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1. eIFL.net related news

Update Consortium Management Web Pages and Resources

The Consortium Management pages on the eIFL website have been updated, including a new home page, Road Map and Tip Sheets. The Road Map is geared toward helping consortia get started, as well as supporting existing consortia to develop and ensure their sustainability. Coming soon will be examples from eIFL.net network countries.

Check it out: www.eifl.net

PLIP Grants Awarded

The Selection Committee of the Public Library Innovation Program (PLIP) has chosen twelve winning proposals for the first round of grants to public libraries in developing and transition countries for innovative services using technology to improve community life. As these one year projects develop, case studies of the experience and lessons learned will be shared.

The funded organizations are:

- Zavidovići Public Library, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- The Lveate Centrestone Public Library, Cambodia
- Panguipulli Public Library no. 296, Chile
- HATS Community Empowerment Programme/Ghana Library Board, Ghana
- Kenya National Library System (KNLS), Kenya
- Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library, Lithuania
- Public Library "Braka Miladinovci" Radovis, Macedonia
- Public Libraries Coordination, State of Yucatan, Mexico
- Ulaanbaatar City Public Library (UPL), Mongolia
- Saula Public Library, Nepal
- Public Library "Radislav Nikcevic" Jagodina, Serbia
- Lubuto Library Project, Inc, Zambia

More information: www.eifl.net

2. eIFL.net Events May - June 2010

- ❖ On May 12-14, Iryna Kuchma, eIFL-OA program manager, will run training sessions at the Regional Technical Training Meeting Open Access and Dissemination of Scientific Information in Central America and the Caribbean organised by the Caribbean Academy of Sciences.
- ❖ On May 14 Bożena Bednarek-Michalska, Nicolaus Copernicus University Library in Torun and eIFL-OA country coordinator, will present Polish Open Access initiatives at the Second National Open Access seminar in Bialystok organised by the University of Bialystok Library, Poland.
- ❖ On May 14-15, Iryna Kuchma, eIFL-OA program manager, will participate in the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the IAP Program on Digital Knowledge Resources and Infrastructure in Developing Countries.
- ❖ On 17 May, Monika Segbert, by invitation of and in close collaboration with the Namibia Library and Archives Service, Ministry of Education, will hold a one day workshop in

Windhoek about eIFL programmes and services, and the creation and management of a library consortium.

- ❖ On May 19-21, Monika Segbert will present a paper at IST-Africa 2010 which will take place in Durban, South Africa. We are part of the workshop on the 20th of May "Research Interoperability, Digitization Techniques and Digital Preservation: the European context".
- ❖ On May 19-21, Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Programme Manager, will attend the IFLA Subcommittee on Copyright Training in The Hague that aims to enable library associations to conduct copyright training at national and local level through the development of documentation and workshops.
- ❖ On May 24-27, eIFL.net staff will host a PLIP Grantee Meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia to provide a forum for learning and sharing among grant applicants.
- ❖ On May 25 Iryna Kuchma, eIFL-OA program manager, and Tetyana Yaroshenko, National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and eIFL-OA country coordinator in Ukraine will organise a workshop Open Access; Experiences from the US and Ukraine hosted by National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine.
- ❖ On May 26-28 Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC) will participate in the annual conference of Kenya Library Association Towards Opening Access to information and knowledge in Kenya: Opportunities and challenges for information professionals.
- ❖ On May 26-28 Tetyana Yaroshenko, National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and eIFL-OA country coordinator in Ukraine, will participate in the national University Libraries conference hosted by the Central Scientific Library of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine.
- ❖ On 27 May, Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Programme Manager and Benson Njobvu, eIFL-IP Zambia will give a paper on "Libraries and education: partners in maximising access to knowledge through a global legal framework" at eLearning Africa 2010, 5th International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training in Lusaka, Zambia.
- ❖ On June 3-6, Monika Segbert and Rima Kupryte will present a paper at the conference "Emerging Technologies and Trends in Library and Information Science," organised by the Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, India.
- ❖ On June 7–11, Tetyana Yaroshenko, National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and eIFL-OA country coordinator in Ukraine will present at the Open Access seminar organised during the Seventeenth International Conference "Crimea 2010": "Libraries and Information Resources in the Modern World of Science, Culture, Education and Business", Sudak, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine.
- ❖ On 21-24 June, Kathy Matsika, eIFL-IP Zimbabwe, Kondwani Wella, eIFL-IP Malawi and Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Programme Manager will attend the twentieth session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR). Important agenda items will include Limitations and Exceptions, and discussion on the Proposal by Brazil, Ecuador and Paraguay for an international treaty for blind, visually impaired and other reading disabled persons.

