

#### Word from the President

Dear EURASLIC members,

I'm glad to see that many of you have contributed to this 47<sup>th</sup> EURASLIC newsletter. A lot of compelling activities took place in different libraries.

First of all I would like to thank Olivia Diehr for representing EURASLIC at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual IAMSLIC conference. This conference was held in Entebbe, Uganda and was organized in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> AFRIAMSLIC regional meeting.

2019 will become a very important year for EURASLIC with the organization of the 18<sup>th</sup> conference and the election of a new board.

The 18<sup>th</sup> EURASLIC conference, will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, 6-9 May, 2019 and will be hosted by the Centre for Scientific Information at the Ruđer Bošković Institute. Sofija Konjević, Marina Mayer and their colleagues are working very hard to make it a fantastic and fascinating conference. You can read all about the conference, the Ruđer Bošković Institute and about the beautiful city of Zagreb in this newsletter.

I have already mentioned that in 2019 a new board has to be elected. I sincerely hope that many of you would like to candidate for 'president', 'vice-president' or 'member representative'. Keep in mind that you can count on a highly motivated team, which makes it a fascinating and fun experience. So do not hesitate to apply for one of these positions in the board.

To conclude I would like to express my very sincere thanks to the EURASLIC Executive Board members and the members who represent EURASLIC in the IAMSLIC Committees. Your commitment and cooperation is highly appreciated!

Looking forward to meeting you all in Zagreb and wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Bart Goossens  
EURASLIC president

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## EURASLIC XVIII

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The 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres will be held from **6-9 May 2019** in **Zagreb, Croatia**. The conference will be hosted by the Centre for Scientific Information of the Ruđer Bošković Institute, Zagreb. The title of the conference „**River of no Return: Sail or Sink**“ signifies the changing role of libraries in information age and their ability to sail with the flow in order to maintain their presence in today's digital environment.

The conference themes cover wide range of topics related to new trends in library and information sciences, so we hope you'll find a topic of your interest whether as a presenter or solely participant.

- **At your service** – new and innovative library services (products, education, programs...)
- **Data fishing** – research data issues (data management, storage, usage...)
- **Open air** – Open Access, Open Science, OpenAire
- **Protected by library!** – GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and similar regulations and their impact on library services
- **Copy something, anything** – Copyright, Copyleft, Copyfree, Creative Commons
- **Measuring impact!** – bibliometrics, altmetrics
- **Where do we go?** – what the future has in store for libraries

Besides the topics of the conference, Institutional/Country reports are regular part of the conference that provides a valuable opportunity for members to report on developments in their own institutes, countries and regions.

A half a day workshop on OceanDocs e-Repository, supported by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), is planned during the EURASLIC Conference. Workshop will introduce participants, interested in including publications on marine sciences in digital form (preprints, published articles, technical reports, working papers and more), with this thematic repository. OceanDocs will also look for more potential partners in order to expand the Central and Eastern European community of this resource.

The hotel reservation for certain number of rooms is made at [Hotel Jadran](#), located in the city centre, in a walking distance from the main city square and Kaptol (Zagreb Cathedral area), from where the buses are going to Ruđer Bošković Institute. The reservation is made for the period 4-11 May, 2019. Deadline for hotel reservations for [rooms booked for EURASLIC](#) is **31 January, 2019**. If you miss the deadline, look at the nearby hotels and hostels for available rooms.

Usually conferences are held in a town by the sea, but this won't be the case this time as Zagreb is continental city with river Sava running through it and two lakes, Bundek and Jarun. The freshwater element will be emphasized by the whole day excursion you don't want to miss (*details will be revealed soon!*)

Also for the purpose of the Conference, the [Facebook event page is created](#). We hope to see more „Going“ or „Interested“ EURASLIC Facebook members there!

Stay informed by following us on [Conference web page](#); [EURASLIC Facebook](#) or [event page](#), and [EURASLIC web](#).

## Centre for Scientific Information, RBI

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18<sup>th</sup> EURASLIC conference in 2019 will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, and organized and hosted by the Centre for Scientific Research (CSI), Ruđer Bošković Institute (RBI).

