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EDITORIAL
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We are pleased to announce that the amount of subscribers to The European Library Newsletter has significantly increased; we have registered 1700 subscriptions and almost doubled the amount of registration under a year! We would very much like to thank you for joining us.

Each newsletter is designed to give our readers valuable and usable information about The European Library and its network; in this issue, Adam Horváth, Director of Informatics of the National Széchényi Library, tells us about the OSZK and its involvement in TELplus project*. We also feature The European library log file analysis, the Romani digital collection, EDLproject review meeting and EDLnet kick-off meeting in The Hague.

The European Library Office sees some changes with the addition of new staff and promotion of others. In the last 2 months 7 new people have joined to help us continue to produce The European Library and manage its various projects plus create the European Digital Library prototype under EDLnet. As well as 2 new General Managers for The European Library and EDLnet, in Louise Edwards and Catherine Lupovici respectively we have also recruited Jon Purday as the PR & Communications Manager for EDLnet, Lizzy Komen as the Projects Assistant, Yoann Moranville as a Developer, Repke de Vries as a Project Leader and Cesar Esponda as an Editorial Intern. We also see the promotion of Georgia Angelaki to Project Leader of TELplus, Julie Verleyen to Technical Team Manager and Jill Cousins to Programme Director across The European Library, it's projects and EDLnet.

Note that you can find a definition of all terms with asterisks at the bottom of this Newsletter in our "Explanatory note".

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AGENDA
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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY IS PARTICIPATING IN DURING 2007:

- + [ECDL](#) in Budapest (Hungary), 16/21 September 2007
- + [Memory in Digits](#) in Vilnius (Lithuania), 4/5 October 2007
- + [TELplus](#) kick-off meeting in Tallinn (Estonia), 15/16 October 2007 (dates are subject to confirmation and a contract signature from the European Commission)
- + [World Digital Library Demo](#) in Paris (France), 17 October 2007
- + [LIBER-EBLIDA Workshop on Digitization](#) in Copenhagen (Denmark) 24/25 October 2007
- + [The European Information Space: Infrastructures, Services and Applications Workshop](#) in Rome (Italy) 29/30 October 2007
- + [CITRA, International Conference of the Round Table on Archives](#), Quebec Canada, 11/17 November 2007
- + [EVA/MINERVA Jerusalem Conference: The Mission of National Libraries in the Hi-Tech Convergent Environment](#), Jerusalem (Israel) 20/21 November 2007
- + [Online Information 2007 Conference](#) in London (UK), 5/6 of December 2007
- + [IACDL](#) – 10th International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries - in Hanoi (Vietnam), 10/13 December 2007

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IN FOCUS: ADAM HORVÁTH – NATIONAL SZÉCHÉNYI LIBRARY (HUNGARY)

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The [National Széchényi Library](#) (OSZK) joined The European Library as Full Participant* under the TEL-ME-MOR project* in July 2006. Adam Horváth, Director of Informatics of the OSZK and their representative in the Technical Working Group in The European Library, describes his activities within his organisation and the OSZK participation to [TFLplus](#).

Adam graduated from the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest M.A. in Hungarian language and literature and library science. He completed a postgraduate course at the International Computer Education and Information Centre as a programmer. Adam became Director of Informatics of the National Széchényi Library in 2001; his solid knowledge of remote data access protocols created an early partnership with The European Library through the TEL-ME-MOR project.

The European Library: "How many people work for the OSZK?"

Adam: "Although the library had to cut back on staff in 2007, we still employ about 500 people. In my department I lead 22 people; 5 of them, mainly programmers left the library environment last spring in order to get higher salaries in the private sector and another 2 will leave this autumn. I am not allowed to replace them. This is one of the biggest challenges in my field of work: the library can't compete with the salaries in the commercial environment.

The European Library: "How many people work in collaboration with The European Library since the OSZK joined as Full-Participant in 2006?"

A varying number of people work for The European Library. Work package leaders are assigned to these tasks on a permanent base (but not exclusively). Others are recruited depending on the actual work involved. People assigned to The European Library either permanently or occasionally often do not work for the Information and Computer Technology Department, but rather for the Document Supply Service, the Manuscript Collection, and Reference and Readers' Services."

The European Library: "The OSZK is involved in TELplus / Work Package 4; "the main objective of Work Package 4 is to create a modular web services infrastructure that enables users to integrate services with the European Library portal." Could you tell us more about it? What are "services"? What are the benefits for end users? What improvement would that imply for The European Library?"