3. eIFL.net Negotiations

Update on renewals

Cambridge University Press Journals

eIFL.net has signed a 3-year renewal agreement for Cambridge Journals Online, and access for many countries is available free of charge. Cambridge Journals Online includes over 230 high quality journals in a wide range of subject areas across the Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, Technology, Medicine, and Veterinary Science.

Find out more about Cambridge Journals Online at: www.eifl.net

Encyclopedia Britannica

The renewal agreement for Encyclopedia Britannica will be available as soon as signed contracts have been exchanged. We anticipate that this will be by the middle of May, and access for existing subscribers will be maintained in the meantime.

Oxford University Press Databases

Pricing has been agreed with Oxford University Press for the renewal of the Oxford Reference Online/Oxford English Dictionary Online agreements, and we are now finalising contracts. We anticipate that the new agreement will be available by the end of May, and access for existing subscribers will be maintained in the meantime.

Grove Art Online/Grove Music Online/Oxford Scholarship Online

We are working on the renewal of the agreement for these resources, and hope that it will be available by the beginning of June. Access for existing subscribers will be maintained in the meantime.

Renewal negotiations are underway with Oxford University Press Journals, Institute of Physics Publishing, Emerald, and Project Muse.

Update on new agreements

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Taylor & Francis Journals Collection

We are finalising an agreement for the Taylor & Francis Journals Collection. We hope that the new agreement will be available by the end of May.

Other resources

Negotiations for other new resources are also in progress, and we hope to have more news in the next newsletter.

Update on existing agreements

Taylor & Francis Databases and Encyclopedias

The agreement for Taylor & Francis databases and encyclopedias now covers additional countries.

- Find out more about Taylor & Francis databases at www.eifl.net
- Find out more about Taylor & Francis encyclopedias at www.eifl.net

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

We are in discussion with AAAS about extending our existing agreement to include new countries and additional resources. We hope to have more news shortly.

Usage statistics

In order to compare uptake of subscriptions and usage year on year, and to assess savings generated through the Licensing Programme, we have collected 2009 usage statistics and list pricing information for commercial e-resources available through our agreements.

Headline information will be included in our 2009/10 Annual Report (available soon), and the full report will be available in the Members' Only section of the eIFL.net website by the beginning of June.

New staff member

From 24 May, Ilse Gey van Pittius will be supporting Susanna Lob on the Licensing programme on a part-time basis. She can be contacted at subscriptions@eifl.net.

4. Update on eIFL-IP

eIFL signs Copyright for Creativity - a Declaration for Europe

Launched on 5th May 2010, the Copyright for Creativity Declaration is a call on European institutions from a wide set of stakeholders for a copyright regime supporting the digital economy.

"European copyright policy and regulations have a profound effect on libraries in developing and transition countries, through EU enlargement and a multitude of trade agreements covering much of the world", said Rima Kupryte, eIFL Director. "We look to Europe to take the lead in promoting copyright principles that are fair and balanced, and that provide policy space for countries striving to maximise access to education and learning materials for their citizens, critical for sustainable development - one of the EU's priorities for eradicating poverty".

Press release: www.copyright4creativity.eu

Text of the Declaration www.copyright4creativity.eu

Launch of "Copyright for Librarians" - an Online Open Curriculum on Copyright Law

The "Copyright for Librarians" is a new online, open curriculum on copyright law developed by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School, in conjunction with eIFL.net. It consists of nine modules and aims to inform librarians about copyright law in general, as well as the aspects of copyright law that most affect libraries. The course materials, organised into five different levels, can be used as the basis for a self-taught course, a traditional classroom-based course, or as a distance-learning course. Available under a Creative Commons Attribution licence, we welcome re-use, translation, and adaptation.

If you would like more information, or would like to use the course in your institution, please contact Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Programme Manager <[teresa.hackett \[at\] eifl.net](mailto:teresa.hackett[at]eifl.net)>

Press release: www.eifl.net

Curriculum: cyber.law.harvard.edu/copyrightforlibrarians

Library statements at WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP/5)

eIFL took part in the Fifth Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property in Geneva, 26th-30th April 2010. The Committee is embarking on detailed planning for a number of thematic projects, as part of the process to implement the 45 Recommendations adopted by Member States for a Development Agenda for WIPO. The eIFL statement was supported by the US Library Copyright Alliance, and vice versa.