RBI was founded in 1950, and it is the largest national scientific research centre in Croatia in the field of basic and applied natural sciences. It consists of eleven divisions, three centres, maintenance service, technical service and administration. There are two divisions dedicated to aquatic, marine and environmental research: Division for Marine and Environmental Research in Zagreb and Centre for Marine Research in Rovinj.

Ruđer Bošković Institute Library (RBI Library) was founded in 1950, the same year as the Institute. With the new Ordinance on organization from 2015 the Library was reconstituted and became the Centre for Scientific Information, with two departments: Library department, and the Department for Information Technologies. It is located on two locations: one in Zagreb, and the other one in Rovinj, where the Centre for Marine Research is situated.

Since its establishment, the Library has served scientific and research staff of the Institute, as well as external users and general public, as a competent and professional helping hand in retrieving, organizing and delivering scientific information of various kinds and forms. The Library was always up to date with new library services and technological solutions, implementing them in its everyday work.

Nowadays the Centre for Scientific Information continues to work on various domestic and international projects and activities focused on organization and providing access to scientific information, promotion of open access and open data, as well as development and maintenance of information systems on the institutional and national level.

Besides “classic” library tasks (ILL, bibliometric services, collection development etc.), CSI’s bigger projects are:

- [Croatian Scientific Bibliography – CROSBİ](#) – bibliographic database which collects a comprehensive overview of all the scientific output produced by Croatian scientists
- [FULIR](#) – Open Access repository of Ruđer Bošković Institute
- [ŠESTAR](#) – an interactive database of scientific instruments hosted by scientific, research and academic institutions in Croatia
- [Who is Who in Science in Croatia](#) – database of Croatian scientists
- [HRČAK](#) – central portal of Croatian scientific journals – CSI was actively involved in creation and development of the HRČAK from its very beginning.
- [DABAR](#) – Along with other partners, CSI is also active in development of national digital repository platform DABAR (Digital Academic Archives and Repositories).

CSI is also very active in promoting Open Access through many activities: participation in EU projects (OpenAIRE), organizing lectures and workshops, participating in International OA Week, promoting FULIR and self-archiving among RBI staff...

Part of CSI activities is also organization and participation in various events: monthly colloquia (lectures on various topics), regular participation in RBI Open Day, co-organization of conferences, holding of short educational workshops for RBI staff (KEKS), educational

seminars and workshop for pupils and teachers (STEM. Grow. Explore), book exchange and many others.

CSI has been an active member of EURASLIC since its beginning, participating in conferences, regional groups, projects and serving at the Executive Board.

Together with Croatian Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries we were the host of the ERASLIC 11<sup>th</sup> conference in Split in 2005. We hope that you carry beautiful memories from Split and that you are eager to visit Croatia again. We will be honored and happy to host EURASLIC conference and welcome you all in our lovely Zagreb! ☺





## ZAGREB

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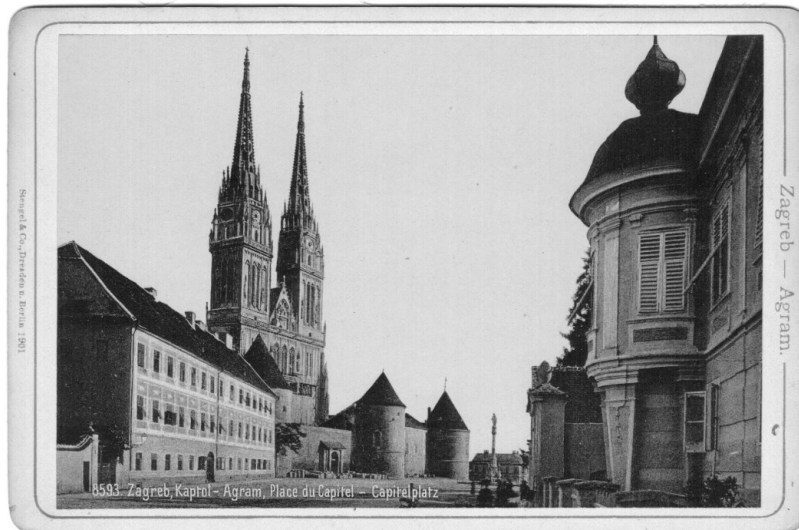
Why ZAGREB? – the reasons besides the fact that Ruđer Bošković Institute is situated in Zagreb 😊