Adam: "A service can be anything on the Internet: a translation service, an online bookstore, a library catalogue, a digital library, a thesaurus and so on All of which might be related to The European Library portal through bibliographic data. For example the portal may offer a link to a translation service translating an abstract from the search results or may offer a link to an ordering service when the results contain an ISBN field. The main benefit for the end user is that many Internet resources are linked to the catalogue by just one click. Work Package 4 of TELplus aims to develop the technical background to this integration service; this will include, among other things, the possible standardization of service descriptions. A good service description format will allow end users to create their own personalised digital library."

The European Library: "Does the OSZK collaborate with other National Libraries and on what terms?"

Adam: "The OSZK has collaboration programmes with other national libraries. There are permanent and occasional programmes. The permanent ones include interlibrary loans with several national libraries, book exchange with almost every national library and expert exchange programmes with some of them (the latest exchange programme was launched with the Slovak National Library). The OSZK organizes conferences, exhibitions and publishes books together with other national libraries. The main participants are the Austrian, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Italian and Russian national libraries. Occasional programmes include working together under the umbrella of different EU funded projects. In the field of informatics we have a good level of cooperation with the national libraries of the Nordic Countries, the National Library of the Netherlands and with many other non-national libraries."

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IN DEPTH

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+ THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY LOG FILE ANALYSIS

The University of Padua and Max Planck Institute for Informatics have been analysing The European Library log files throughout the year 2007.

Log file analysis allows The European library to see how user's interact with the portal; for example

where visitors enter the website and what actions follow this initial entry. Ultimately, Log file analysis aims at defining a user profile and usage pattern.

Both [University of Padua](#) – Italy - and [Max Plank Institute for Informatics](#) – Germany -, involved in the “log file analysis” activities, are part of [DELOS](#) Network of Excellence on Digital Libraries; DELOS main objectives are research through cooperation agreements with interested parties.

As part of [EDLProject](#) Work Package 1, Task 3 (Maximising usability and usage), the University of Padua focused on the identification and deep analysis of individual sessions (separation of human users and crawlers), the users’ geographic provenance and referrer websites. The European Library HTTP and Action Logs analysis was spread through the months of October 2006 to April 2007. *“We have decided to follow an innovative approach”* underlines Professor Maristella Agosti from the University of Padua. *“Instead of following the most common approach of analysing log data “on the fly” having a specific target in mind, we decided to design a rich database application in order to collect and manage the log data. This log data derives from 3 different and non-homogeneous sources of The European Library: Web logs, action logs, and registered users’ data. The main designer of the database application is Giorgio Di Nunzio and Tullio Coppotelli contributed to the data analysis and assimilation.”* The output of this research was significant since one of the main limitations of log analysis is the lack of the information context in which the user operates: *“The proposed methodology to analyze The European Library web logs turned out to be very effective and allowed the discovery of user behavior patterns through on demand queries”* adds Professor Agosti.

[EDLProject](#) Work Package 1, Task 3 also involved Max Plank Institute for Informatics; this organisation dedicated its research to analysing the European Library Action Logs - server log files - from December 2006 to May 2007, in combination with the data from the registered users’ database. Max Plank Institute for Informatics particularly concentrated its research on users’ queries. Julia Luxemburger, a member of the institute’s Department for Databases and Information Systems headed by Gerhard Weikum - Research Director -, used statistical methods to derive a user-interaction model from the logs. *“This model sheds light into the users’ behaviour when refining queries and clicking on results from different collections”* says Gerhard Weikum. *“The predictive power of such a model could eventually lead to a smarter and automated way of selecting the best-suited collections on behalf of the user. Currently, the logs are not yet sufficiently large to generate statistically significant conclusions and make reasonably accurate predictions. As The European Library’s user base continues to grow and more logging data becomes available, we expect to gain better predictions of user interactions and therefore give better support for satisfying the users’ information needs.”*

The collaboration between the University of Padua and Max Plank Institute will be further conducted within [TELplus](#) project; the University of Padua will be leading TELplus Work Package 5 (User personalisation services – log file analysis and use of annotations). Max Plank Institute for Informatics will be the TELplus Work Package 5 Tasks 5.2 “Log Analysis” and 5.4 “Personalised Search” leaders.

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NEWS
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+ THE ROMANI DIGITAL COLLECTION OF THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY

The European Library and the [National Library of Serbia](#) are collaborating in an ambitious project that aims at creating a pan-European bibliography of Romani language publications and a Romani Virtual Collection of digitised resources across Europe.

The project was accepted by The European Library board meeting in The Hague in March 2006 and is partly funded by the [Next Page Foundation](#) in Sofia.

The project will be achieved in 4 steps. In the current and initial phase, available records are being collected and harvested from the national libraries across Europe. The second phase involves the selection of material for digitisation. This digitized material will form a virtual library, bringing together the diaspora of Romani people and their cultural heritage. Such digitization also helps in its long term preservation .

