



**Minutes
of the
COBISS.Net Council Meeting**

20 October 2022, Maribor

The meeting took place in Maribor on Wednesday, 20 October 2022.

In attendance:

COBISS.Net Council members:

Dr. Ismet Ovčina; National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina; (*director*)

Dr. Aleš Bošnjak; IZUM, Slovenia; (*director*)

Dr. Vladimir Pištalo; National Library of Serbia; (*director*)

Krasimira Aleksandrova, SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library Bulgaria; (*director*)

Rahmetulla Kuqi; National and University Library of North Macedonia »Sv. Kliment Ohridski« (*director*)

Žaklina Gjalevska; National and University Library of North Macedonia »Sv. Kliment Ohridski«; (*NCC head*)

Dragica Lompar; National Library »Djurdje Crnojević« of Montenegro; (*director*)

Vjenceslava Ševaljević; National Library »Djurdje Crnojević« of Montenegro; (*NCC head*)

Željka Komlenić; National and University Library of the Republic of Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina; (*NCC head*)

Arjeta Sadiku; IZUM

Mirlona Buzo; Library of the Academy of Sciences of Albania

Davor Bračko; IZUM (*COBISS.net coordinator, keeper of the minutes*)

Meeting agenda:

- Confirmation of the minutes from the previous COBISS.Net Council meeting (12 September 2022)
- News
- AOB (any other business)

Ismet Ovčina as the president of the COBISS.Net Council started the meeting and greeted everyone present. He introduced the new director of the National Library of North

Macedonia, Rahmetulla Kuqi. Mirlona Buzo introduced herself and told everyone where she was from.

Ismet Ovčina said that he sent the minutes of the previous meeting a few days ago to the members of the COBISS.Net Council for reviewing. He asked if there were any remarks. There were not any remarks, everyone agreed and officially confirmed the minutes from the previous COBISS.Net Council meeting. Aleš Bošnjak said that the minutes will be published online. Upon Ismet Ovčina's suggestion, the minutes will be published in shorter form from now on.

The next item on the agenda was news. Ismet Ovčina gave the floor to Aleš Bošnjak and congratulated him on the excellent conference. Aleš Bošnjak thanked everyone for attending the conference. He also thanked Davor Bračko and his team for the excellent organisation of the conference. He said that the gala dinner and the evening event went really well. Aleš Bošnjak then mentioned the action plan. For 2022, IZUM managed to secure developmental help for the COBISS.net project, namely 20,000 EUR from our ministry in charge and 20,000 EUR from the ministry for foreign affairs. Aleš Bošnjak was not sure if he would be just as successful when acquiring funding next year as the staff at the ministries has changed. There is also the option of acquiring funds from UNESCO. Bhanu Neupane did not manage to come to the conference, but he promised to make more effort next time to make it. Aleš Bošnjak said that everyone cooperated really well in this action plan and reminded everyone present that the invoices for this year must be sent before the end of the year, i.e. by 31 December. Only those invoices will be accepted within the scope of development help. He also asked everyone to prepare a short report.

Davor Bračko then said that he had already spoken to the NCC heads, and they are already familiar with the details regarding the use of funding and issuing of invoices.

Aleš Bošnjak said that the selection process for the director of IZUM would take place the following week. He also said that they have not managed to include Croatia in the action plan yet, but that Ismet Ovčina had also tried to reach an agreement regarding the exchange of records between the national libraries of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, but that they had not managed to come to an agreement yet. He also said that IZUM received a request to include a Croatian library (Koprivnica) and that that library would bring another 7 libraries who are also not satisfied with the current software to join COBISS. IZUM is willing to make free conversions for them and help them join COBISS. However, the national library of Croatia currently does not permit the transfer of records to COBISS. He asked if anyone had a suggestion, should a letter be written or should other measures be taken. He also said that representatives of the Croatian national library were invited to the COBISS conference but then cancelled at the last minute. Ismet Ovčina said that they would continue the activities for the inclusion of libraries in Croatia. Vladimir Pištalo suggested writing a letter. Aleš Bošnjak agreed. Vladimir Pištalo suggested that the preparation of such a letter should be coordinated within the next few days.

Ismet Ovčina said that he hoped that they will continue their successful cooperation. He thanked Aleš Bošnjak, Davor Bračko and the team for the successful execution of the conference. Nobody else had anything to add. Ismet Ovčina praised the speeches at the conference and said that the celebration of 30 years of IZUM was very nice. Aleš Bošnjak thanked everyone and said that he hoped that they would meet again soon at the upcoming COBISS Days.