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**IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE A "DILL" AND STILL GET AN INTERNATIONAL
MASTERS DEGREE IN LIS?**

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Not only is it possible, but the two go hand in hand! In this paper I will discuss my experience as an Erasmus Mundus scholarship holder which enabled me to undertake the International Masters in Digital Library Learning (<http://dill.hio.no>) – or DILL for short. This very rich and rewarding experience – both professionally and personally – took place from August 2007 to July 2009. It has not only provided a greater understanding of what is perhaps the newest facet of Library and Information Science (the Digital Library) on a theoretical level, but has opened my eyes to the formal research process that is required to write a thesis.

I will discuss both the DILL programme and the Erasmus Mundus scholarship initiative; what it was like to be the only Australian in a group of 18 international students; the experience of living in three *very* different cities (you will be surprised which one supplied the biggest culture shock!); the relationship to my current employment; and the opportunities it continues to provide me with – apart from free accommodation on every continent with my new-found international friends and colleagues!