The following countries have contributed by providing bibliographic records or keywords for harvesting purposes: Serbia, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

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+ EDLPROJECT REVIEW MEETING

An [EDLProject](#) review meeting took place on the 11th of September in the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, National library of the Netherlands.

Two reviewers chosen by the Commission have assessed the EDLProject progress under EC Project Officer, Mr. Federico Milani,. The Agenda featured a presentation from Britta Woldering of the [German National Library](#) covering work completed to date and a general overview. The conclusions of the reviewers were very positive and EDLproject activities can further proceed.

EDLproject is a Targeted Project funded by the European Commission under the [eContentplus Programme](#) and coordinated by the [German National Library](#).

The project was initiated in September 2006 and works towards the integration of the bibliographic catalogues and digital collections of the National Libraries of [Belgium](#), [Greece](#), [Iceland](#), [Ireland](#), [Liechtenstein](#), [Luxembourg](#), [Norway](#), [Spain](#) and [Sweden](#), into [The European Library](#), as well as understanding and enhancing the usability of the portal through log file analysis and experimentation in multilingual search and retrieval and GIS applications.

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+ TELPLUS KICK-OFF MEETING

A TELplus kick-off meeting date has been provisionally set for the 15th and 16th of October (subject to confirmation and a contract signature from the European Commission.)

TELplus is a 30 month targeted project. It aims to OCR more than 20 million pages of content in many languages, to make library data OAI compliant and therefore harvestable, to address usability issues through improved presentation of search results and to make improvements in semantic interoperability including multilingual search and retrieval. Additionally, the national libraries of Bulgaria and Romania will join The European Library as part of TELplus. The project is to be jointly coordinated by the [National Library of Estonia](#) and [Eremo srl](#).

In TELplus the National Library of Estonia will be financial coordinator and Eremo srl, scientific coordinator. [Toomas Schvak](#), Project Manager of the Research and Development Centre of the National Library of Estonia, explains how both partners will collaborate day by day: *"The National Library of Estonia and Eremo srl have cooperated on European projects in the past. From 2005 to 2007 both organisations were involved in the TEL-ME-MOR project, another initiative to develop and expand The European Library. Eremo acted as a scientific coordinator while the National Library of Estonia was responsible for dissemination and awareness raising. Those two years built a solid basis for further cooperation we want to make use of in this new project. The National Library of Estonia will liaise with the Commission, take care of consortium management and paying out funds to partners while Eremo will mainly focus on technical activities and evaluation aspects. The overall monitoring of progress will be tightly managed through the cooperation of both partners."*

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+ EDLNET KICK OFF MEETING

A first meeting of the major European associations for Museums, Libraries, Archives and Audio-visual Archives (MLAA) took place on the 12/13/14 of September 2007 at the National Library of the Netherlands in The Hague; 70 senior managers and technical experts from the MLAA domains came together to plan the European Digital Library.

Everyone in The European Library Office worked their butts off to make this meeting a success. Some serious preparation took place over the summer, when really we should all have been sunning ourselves in one of the countries that actually had a summer. As well as recruiting individuals to create an EDL Office, work took place to invite partners into the Thematic Partner Network Group which is the core of EDLnet. To create an agenda that made use of the newly formed work groups covering the areas of Human and Political Interoperability, Technical and Semantic and Users for Usability, but also ensured that each work package and work group knew what the others were doing was also part of the challenge. The meeting seems to have achieved its goals of getting the various cultural heritage organisations and institutions involved in the project and talking to each other.

The Kick Off started with Wim van Drimmelen, Director General of the [National Library of the Netherlands](#) and coordinator (through their hosting of The European Library of EDLnet) welcoming the participants. He enjoined them to work together to create a proof of concept that cultural heritage institutions can work together and overcome the interoperability issues to create something of use to the users. This was followed by a presentation by Jill Cousins, Programme Director for EDLnet and The European Library attempting to set the scene and scope of what EDLnet is to achieve, followed by Dr Elisabeth Niggemann, chair of CENL giving a summary of the agreements achieved by the major European Associations to create EDL Foundation (both presentations will soon be available on [www.EDLnet.eu](#)). We then had Issues statements from each of the Work Package leaders before 'speed dating' the whole network so individuals from the different domains got to know each other over a drink. The following days everyone split into workshops and got down to making initial sets of recommendations so that the real work on creating a maquette to show what features and functionality will be incorporated in a European Digital Library could commence.

The project – the European Digital Library network (EDLnet) – runs for two years, and will develop a prototype that demonstrates proof of concept, bringing together content from some of Europe's major cultural organisations. Information on the project can be found on [www.EDLnet.eu](#) and within the next month or so a newsletter will be launched to inform people about its activities.

