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17.15 - 17.30: **Summary:**

In her closing remarks, Maria Heijne, Chair of FOBID, summed up some of the strong points of the conference, not to forget and to be follow up: a strong awareness that libraries will only succeed when they form one front, build alliances, and have a focus in lobby issues. Libraries need to agree on the main issues among themselves. There is also a strong need for fact finding and case studies to support and give evidence for advocacy; a true cooperation for Action in Europe, and larger visibility in Brussels. Building up tandems, coordinated action both in Europe and internationally. Libraries can make much more use of their own networks, which also may include archives in a number of cases. Let's have a focus on access issues, both for the short term and for the long term.

It is wonderful to have IFLA statements and also a draft Treaty on Copyright exceptions and Limitations. It obliges every library and participant to reflect: how can we support and use this: in Europe and in our own country? FOBID has wholeheartedly supported the IFLA Presidential Meeting 2011, and grateful for the positive feedback. It will continue to serve as International Library Office in the Netherlands, build bridges with IFLA, European partners, and through the network of The Hague–World Library Capital.

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