

17th Biennial EURASLIC Meeting, Bremen, Germany
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Report

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Thanks to grant received from BID – Bibliothek & Information International and EURASLIC I was able to attend the international conference of [EURASLIC Association](#) that was held in Bremen, Germany, May 8-10, 2017.

EURASLIC (European Association of Aquatic Science Libraries and Information Centres) is a European association that brings together libraries of institutions involved in aquatic (marine and freshwater) science research. It is a forum for the exchange of information and ideas relevant to aquatic sciences in Europe. Also, it is a regional group of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC). One of the benefits for members is inter-library loan provided free of charge either by mailing list or by IAMSLIC Z39.50 catalogue. Mailing list is also used for sharing information, and lately as a discussion list. Members have access to the EURASLIC Directory, opportunity to publish in open access publications, such as the EURASLIC Newsletter and the conference proceedings. Also, EURASLIC participated in various projects in the past (UNiverse Project, BLICOP, MedSIG, ODIN ECET etc.) and is looking forward to new projects.

EURASLIC meetings are normally held every two years, hosted by aquatic research institutes in various European countries. The 17th Biennial EURASLIC Meeting entitled *Riding the Wave: Information Retrieval and Resource Management for the Future* was held from 8-10 May, at Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research, Bremen, Germany. The Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) was established in 1991 in Bremen and is dedicated to scientific monitoring of the tropical marine environment. Our actual host was ZMT's 'MEDIA

Unit' (Management of Electronic Resources, Data, Information and Open Access) that is reference library for the ZMT.

The evening before the conference participants met at the ice-breaking gathering on the top floor of the ZMT outbuilding.

During the conference I presented the new user interface that was created for 20th anniversary of [Croatian Scientific Bibliography \(CROSBI\)](#).



Croatian Scientific Bibliography (CROSBI)

The Croatian Scientific Bibliography (CROSBI) was released in 1997., with main goal to provide information about scientific output in Croatia with emphases on projects financed by Ministry of Science and Education. CROSBI is not merely the bibliography it is also used as tool that creates links to the personal or institutional bibliography, enables creation of different reports to Ministry of Science and Education. Interoperability with other databases like repositories is possible. The the input data are provided by researchers while library professionals provide standards, monitor the data and maintain the database. Authentication is enabled through unique user identifier for Croatian academic community AAI@EduHr. From 2014 onward other projects, besides the projects financed by Ministry of Science and Education are included into database. Apart from bibliographic records CROSBI incorporate bibliometric and altmetric indicators, allows full text deposition therefore could be considered as one of first Croatian repositories. Today CROSBI provides a comprehensive overview to more than 500.000 records about the literature produced by Croatian scientists.

The Conference encompassed variety of topics: from journals and publishing, open access research data management, 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 the 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. And we were introduced with 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 other about books as art objects.

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.

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, that joined the session via Skype gave overview on IODE-IAMSLIC cooperation in which EURASLIC as sub-regional group is interested as well.

Matthew Buys gave overview of ORCID persistent digital identifier that is already adopted by many publishers, 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 workshop held in Plymouth in April 2016. Also future plans on harvesting marine digital materials were mentioned. Kateryna Kulakova presented ASFA activities.

Under innovative conducting of Olivia Diehr at Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven the round table was held. It gave us opportunity to discuss and shape the future of EURASLIC. Also suggestions were made to introduce new possibilities for membership like professional exchange or at least possibility to exchange experiences, virtually via Skype, teleconferencing etc. Also at the conference several meetings of different EURASLIC groups and bodies were held.

I would like to thank BII for for making possible participation at 17th Biennial EURASLIC Meeting, as it was crucial to me to participate because of many obligations that I had as EURASLIC Executive secretary, session moderator and presenter. It was great chance to meet colleagues from other European institutions, and to exchange professional experience. Many interesting and useful presentation and new ideas enables EURASLIC to define its future steps. Also there were interesting presentations related to RBI Library activities like repositories, research data, personal identifier.

Also Bremen, a lovely city, with its historical monuments and picturesque old town contributed to overall impression of well organized conference.



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