1. Even though it's not a city on the water (Zagreb has river Sava, but it's not focused around it), Zagreb is the Capital and the biggest city in Croatia with population of over 800 000.
2. May is the best time to visit Zagreb because the weather gets perfect for sightseeing and hiking (yes, Zagreb has a mountain Medvednica just above it) and everybody gets out – streets are full of people drinking, eating and walking. If you are lucky you'll witness one of the street fests that start around this time of the year.

### History in short

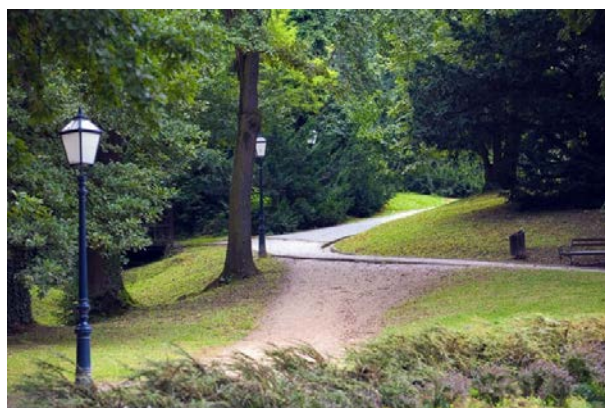
The first written record of Zagreb dates back to 1094 A.D. when two settlements established on two small hills, separated by Medveščak stream, called Gradec and Kaptol were mentioned. Kaptol was the canonical settled where Zagreb Cathedral was built, and Gradec was the fortified settlement. Today the latter is know as Zagreb's Upper Town (Gornji grad), one of the best preserved urban historical places in Croatia. After the Tatar attack, as a sign of gratitude, Gradec gained the free royal city status from Hungarian King

Bela IV in 1242. The newly gained status offered citizens autonomy and its own judicial system. Despite numerous connection between Kaptol and Gradec for both economic and political reasons, they weren't unified in one city until 1850. The name Agram was used in German in the Habsburg period. After the earthquake in 1880, most of the city was rebuilt along with prestigious public buildings, parks and fountains. Transportation and other infrastructures were also organized. During next two centuries population increased and the city lived in the plenty of civil society, connected with all the central European centres such as Vienna and Budapest. After the World War 2 and increase in wealth and industry, Zagreb spread south of the Sava river, where a new contemporary part of the city called New Zagreb (Novi Zagreb) was built.



### Today in short

Today Zagreb is a cultural, scientific, economic, political and administrative centre of the country and melting pot of people from all parts of Croatia and neighboring countries. Today in Zagreb you can experience high culture in one of the numerous [museums](#) and [theatres](#) or a beautiful quiet walk in Maksimir park that dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.







Ban Jelačić Square is the centre point of Zagreb's city centre and from there it's easy to get to any part of the city. Above the main square stands the Cathedral and the Upper Town divided by the biggest market place in Croatia called Dolac.

Because food and drinks are important part of Zagreb's life, a lot of bars and restaurants are spread all over the city centre. Throughout the day you can see people drinking or eating outside and hanging out with friends and family. If you don't feel like eating, but are in the mood of spending money, you can of course find various shops all around. From high couture to little artistic or souvenir shops, one can find everything one can imagine 😊.

Getting around the city is easy. You can reach most of the attractions on foot as they are situated in the pedestrian zone. Public transport is well organized and there is a good taxi service.







## ASFA Update

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/asfa/en>

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Following a productive Advisory Board Meeting, **ASFA (Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts)** has entered a period of transition as it seeks to adapt to changing user' needs and expectations, and make use of new technologies.