<http://www.eifl.net/cps/sections/services/eifl-ip/issues/wipo-development-agenda>

Welcome to new eIFL-IP librarian from Senegal

Welcome to the recently appointed eIFL-IP representative, Mrs Awa Cissé from the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar in Senegal. Awa is no stranger to copyright, having first received training at the eIFL-IP global meeting in Istanbul in 2009. Awa was a valuable member of the eIFL.net delegation at the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights in Geneva in December 2009, and delivered the first library intervention at WIPO from Francophone Africa.

Thank you to Mrs Awa Ndoye, the previous coordinator, and congratulations on the new job.

<http://www.eifl.net/cps/sections/services/eifl-ip/people>

Congratulations to Denise Nicholson from South Africa

In March 2010, Denise Nicholson, received the Alumnus of the Year Award for 2009 from the Department of Information Science at the University of South Africa (UNISA). The Award, which endeavours to honour the thousands of students who have studied in the Department, is in recognition of Denise's contribution to the library profession in South Africa and abroad, and to ongoing efforts to improve access to knowledge in South Africa and other developing countries. Denise is the eIFL-IP librarian in South Africa, among other international activities.

eIFL sends warm congratulations to Denise!

5. Update on eIFL-OA

Open Access Week 2010 declared for October 18 to 24

Open Access Week, the global event to promote free, immediate, online access to research now entering its fourth year, has been declared for October 18 to 24, 2010. Open Access Week is an opportunity for the worldwide academic and research community to continue to learn about the potential benefits of Open Access (OA), to share what they've learned with colleagues, and to inspire wider participation in helping to make Open Access a new norm in scholarship and research.

The new Open Access Week Web site, at <http://www.openaccessweek.org>, details how participants across sectors – from research funders and producers to students and libraries – have taken advantage of the event to advance Open Access, and offers ideas for 2010. Organizations and individuals planning to participate or interested in more information about Open Access Week 2010 should register now on the Web site for access to regional and global contacts and resources.

Open Access Week is organized by SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), with expert guidance from an international panel of Open Access leaders, including Iryna Kuchma, eIFL-OA Programme Manager.

More details available on the eIFL site: www.eifl.net

EPT Needs Your OA Stories!

The Electronic Publishing Trust for Development (EPT) works with developing country scientists and publishers to improve access to the world's research literature and to raise the visibility of research findings published in developing countries.

To spread information to developing and emerging regions on the value of Open Access (OA) to research and economic development we need to make a lot of noise during Open Access Week (October 18–24). We need to tell others how free access to research, or distribution of their own research through OA, has changed their work or their career for the better.

Please Send Your Stories!

Please send EPT any stories that show how OA has advanced your work. For example, has it led to new contacts? Has it led to new research partnerships and publications? Has it made you think about the importance of getting your research findings into the global community to help resolve global problems? Has it helped your own career? Has it put your organisation on the global map?

Please tell EPT about any developments that are a result of your knowledge or participation in Open Access. Send your stories (no more than 300 words please) to [ept\[@\]biostrat.demon.co.uk](mailto:ept[@]biostrat.demon.co.uk). The best stories will be collated and made widely available so that others will be encouraged.

You can also add short experiences as a Comment to this Blog: epublishingtrust.blogspot.com, or here: www.openaccessweek.org.

More details available on the eIFL site: www.eifl.net

Presentations from Atelier national sur l'Accès Ouvert aux publications scientifiques et techniques au Sénégal (Open Access) and from Open Access and the Evolving Scholarly Communication Environment workshop in Nairobi

Presentations from the National Open Access workshop in Senegal organised by Consortium des Bibliothèques de l'enseignement supérieur du Sénégal (COBESS) and eIFL.net on February 9-10, 2010 in Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar are here available here: www.eifl.net.

And presentations from Evolving Scholarly Communication Environment workshop in Nairobi, February 17 – 19, 2010, organised by Bioline International, eIFL.net and Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium in the University of Nairobi are available here: www.eifl.net.

In an interview conducted by Leslie Chan of Bioline International, Prof. Mary Abukutsa-Onyango of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology discusses the importance of Open Access for research from Kenya and other African countries, video available here: www.eifl.net

News from our partners

Open Access in Macedonia

In March-April 2010 the Metamorphosis Foundation organised a set of presentations on open access at the "Goce Delchev" University in Stip, the Faculty of Economics, the Institute of Economics, the FON University, and in two universities in Tetovo - University of Southeastern Europe and the State University in Tetovo, and distributed about 2000 posters about open access. More information about the campaign is available here:

- <http://metamorphosis.mk/activities/odrzhani-prvite-prezentacii-za-otvoren-pristap.html>
- <http://metamorphosis.mk/activities/delenje-posteri-za-otvoren-pristap.html>
- <http://metamorphosis.mk/activities/zavrsheni-dogovorenite-prezentacii-za-otvoren-pristap.html>

NDLTD Union Catalog Surpasses One Million Electronic Theses and Dissertations and a Survey on International Activities launched

The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) announced that there are now over one million readily available electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) online worldwide. The NDLTD (www.ndltd.org), OCLC (Online Computer Library Center, www.oclc.org), VTLS (www.vtls.org), and Scirus (www.scirus.com) maintain and provide access related to the NDLTD Union Catalog (www.ndltd.org/find), of ETDs available in institutional repositories around the globe.

