

**"Providing Access to Information for Everyone"
16th BOBCATSSS Symposium, 28-30 January 2008 in Zadar, Croatia**

Access to information is vital for the personal and social growth of every individual. However, many people are facing barriers in accessing information. The goal of the BOBCATSSS 2008 symposium is to explore access to information for everyone from the technical, political and legal, social and economical point of view. The symposium wants to identify the existing barriers in accessing information and to offer an overview of new concepts, ideas and examples of good practice in order to raise awareness and achieve possible solutions.

BOBCATSSS is an international symposium organized and managed by students from Eastern and Western European universities. It takes place once a year under the auspices of the European Association for Library and Information Education and Research (EUCLID) and deals with issues in the context of library and information sciences.

This year the symposium is being held under the sponsorship of the Croatian president Stjepan Mesic. There are regularly 300-400 students and their professors taking part in the symposium.

BOBCATSSS 2008 is organized by the Department of Information Science of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Osijek and the Department of Library Science at the University of Zadar in cooperation with the Institute of Library and Information Science at the Humboldt University in Berlin and the Department of Information Science at the University of Applied Sciences in Potsdam.

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