

Minutes from Naple Board Meeting 6. October 2005

Present: Chris Batt, Maria José Moura, Jens Thorhauge

1. Finland will chair the EU-presidency during the second half of 2006. The Finnish Ministry of Education has offered to host the III Naple Conference. The board decided to accept the generous offer with pleasure and suggest that a library tour be organised in connection with the conference. It was also proposed that the programme should include a presentation from NOKIA.
2. Next general assembly was decided to be organised along with the conference in Helsinki
3. Newsletter - it was decided to report the Croatia conference in the autumn Newsletter. It was suggested that the Newsletter should bring summaries of presentations at the conference and that we should try to get an article with impressions from a Croatian participant.
4. The board has at previous meetings discussed the idea of establishing a website for sharing knowledge on new library buildings. Chris Batt informed about a cooperation between MLA and Cilip doing this with British libraries. He offered to examine the possibilities for expanding this website to present also European building projects.
5. The Croatian Ministry of Culture presented a paper on 'Initiatives for the international exchange of representatives from national authorities that oversee public libraries'. The initiative contains many other proposals. The board decided to recommend that the initiative be discussed again at the next conference. This recommendation was based on two facts, one being that the proposal would involve financial obligations that several members are not in a position to carry, the other that some of the proposals are overlapping activities carried out by other bodies.
6. The board decided to invite 'observers' to join the board to bring in new ideas.