

## **ENTITLE National Conference Public Libraries and Lifelong Learning Cluj-Napoca, Romania, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

The conference was organised by the „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library in collaboration with the Lifelong Learning Centre of Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, and was hosted at the main building of the library.

The conference had 55 participants, specialist from public libraries, librarians from different types of libraries, library directors, and teachers. The conference was publicised through e-mail, on the library’s web site and on the librarian’s mailing list.

In the first session there were presented several Lifelong Learning programs that are currently ongoing in Romania, and also the Romanian Strategy for Lifelong Programs.

Adina Dragu, expert of The Centre of Professional Training in Culture presented the results of the CONNECTION Project. An overview of the ENTITLE Project was given by Tatiana Costiuc, head of lending department of the „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library. Afterwards were presented the ENTITLE guidelines and the Impact Assessment Framework. The session was closed after some discussion regarding the Guidelines.

In the second session of the conference were presented best practice examples of learning activities from public libraries in Romania.

At the end of the conference there were presented children learning activity perspectives in the „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library.



## PROGRAM

08.30 Welcome and Registration

### **Session 1 – ENTITLE Project, guidelines and national policies**

9.00 Opening keynote

Sorina Stanca, coordinator of ENTITLE Project, director „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library

9.10 Message of local authorities

9.30 „ Lifelong Learning Programme in Romania”

Dr. Rodica Mocan, Lecturer, director of Lifelong Learning Centre of Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca

9.45 „Adult education in cultural institutions – competencies and skills”,

Adina Dragu, expert, The Centre of Professional Training in Culture

10.00 Presentation of ENTITLE project: Europe’s New Libraries Together in Transversal Learning Environments

Tatiana Costiuc, head of department, „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library

10.15 „ENTITLE guidelines - valuable instruments for organising Lifelong Learning activities in libraries”

Sorina Stanca, coordinator of ENTITLE Project, director „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library

10.45 Discussion of the Guidelines

11.00 Coffee break

### **Session 2 - Lifelong Learning and Libraries: best practice examples, Recommendations and the Impact Assessment Framework**

Chair: prof. Carmen Vădan, director, “I. Heliade Rădulescu” Dâmbovița County Library

11.15 “Impact Assessment Framework”

Sorina Stanca, coordinator of ENTITLE Project, director „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library

11:30 “MEDIATECA – multimedia cultural centre”

Cornelia Viziteu - director, “Mihai Eminescu” Botoşani County Library

11.45 “STATE OFFICE FOR INVENTIONS AND TRADEMARKS” and public libraries- industrial propriety for children and young adults”

Ştefana Teodorov, head of the library

- 12.15 New landscape for learning activities in the main building of "Octavian Goga"  
Cluj County Library - visit of the library
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 "Learning activities for children"  
Cornelia Cramarenco, head of children's department, Astra Sibiu County  
Library
- 14.20 "Why we need the PC?"  
Mihai Cruciat, deputy director, Astra Sibiu County Library
- 14.40 "Educational dimension of public library"  
Nicolina Halgaş, head of "Teodor Murăşanu" Turda Town Library
- 15.15 "The evaluation of learning activities at "Octavian Goga Cluj County Library"  
Diana Avram, children's librarian, "Octavian Goga Cluj County Library"  
Cristina Pop, children's librarian, "Octavian Goga Cluj County Library"
- 15.45 The Public library as important factor for developing communication skills  
Iosefina Blazsani-Batto, teacher, „Romulus Ladea” College Cluj-Napoca
- 16.00 Conclusions and Wrap-up

## Evaluation of the meeting

The results of the questionnaires are listed below:

### Organisational Issues

	Very useful	Useful	Not useful	Do not know
Booking & pre-event organisation	73,33%	26,67%	-	-
Organisation on the day	80%	20%	-	-
Documentation (website, leaflets, etc.)	60%	40%	-	-
Venue facilities	40%	60%	-	-

## Content of the event

	Very useful	Useful	Not useful	Do not know
Relevance of topics	66,67%	33,33%	-	-
Usefulness of presentations	66,67%	33,33%	-	-
Communication skills of presenters	80%	20%	-	-
Present innovative ideas	60%	40%	-	-
Handouts and supporting materials	60%	40%	-	-

## Other opinions expressed in answers to the open questions

### Positive aspects (strengths)

- ✓ The conference offered a good opportunity to learn from others experience, to meet new people, and to find out about best practice examples from other public libraries.
- ✓ Very the interesting the evaluation of learning activities.
- ✓ There was a good possibility of communicating with other colleagues about new and innovative services offered by public libraries.
- ✓ The technical conditions were very good.
- ✓ Good programme and appreciation of the diversity of issues.

### Aspects to be improved (weaknesses)

- ✓ The time allocate for each participant must be count and kept
- ✓ Not all the ideas were new

All participants expressed their opinion that a printed material must be produce after the conference.

Sorina Stanca