



Motivation Statement of Candidacy

Candidate for the position of Executive Committee:
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(2nd Term)

**Danmarks Biblioteksforening (Danish
Library Association)**

Present Position: Director of Library Services, Municipality
of Helsingør

I have had the pleasure of serving on the EBLIDA Executive Committee over the last three years and am extremely motivated to serve a second term, not least as exciting times are in front of us with a new president coming in and a new director in place. I am committed to ensuring a close working relationship within the EC, expert groups, our director and secretariat and making sure that the resources within EBLIDA are best exploited. Our strength is based on close cooperation and trust.

Our current EBLIDA strategy focuses on the role of libraries in an ever-changing European society and EBLIDA's work with SDG's, democracy and diversity in the context of public library policy, praxis and legislation has proven able to unite libraries across Europe. This work will and should be prioritized in the coming years. For this to be successful we need to ensure that our advocacy work is strengthened and we create viable and lasting partnerships across the European Union and other European bodies.

To EBLIDA I bring many years of international experience. I served as the EBLIDA director from 2006-2009 and as Chair of IFLA's Section for Library Buildings and Equipment from 2004-2008. I also co-founded the IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group, which was launched at the IFLA WLIC in Buenos Aires in 2004.

Domestically I am a previous board member of the Danish Library Association and a present member of the Danish Association of Public Library managers.