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of the 4th COBISS.net Council meeting

27 August 2019, Athens, Greece

COBISS.Net Council Meeting – Brief Minutes
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COBISS.Net Council members in attendance:

- Dr Ismet Ovčina (Director of the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo)
- Laslo Blašković (Director of the National Library of Serbia, Belgrade)
- Bogić Rakočević (Director of the National Library „Đurđe Crnojević” of Montenegro, Cetinje)
- Frymzim Dauti (Director of the National and University Library „Sv. Kliment Ohridski“ of North Macedonia, Skopje)
- Dr Aleš Bošnjak (Director of IZUM)

Invited guests in attendance:

- Dr Tanja Perić (Director of the National and University Library of Croatia, Zagreb)
- Gordana Mazić, MSc (IZUM)

Four main agenda items were addressed at the meeting as follows:

- The director of IZUM emphasised the importance of including school libraries in the COBISS.net system. In Slovenia, over 600 libraries joined the system within the past two years as part of a project. The project was supported by the state, so it would make sense that enquiries should be made in the other countries to see what their respective state's stance is regarding this issue. IZUM could also provide some pilot projects for this type of inclusion for the next 4-year period.
- The director of NUBBIH proposed that the promotional activities called COBISS Days are to be organised in all the participating member countries. In addition to providing an overview of new products of the COBISS systems, these promotional activities could also facilitate establishing contacts between IZUM management and library representatives in each participating country. The members reacted positively to this proposal and had a discussion about it.
- The director of the National Library in Zagreb suggested that it would be good if a bibliographic data exchange platform was established, on which members of various library and information systems in Croatia could exchange their bibliographic records and records in the COBISS.net network.

- Gordana Mazić proposed that within the network, we should try and monitor calls for participation in projects and programmes within the EU, which would strengthen our mutual cooperation and the expansion of the knowledge network (with library information systems undoubtedly being a part of this network). It is important that, with regards to this, we work together. The Council members agreed.

The meeting was concluded with agenda item AOB, during which some other important content issues were discussed.