The 46<sup>th</sup> ASFA Advisory Board Meeting is an integral part of the ASFA partnership and this year was more important than ever, resulting in a number of Action Items that will advance ASFA. The meeting was attended by 36 ASFA Partners who all contributed their ideas and experience to help formulate new directions and strategic priorities for ASFA. Discussion groups were held on four key areas for ASFA: Products; Promotion; Partnership; and Policies and Strategies. ASFA Partners discussed these areas in detail and produced a number of actions items that are now being implemented by the ASFA Secretariat. Below is an overview of the decisions made at the meeting, and an update on what progress has been made since then. A full list of outcomes and decisions is available in the ASFA ABM report.

## ASFA Products



**New software:** ASFA Partners agreed to update the software used for creating ASFA records. It was decided that a new software should be web-based and should provide a number of modern features such as harvesting from OAI-PMH repositories, import and export of XML, and online management of the ASFIS Reference Tools (controlled vocabularies). A Software Working Group has been set up to manage the move to a new software. The group is also reviewing the metadata fields to ensure they meet users' search and retrieval needs. Hopefully this move to a modern input system will increase the number of records

created and also make becoming an ASFA Partner a more attractive proposition for institutions which have the technological capacity, but the lack of time prevented them from joining ASFA.

## ASFA Promotion

- **ASFA survey on fisheries and aquatic information user needs.** During November this year, ASFA ran a survey asking what users valued in a fisheries and aquatic sciences database. The survey received over 450 responses from users around the world. We're currently analyzing the results and will use them to decide about ASFA's future direction. We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the EURASLIC librarians who shared a link to the survey in their institutions.
- **ASFA Newsletter:** Last newsletter was published in 1986. ASFA Partners requested that the newsletter should be published again. The first issue has already been published and is available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca2512en/CA2512EN.pdf>. The newsletter covers the latest news and developments at ASFA. We are hoping to expand the scope of the newsletter to cover more current «hot» topics in fisheries and aquatic science information. If you have an idea for an article, please get in touch!
- **Social media:** Partners decided that ASFA should be promoted more on social media. The ASFA Secretariat and ASFA Partners have since used Twitter to share their news on ASFA, using the hashtag #FAOASFA.
- **Bookmarks, posters, brochures and more!** ASFA Partners requested promotional materials to be updated and made available for sharing at their institutions. Since the meeting, posters, bookmarks and brochures have been produced, and have already been used to promote ASFA at meetings and conferences around the world.

## ASFA Partnership

- **ASFA is keen to enhance its partnership model** in order to ensure active participation from a greater range of institutions. A number of preliminary talks have been held with institutions keen to join the partnership – we look forward to welcoming more partners and expanding the partnership.
- **ASFA partnership has recently expanded** to include Central Fisheries Research Institute-Trabzon as Turkey National Partner.

## ASFA Policies

- **New ASFA Business Model:** An Impact Evaluation Working Group (IEWG) has been set up to analyse ASFA and ensure it meets the information needs of its users. The results of these analyses will be used to formulate a new business model. Future options for ASFA include combining the information held on ASFA with other sources to create new products and services, as well as increasing access to the database, particularly in developing countries.
- **Next ASFA Advisory Board Meeting will be held in September 2019 and hosted by the UMT, Terengganu, Malaysia.** Following feedback from participants, the next Advisory Board meeting will have a new interactive format to ensure all participants are involved in ASFA's decision making process. The meeting will also feature a Special ASFA User Session that will provide training to users and be used to gather feedback on the database.

The ASFA Secretariat plans to participate in the EURASLIC meeting next year, where we will provide a further update on progress on the above areas. We look forward to meeting fellow EURASLIC members, and in the meantime if you have any questions or feedback from ASFA, please contact us at: [ASFA-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:ASFA-Secretariat@fao.org)

## The BioDing Project: Distributed preservation of journals in the bio-engineering sciences

Bart Goossens

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The library of the Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) joined forces with the libraries of the Ghent University, KU Leuven, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Royal Library of Belgium in the 'BioDing Project'. In this project, agreements have been made about the distributed preservation of journals in the bio-engineering sciences. Actually, the agreements mean that the participating libraries keep the paper copies of specific journal titles as complete as possible at one single location and to make efforts to safeguard archival rights to and ILL from the electronic version.

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As a first step of this project, title lists were put together and it was determined which institution would be the depository. Criteria for this were, among other things, the completeness of the holdings, the importance of the journal for the institution, etc.