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IN BRIEF
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+ The National Bibliographic Data Bank of the [Lithuanian National Library](#) is now available for search through The European Library portal at:
<http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/portal/?coll=collections:a0301&q=vilnius>

171 collections are now searchable through the SEARCH button on The European Library [HOME](#) page!

+ [The Russian State Library \(RSL\)](#) joined The European Library as Full Participant* in July 2007. Click [here](#) for more info.

+ [EDLproject.eu](#) provides information and material related to progresses and results of the project outcomes. A description of future web-based marketing actions is now available at <http://www.edlproject.eu/outcomes.php>. This also includes a summary of developments related to Key Performance Indicators.

+ The European Library is moving towards **Web 2.0 and its community-based networks**. You can now join The European Library discussions and forums on <http://www.facebook.com/> and <http://wordpress.com/>.

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PARTNERS UPDATE
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THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF FINLAND (NFL) EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

The [National Library of Finland](#) currently features the following exhibitions and events:

+ "[From Agricola to Donald Duck](#)" celebrating the 300th anniversary of Legal Deposit Act in Finland. The National Collection collects Finnish printed products as well as sound and image recordings. Its holding is based on the 300-year-old legal deposit copyright that obligates manufacturers and publishers to provide legal deposit copies of their products to the National Library of Finland. The exhibition is held in the National Library's Gallery until November 2nd, 2007.

+ "[Jean Sibelius work](#)" features the Collected Works of Jean Sibelius. The project aims at publishing Sibelius entire oeuvre based on study of all remaining sources. The exhibition is held in the national Library of Finland until the October 29th, 2007. A lecture is further scheduled on October 24th and a concert on October 28th.

+ "[J. V. Snellman - European Thinker](#)" is an itinerant exhibition organised in order to celebrate 200th Anniversary of J. V. Snellman's birth.

Find out more by clicking on the [NFL events/exhibitions page](#).

The European Library invites all National Libraries to tell others about their national library initiatives or exhibition programmes through our Newsletter. To do so, send your email to:
Info@TheEuropeanLibrary.org

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THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY OFFICE
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+ [NEW MEMBERS IN THE OFFICE!](#)

With great pleasure, we introduce our new members of The European Library Office:

* **Ms. Louise Edwards**, our new General Project Manager for The European Library. Louise previously worked as Research and Innovation Manager at the Cranfield University in the UK following a career as Collections Manager for JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee). Jill Cousins becomes Programme Director for The European Library and EDLnet.

* **Mr. Cesar Esponda** joined The European Library Office on September 10th as Editorial Content Intern. Cesar is preparing a Master in Arts in Book and Digital Media Studies at the Leiden University and will work on the static content of The European Library website for 5 months following the Editorial Plan objectives.

* Besides new staff specifically for The European Library EDLnet sees the recruitment into the Office of 2 other individuals well known to the library world. **Catherine Lupovici** joins from the BnF as the General Project Manager for EDLnet, bringing all of her vast experience to bear on this challenging project and **Jon Purday** is seconded from the British Library to look after the PR and Communications required for EDLnet, Jon with his huge knowledge in positioning the BL on the world stage will be very valuable in building up the brand of European Digital Library. Additionally we have borrowed **Repke de Vries** from the National Library of the

Netherlands to help us create user and stakeholder requirements for the maquette. Repke comes with vast experience and knowledge in the creation of user interfaces.

+ JOBS AT THE EUROPEAN DIGITAL LIBRARY

To make the dream a reality we need your help! Would you like to uncover the rich cultural heritage of Europe? Do you have technical development, metadata or coordination skills? Do you fancy living in The Netherlands for a couple of years? Are you an EU citizen? We are still looking for an Interoperability Manager for EDLnet and for another Senior Developer, if you are interested then click on [this link](#) and send us your CV.

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ABOUT THE NEWSLETTERS
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EXPLANATORY NOTE
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The European Library Technical Working Group represents The European Library members in issues concerning metadata and protocols. This group (Full Participants only) makes sure that technical developments are in line with strategy, and help to create and test the portal and website.

TEL-ME-MOR was a project funded by the European Commission under the Sixth Framework Programme of the Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme. The TEL-ME-MOR project ran for 2 years from 1 February 2005 with the objectives of supporting the 10 national libraries from the New Member States in becoming Full Participants of The European Library.

The participating partners of The European Library are either [Basic participants](#) or [Full participants](#). The digital collections of Full Participants are "searchable" through the European Library portal.

The European Library invites all National Libraries and members of [CENL](#) to communicate with our readers through this Newsletter or join the "In Focus" list of participants. To do so, send your email to: Info@TheEuropeanLibrary.org