INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the Proceedings of the 35th IAMSLIC Conference and 13th Biennial EURASLIC Conference which was held in Brugge, Belgium, September 27 - October 1, 2009. The conference theme, ***"Confluence of Ideas: Evolving to meet the challenges of global change",*** reflected the global changes that are taking place beyond climate change.

"Survival of the fittest" – one of the session themes during the conference – reflects the myriad challenges libraries have had to face. Further sessions covered new developments such as: "Open Access" (as reflected by the growth of member Institutional Repositories); "Evolving through Cooperation"; and "Rethinking Resources". Topics in these sessions included adaptations which libraries have made to survive: innovative and customized services such as data publishing, data curation; involvement in cyberinfrastructure; collaborations; and marketing the library or information center. During this conference, we also emphasized green practices.

We would like to thank all of the paper and poster and green-flash presenters for their contributions. In addition, we thank the moderators who generously gave of their time to keep each session running smoothly. Our deep gratitude to the conference planning committee and everyone who helped to realize our joint conference in such a unique and wonderful way! We owe a special note of thanks to our host institutions IOC/UNESCO Project Office for IODE and the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) and most particularly our local contacts Ingrid Dobbelaere (VLIZ) and Kristin de Lichtervelde (IODE) for taking care of all the local arrangements in such trying times with flair, inventiveness, thoroughness and the greatest courtesy.

IAMSLIC members are looking forward to the 36th IAMSLIC Conference -- "Netting Knowledge: Two Hemispheres - One World" -- to be held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, 17-21 October, 2010.