The depository is committed to keep the paper copies of the assigned titles in the best possible circumstances, so that they are usable and made available at all times to the participating partner libraries. An institution that has accepted to preserve the paper version of a particular title can't remove that title from its collection unless other participating library takes over the retention obligation.

The repository library is also making the titles accessible via its online catalogue and via the Antilope database (= Belgian ILL system).

The participating libraries can request copies at the depository library. These copies are delivered digitally, if copyright is permitted, within a period of 48 hours (2 working days). Access to all common archived sources is also guaranteed by the participating institutions.

Thanks to this distributed preservation policy, libraries can decide not to purchase, bind and process paper copies of magazines for which they do not have a retention obligation. If desired, existing collections can be discharged. The participating libraries will be able to focus more on the development of a digital preservation policy and at the same time have the certainty that the paper copies are well preserved, at least in one place in Flanders.



PAST EVENTS

## Transforming the Global Information Landscape

44<sup>th</sup> Annual IAMSLIC Conference & 6<sup>th</sup> AFRIAMSLIC Regional Meeting  
October 21-25, 2018, Entebbe, Uganda

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Group Photo

The [44<sup>th</sup> Annual IAMSLIC Conference & 6<sup>th</sup> AFRIAMSLIC Regional Meeting](#) was hosted by the National Fisheries Resources Research Institute ([NaFIRRI](#)), one of the research institutes under the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO). The conference took place from 21 to 25 October, 2018 in Entebbe, Uganda.

Winston Churchill called Uganda “The Pearl of Africa”, and Uganda is indeed a pearl. The landlocked country is located in the East Africa. Uganda shares Lake Victoria, the largest freshwater lake in Africa, with Kenya and Tanzania and is within the African Great Lakes region. Uganda also lies within the Nile basin, and has a varied but generally a modified climate. The Rwenzori Mountains National Park is UNESCO World Heritage Site, and has Africa's third highest mountain peak and many waterfalls, lakes, and glaciers.



Field trip to Basilica of the Uganda Martyrs

The AFRIAMSLIC members and attendees from the United States, Canada, Philippines, and Germany met in Entebbe for 5 days. It was a great conference!

The presentations & panel discussions abstracts are available online at: <http://www.iamslc.org/conf2018/program/465-2/>  
Furthermore they are working to get the presentation up on the web.

### **Aquatic Commons Work Party**

A group of IAMSLIC members met prior to the conference for a hands-on Aquatic Commons training and input session. Some participants brought their own institution's publications, including a few ASFA partners who will subsequently be indexing them in Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts. Others worked on publications or helped by sharing their expertise of metadata or repository software.

Maria G. N. Musoke spoke the first keynote, and she referred to the „Five Laws of Library Science“ by Ranganathan. The information environment has become complex. Librarians and informational professionals need courses for re-skilling.



I introduced the German [Projekt DEAL](#) to the IAMSLIC members. The goal of Projekt DEAL is to conclude nationwide licensing agreements for the entire portfolio of electronic journals from major academic publishers.

On Tuesday the keynote focused on the importance of fishery. There are 9 institutions members of the East Africa Community. They are specialized in aquaculture and fisheries. The increase of fish production of Nile Perch and Tilapia has a importance.

Mary Markland and Kristen LaBonte presented planning for disasters in libraries. They introduced useful and hands-on tips to the IAMSLIC members.

The World Aquaculture Society was established in 1969. The aim is to promote the development of science based aqua-related policies. The society has 3000 members in more than 100 countries. Members only have access to the peer-reviewed journal of the World Aquaculture Society.

Andreas Hainghumbi presented the Namibia Marine Data Collection. NatMIRC collects its data. The research data are collected by research vessels. Logbook data are collected during their fishing activities and the information is verified by the observer.

Oceanography and aquatic sciences have a strong importance for food security and tourism. Nevertheless, there are several challenges for libraries and information centers such as development of the digital infrastructure. French and Portuguese are, beside English, relevant languages in sciences.

I would sincerely like to thank IAMS LIC and Bibliothek International for partially funding my presentation.

