



## **EURASLIC annual report 2016**

### ***Membership***

According to IAMSILIC census for 2016, EURASLIC members amount to 63 members for 2016 versus 66 for 2015

### ***EURASLIC Executive Board 2015 -2017***

In May, 2015 we held elections for EURASLIC Executive Board 2015-2017.

A new board was elected two year term of office consisting of the following members: Bart Goossens (President), Marina Mayer (Vice-President), Kateryna Kulakova and Natalja Kondratjeva (Member Representatives), Sofija Konjevic (Executive Secretary, Website and Newsletter editor), Snejina Bacheva (Past President), Anne-Laure Achard (Environment Librarians' Representative), Olga Akimova (European Countries in Economic Transition Representative) and Malgorzata Gabrowska - Popow (Archivist).

The next executive board will be appointed during the next EURASLIC conference.

### ***EURASLIC Newsletter***

The EURASLIC Newsletter is continued to be issued once in the year covering the most important events for the past year. In December 2015 number 44 was issued and edited by Sofija Konjević.

[http://www.euraslic.org/sites/euraslic.org/files/public/documents/NL44\\_2015.pdf](http://www.euraslic.org/sites/euraslic.org/files/public/documents/NL44_2015.pdf)

### ***EURASLIC Leaflet***

The EURASLIC leaflet has been revised by Marina Mayer and will be published in November 2016.

### ***EURASLIC Regional network activities***

#### **ODINECET**

The ODINECET project has planned the implementation of KOHA (and import of the data) by the end of this year. The overall objective of the KOHA development project is to support the development of the KOHA ILS software for libraries of the ODINECET group.

In development is also the 'union bibliographic catalogue' for the selected Ukrainian and Russian marine libraries who are accessible through Internet.

## DIGIMAR

Bart Goossens represented EURASLIC at the Euromarine Workshop 'DIGIMAR'. The key aims of the workshop were to:

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

The following conclusions and next steps were defined:

Three main questions were the base for discussion: Models for co-operation, formulating project ideas, and sources of potential funding and funding strategies.

### *Models for Cooperation*

The DIGIMAR participants felt that there were many advantages in pooling efforts and expertise to improve the services provided by libraries. In order to better understand the motivations, strengths and abilities of each partner, an email survey would be done to explore the competencies, capabilities and interests of the DIGIMAR participants to help formulate future strategy.

A number of potential projects and funding organisations were identified during the workshop. It was agreed that to create a shared on-line space for the DIGIMAR community which would include a list of potential projects and funders that could be shared amongst the community for future applications. which are listed in Appendix III. The two most prominent project proposals were:

1. Google Scholar Oceans - to increase the visibility, usability, harvestability, and traceability of digitised marine material.
2. Data extraction on request – to develop a workflow from the library to the analysis of historical data. Using the pool of European marine library collections and expertise develop a pipeline from the library to the researcher: from the book to the data.

### ***Participation of EURASLIC Memebers 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 IAMSLC Membership Committee (2012-2016)
- Sofija Konjević: Member of IAMSLC Membership Committee (2013-2017)
- Kateryna Kulakova: Member of IAMSLC 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

### ***Funds***

In 2016, EURASLIC funds amount to \$1635,50.

The calculation received by the IAMSLIC Treasurer:

<b>10/1/2015</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>235.5</b>
<b>3/1/2016</b>	<b>Allocation</b>		<b>1400</b>
<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>1635.5</b>

### ***EURASLIC Biennial Meeting***

The next EURASLIC meeting "Riding the Wave: Information Retrieval and Resource Management for the Future - 17th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC) " will take place from May 8-10, 2017 and will be hosted by the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) in Bremen, Germany.

### ***National Representatives***

The list of the National Representatives has been updated. In order to determine whether current National Representatives were willing to continue their duty or not e-mail notification were sent. Instead of those that are unwilling to perform duty new representatives have been appointed.

The updated list of representatives is available on the EURASLIC website:

<http://euraslic.org/national-representatives>