Learning society, learning organisations and lifelong learning

The seventh BOBCATSSS symposium will be held in Bratislavia, Slovakia, from 25 and 27 January 1999, exploring the changes and challenges that make a learning society necessary, and emphasising the role of lifelong learning in the Information Society. BOBCATSSS represents a cooperation between universities in the field of libraries and information science under the European Association for Library and Information Education and Research (EUCLID).

BOBCATSSS '99 aims to point out what kind of changes and challenges make a learning society necessary. New information and communication technologies have introduced a change towards an Information Society while free, world-wide transfers of goods, capital and services have led to a globalisation of markets. Future developments of firms and institutions depend on their ability and will to implement collective learning processes. New models and possibilities which enable self-directed learning will therefore be required to ensure job prospects and the adaptability of the job market. New educational media and new types of distance learning developing from information technologies are also important for self-directed learning independent of place, time, and teachers.

Discussions during the conference will therefore focus on the crucial role of information technologies for learning organisations and lifelong learning. Issues