralsund, a little but beautiful town, that has since 2002 been placed on the UNESCO list. The museum is situated in the former St. Catherine cloister that dates back to the 12th century. The exhibitions and aquariums are really impressive.

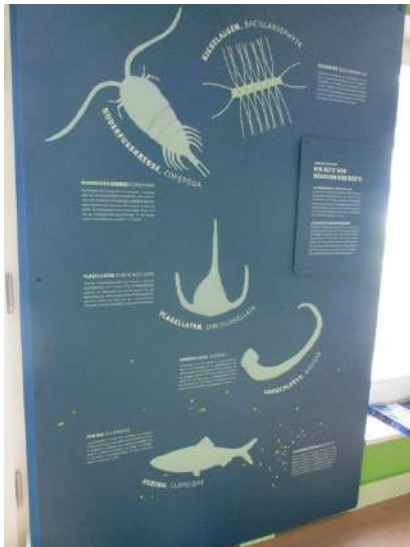


Thursday and Friday I spent again at the scientific library of the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research. I was cataloguing books with the librarians, I was doing acquisition and I took part in the visitors' service. I also got to know the DOI and EndNote systems better.



A very good experience for me was the possibility to observe the way in which the head of the library, Olivia Diehr helped the researchers in their work. She devoted her time to demonstrate to them how the Web of Science and EndNote systems work.

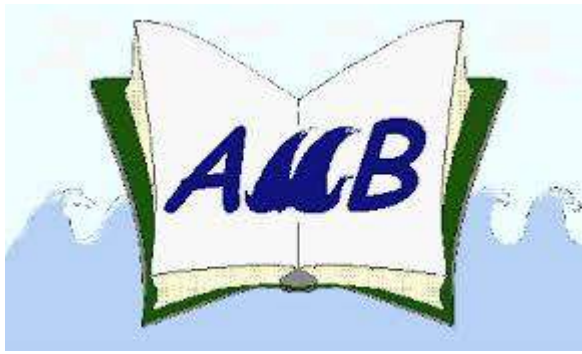
A visit to the Institute exhibition was a special accent of my last day there. Thanks to the kindness of Sven Hille, I was able to get a lot of interesting information on sea, ocean and IOW.



The last hours of my professional visit I spent with Olivia discussing her presentations for the IAMSLIC conference in Hawaii. Her library as well as mine has been a member of this organization for many years.



I am pretty sure that visits such as this one are the best way to improve interlibrary cooperation of librarians!



German Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (GAMSLIC)

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Currently GAMSLIC has 25 members overall in Germany. On October 9, 2017, we had our 40th Annual Meeting at the German Maritime Museum – Leibniz Institute for German Marine History (DSM) in Bremerhaven.

One of the big issues at GAMSLIC is the changing tasks for the libraries. Many librarians are more and more assigned with new functions in the institute. The fields of reporting, open access and statistics took increasingly more working hours for the librarians. This is great for the libraries, as they have new working fields that are future-oriented. On the other hand, the workload rises, because there are more tasks but not more manpower.

In addition, a useful application has been introduced. The app *BrowZine* can be used to easily find, read, and monitor thousands of scholarly journals available from your university, hospital, or corporate library who has a BrowZine subscription, or through Open Access publishers, covering all disciplines:

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EURASLIC New Members in 2016/2017

2016	2017
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- Bart Goossens: Regional Representative in the IAMSLIC Executive Board (2017-2019)
- Ingrid Čatić: Member of the Aquatic Commons Board (2015-2017)
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- Roberta Zucker Hanfling: Member of the Iamslic Conference Site Selection Committee (2016-2018)
- Marie Pascale Baligand: Chair of IAMSLIC Membership Committee (2012-2017)
- Sofija Konjević: Member of IAMSLIC Membership Committee (2013-2017, second term)
- Kateryna Kulakova: Member of IAMSLIC Nominating Committee (2013-2018, second term)
- Stephanie Ronan: Member of the IAMSLIC Website and Communicatons Committee (2015-2017)
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