

# EMEA Regional Council Candidate Statements

## Tuba Akbaytürk

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I have been working for Koc University since 1998. I started my career as a systems librarian following my graduation from Indiana University with an MLS. I am proud of being a 1st year IFLA/OCCLC Fellow. I have been appointed as Library Director in 2011. Budget management, Collection development, e-resources management, library automation, resource sharing, digitization and user services are some of the areas I am responsible for. I involved with library reorganization, library space repurposing and digitization projects intensively. I speak English, French as well as Turkish. I earned my BS from Boğaziçi University Molecular Biology and Genetics prior to my library degree. I am actively involved with EAHIL(European Association for Health Information and Libraries ). Under my directorship, Koc University Library hosted their annual conference in Istanbul in 2011. In following years, I continued to serve in the International Program Committees (2013 and 2015). LIBER General Annual Conference was also hosted at Koc University in 2008. I am armed with the advantage of being an IFLA/OCCLC Fellow which makes me very familiar with OCCLC's structure. I work for an institution where we actively use OCCLC products and services. I coming from a region which has been underrepresented in the Councils. This region has its own realities and ways of doing business. My understanding about the region and ability to bridge the divide can be beneficial for all parties.

# Andras Bela Giczi

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I am the head of Department of Acquisitions librarian at the Library of Budapest University of Technology and Economics. In the past 5 years I have had the chance to build a wide network within the Hungarian scientific library area, both because of my duties at the MTA Electronic Information Services Secretariat, and via the Association of the Hungarian Librarians. I believe I could represent relevantly the librarians of my country, and I could connect them more to OCLC on the other hand. With the experience both on international and national level, I hope the point of view I would bring into the Councils work would be addition. My career made it possible to me to be able to work "on the other side" too, as the representative of a publisher/vendor company. Though this was only a short period of 9 months, I believe I have learned very much during this period. This helps me to be more objective, when libraries come to one of the most urgent questions in the near future, such as e-content services or OpenAccess.

# Marta Cichón

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Currently working as the Head of the Department of Theory and Organization of Bibliography, formerly as Specialist in the Department of System Librarian, at the National Library of Poland, I graduated in 2005 from the Warsaw School of Economics with the M.Sc. degree in Quantitative Methods and Information Technology. I have been developing my interest in Information Science, metadata analysis and formats and data exchange ever since. As a student I conducted research within the Society for Economic Analysis and stayed focused on analytical research in my early career as business consultant and market researcher. Prior to joining the National Library of Poland I have gained experience in some areas related to culture and copyright including commercial media and web marketing. I have already participated in many international initiatives including NATO Youth Seminar, the Japan Return Program and digitization workshops organized by the National Library of Poland. My primary objective is to act as an advocate for greater sharing opportunities within our region helping in promoting more effective solutions for aggregating both metadata and digital resources created and stored in our libraries. As a person that have been interested in foreign cultures ever since, I can speak five European languages either fluently or at least at the upper intermediate level and I have a strong understanding of how important it is to create shared tools and resources that would help us promoting cooperation within the EMEA region. I believe that EMEA is a region - in comparison to its size extremely reach when it comes to cultural heritage and that by promoting this heritage through more internationalized solutions, that would allow us to overcome the language barrier, we can achieve much bigger cooperation in areas of culture and education but also beyond them.

## Guy Cobolet

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I have been the Director of the library “BIU Santé” in Paris for more than 15 years now. The library is the major health academic library in France. It was founded in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century and hosts a very large collection of rare books as well as modern and electronic collections.

The library is involved in national projects regarding academia and university libraries. Among its activities, the library is piloting the selection and acquisition of medical e-resources within the national consortium Couperin. The library is also involved in the shared preservation program dedicated to printed journals, academic ILL and document delivery. Our library is the number one provider in France.

Being a member of the EMEA Regional Council for the past 30 months I wish to continue participating and sharing my experience in various areas such as e-resources, conservation issues and document delivery, and the sharing how French academic libraries function.

## Adelaida Ferrer

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I think that participating in the work carried out by OCLC within the library world is very rewarding professionally and personally. I would like to participate in the most advanced studies on libraries, work together to improve products and be able to share the model of Spanish university libraries with OCLC. I think it is important that there is active cooperation with an organization that allows global access.