

MINUTES

of the third COBISS.net Council meeting

29 November 2018, Maribor, Slovenia

The meeting was held in Maribor, Slovenia, on 29 November 2018, starting at 12:15 CET.

Participants:

Assigned members of the COBISS.net Council and authorized proxies:

Ismet Ovčina, National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Director
Nevenka Hajdarović, National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Head of NCC¹
Rumyana Petrova, SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library, Bulgaria, Head of NCC
Frymzim Dauti, National and university library "St. Clement of Ohrid", Macedonia, Director
Žaklina Gjalevska, National and university library "St. Clement of Ohrid", Macedonia, Head of NCC
Bogić Rakočević, National Library of Montenegro "Đurđe Crnojević", Director
Vjenceslava Ševaljević, National Library of Montenegro "Đurđe Crnojević", Head of NCC
Tatjana Dunović, National and University Library of the Republika Srpska, Director's Authorised Proxy
Željka Komlenić, National and University Library of the Republika Srpska, Head of NCC
Laslo Blašković, National Library of Serbia, Director
Vesna Stevanović, National Library of Serbia, Head of NCC
Aleš Bošnjak, IZUM, Slovenia, Director
Martina Rozman Salobir, National and University Library of Slovenia, Director
Mirlona Buzo, Library of the Academy of Sciences of Albania
Albana Velianj, Library of the Academy of Sciences of Albania, Director

¹ NCC – National COBISS Centre

Participants invited by IZUM:

Branko Zebec, Assistant Director
Bojan Štok, Head of Software
Tadeja Brešar, Head of Bibliographic Control
Romana Muhvič Šumandl, Head of Service Management
Arjeta Sadiku, expert associate
Davor Šoštarič, councillor

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2nd COBISS.net Council meeting
2. Approval of NCC reports presented at the COBISS Conference 2018
3. New method of licencing memberships in COBISS.net
4. Activities regarding the international development help for financing the COBISS.net project (UNESCO, EU, etc.)
5. COBISS+ and mCOBISS for COBISS.net
6. Overview of the number of newly included libraries and awarding the prize for the most successful COBISS centre
7. AOB

After the introductory address by the host Dr Aleš Bošnjak, the president of the COBISS.net Council Dr Ismet Ovčina greeted all the participants and commended the organisation of the COBISS Conference 2018, its contents as well as the large number of attendees. Dr Ismet suggests an addition of two introductory agenda items: approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and approval of the NCC reports presented at the COBISS Conference 2018.

The members of the COBISS.net Council approve the minutes of the 2nd Council meeting. They also approve the reports presented at the COBISS Conference 2018.

In the 3rd agenda item, Dr Aleš Bošnjak states that we wish to encourage the libraries that are not satisfied with the current model of charging for licences because they would need a larger number of usernames, but only for the COBISS3/Loan software module, to enter the COBISS system. A new model for charging membership is being prepared at IZUM, which would offer different evaluations for individual licences in individual software modules. The new charging method is also intended to solve the issue of sorting usernames in different parts of a day, because currently, not all the employees can log in at the same time in many libraries because of the costs. It is planned that the new model be implemented in 2019. Ms Hajdarević finds such a solution extremely favourable, because it would help solve the financial issues of their libraries and consequently lead to a higher number of Loan implementations in COBISS.BH. Vesna Stevanović, NCC SR, and Žaklina Gjalevska, NCC MK, agree with Ms Hajdarević. Ms Gjalevska adds that even the payment of EUR 1,000 for the environment installation represents a great challenge for them. At this point, Dr Aleš Bošnjak states that the promotion of discount inclusions at the 30th anniversary will be extended but with the addition that the libraries pay half of the yearly price for the period of one year, which begins on the date of environment installation.

Members of the COBISS.net Council approve IZUM's intention to change the model for charging licence fees.

In the 4th item on the agenda Dr Ovčina points out that all the members of the Council must give their maximum efforts to promote the project, which started three years ago and for which also UNESCO promised its support. Regardless of the results of this project, we need common projects and serious support from all COBISS.net member countries. Dr Bošnjak states that this was a very ambitious and a very broad project and perhaps this is the reason for the poor response it received. He mentions the smaller successful project Tempus carried out in the past and suggests taking on a similar project in the future. The then coordinator of this project is still in regular contact with IZUM and would be prepared to cooperate in the future. Considering that IZUM formed a group of employees tasked with monitoring calls for projects, other COBISS.net members should do something similar, starting with one person. A special mailing list should be formed for communication purposes. Dr Ovčina suggests that directors of national libraries should take on this task for the time being.

In the 5th item on the agenda Dr Bošnjak informs the attendees that COBISS+ and mCOBISS are already implemented in COBISS.BH and COBISS.SR. Now it is up to the libraries to promote COBISS+ and mCOBISS. mCOBISS and COBISS+ are expected to be installed in COBISS.CG in the near future and it was suggested that the installation should also be accompanied with COBISS Days, similarly as not too long ago in COBISS.BH.

In the 6th item on the agenda Dr Ovčina informs the Council that the organisation of COBISS Days in COBISS.BH garnered excellent results. Nevenka Hajdarović agrees with Dr Ovčina and adds that she used the occasion for discussions with cooperating libraries. At this point, the representative of COBISS.RS from Banja Luka, Željka Komlenić, congratulates IZUM on its 30th anniversary.

Dr Bošnjak informs the Council that the discussions in Kosovo concluded with positive results and that the Library of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo signed an agreement on the cooperation with IZUM.

Dr Ovčina suggests that IZUM considers organizing postgraduate studies of librarianship again, as it did years ago.

Dr Bošnjak reports about the results of the promotion at the 30th anniversary and announces that the award for including new libraries in the COBISS.XX system goes to Ms Hajdarović, COBISS.BH, and to Ms Ševaljević, COBISS.CG. Both recipients are surprised and thank Dr Bošnjak for the awards. The director of IZUM hands out symbolic awards to all the others present at the meeting.

In the 7th item on the agenda Dr Ovčina thanks all present at the Council and concludes the meeting.