Angela Clark-Hughes introduced us Port Aransas, Texas, as a place of the upcoming 45<sup>th</sup> Annual IAMS LIC Conference and 29<sup>th</sup> SAIL Regional Meeting in October 20-25, 2019.

## Exhibition about Poland's independence

Małgorzata Grabowska-Popow,  
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During 2018, when Poland is celebrating centennial jubilee of regaining its independence, a lot of cultural events took place throughout the Poland and across the world. The libraries have also joined the celebration by organizing exhibitions, meetings with authors, contests and workshops.

National Bureau of the "Independent Program" has prepared a lot of special materials for the occasion, including 11 posters devoted to the process of regaining of Polish independence, and about the main achievements of the young country. The idea is to let the libraries, schools, etc. compose exhibitions from these posters and place them in their residences. It is allowed to download these posters from a special web site and use them according to wishes of exhibition organizer (they can use all or only some of them).



In the reading room of the Scientific Library of National Marine Fisheries Research Institute (Gdynia, Poland) we can have a look at the exhibition composed of 8 posters entitled: *The Fight for Polish Identity Before 1918*; *Poland Built from the Very Beginning – November 1918*; *Administration and Home Rule in the First Years of Independence*; *The Way to Modernity – Investments and Development*; *Education System Problems*; *Architecture*; *Books, Cinemas and Radio*.





## The Institute of Oceanology – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary



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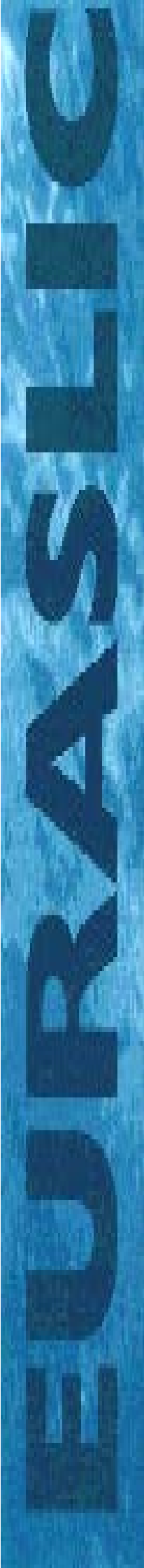
The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Institute of Oceanology – BAS was marked by a solemn assembly at the Festival and Congress Centre – Varna on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The event was attended by the Vice President of the Academy of Sciences, representatives of local authorities, government institutions, scientists from Bulgarian and Romanian partner institutes, NGOs, current and former employees of the Institute of Oceanology. The director, Prof. Snezhana Moncheva, introduced to the guests the history and the main scientific achievements of the Institute, its motto "Marine Science in the Service of Society" and mission "National Marine Research and Expert Centre Integrated in the European Scientific Space".

Greeting addresses for the celebration were received from a large number of national organizations and institutions, including the Ministry of the Environment and Waters, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Parliamentary Committee on the Environment and Waters, and international partners such as the Black Sea Commission, the Organization for Black Sea Economic Cooperation, research institutes from Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Turkey, Spain, Slovakia, Great Britain, Portugal and others.

At the ceremony, an honorary sign "45 Years IO-BAS" was awarded to staff members (among which also the Head of the Library & Information Services) for their contribution to the Institute's development, as well as to prominent public figures for their support and cooperation in the marine research activities.



The staff of IO-BAS



## EURASLIC New Members for 2018

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## Participation of EURASLIC Members in IAMSLIC committees and activities

- Maria Kalentsits: ASFA-FAO liaison
- Bart Goossens: Regional Representative in the IAMSLIC Executive Board (2017-2019); Conference Site Selection Committee (2018-2020)
- Ingrid Čatić: Member of the Aquatic Commons Board (2017-2019)
- Kateryna Kulakova: Member of IAMSLIC Membership Committee (2018); Member of IAMSLIC Nominating Committee (2013-2018)
- Stephanie Ronan: Member of the IAMSLIC Website and Communications Committee (2018-2020)
- Heike Lust: IAMSLIC members on the transitional Joint GEMIM (2016-2018)

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!