Many institutions around the world are represented in the NDLTD Union Catalog. Universities can participate by implementing the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) to contribute metadata records to the union catalog. The NDLTD provides free resources (www.ndltd.org) to implement OAI-PMH in an institutional repository.

Please Take a Short Survey

The NDLTD Working Group on International Activities launched a short survey on international activities; available here: www.ndltd.org (survey is in English and Portuguese).

More details available on the eIFL site: www.eifl.net

6. Update on eIFL-FOSS

Amernia FOSS ILS Update

Background

Starting in 1997 with funding from Open Society Institute (OSI), the Armenian library community implemented ICT and computer networks in the libraries, training courses for librarians and increasing internet access. Then in 2001, an OSI grant supported the creation of the Armenian Libraries Union Catalogue (<http://www.armunicat.am:8991/ALEPH>) for 11 leading libraries, using the ExLibris's Aleph system -- a proprietary product. When this project started, there were no FOSS ILS products available in the library automation market.

The Fundamental Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences (FSL) is amongst the pioneers in Armenia on introducing and implementing various FOSS library related products. FSL was one of eIFL-FOSS ILS Evergreen pilot projects which resulted in 30 libraries across Armenia going live with Evergreen installations. In addition, Armenian catalogue records are now used to test development versions of Evergreen for its internationalization standard.

New Grant in January 2010

In January 2010, thanks to funding from OSI, FSL has started a one year project "Introducing Free/Open Source Software Library Automation Tools to the Armenian Library Community". This is a two-part project involves 1) Armenian Libraries Union Catalogue: Technical and Software Upgrades and 2) Introducing FOSS products to the Armenian library community through training sessions

More details available on the eIFL site: www.eifl.net

Update on the Southern African Greenstone Support Network (SAGSN) Project

Background: SAGNS is regional network that provides supports for implementation and management of Greenstone installations. The Southern African Greenstone Support Network

project coordinator is Repke de Vries, and its regional coordinator is Amos Kujenga, NUST Library (Zimbabwe).

Kenya and Senegal had a successful first workshop and National Centre launch and will soon have their first follow-up activities. Both had participants from neighbouring countries thereby sparking future extensions of the Support Network and empowering initiatives in the region that up to this point worked in relative isolation.

Additional work on the eIFL FOSS SAGSN web pages is under way, most importantly informational pages for each of the now seven National Centres covering French speaking Western Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa.

The last new node in the Support Network for the present 2009 – 2010 project is scheduled to be Nigeria.

Malawi and Tanzania: Laying the Foundation for Digital Collections

Malawi

As a centre of SAGSN, Bunda College Library has conducted workshops with over 12 institutions and supported the development of 10 digital collections.

In July 2009, a workshop was conducted which resulted an institutional digitization plan model. To date, five institutions have successfully created digital collections using the plan. In addition, scanning equipment and OCR software was purchased for use by all institutions.

Digital collections are also now available that cover a wide range of areas, including news articles related to HIV and AIDS, theses and dissertations, undergraduate degree projects, past examination for both undergraduates and post-graduate programmes, and a collection of documents on Malawi or written by Malawians (popularly known as “Malawiana”).

Tanzania

Tanzania’s SAGSN centre is hosted by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology and supports a network of institutions across Tanzania. Workshops were conducted in fall 2009 with participants from 20 institutions. The impact was significant because, for many participants, it was their first introduction to digital collections.

In addition, Tanzania SAGSN collaborated with the Tanzania School of Library and Archive Documentation (SLADS) to develop a digital library curriculum and relevant teaching materials; thereby ensuring that the next generation of librarians will have the necessary skills to create and manage digital libraries.

In addition to these activities, digital collections have also been developed. Two of the collections now provide access to much needed, health related materials:

- Research papers and reports on Malaria, HIV and Tuberculosis within Tanzania and Malawi, created in a joint collaboration between Tanzania National institute for Medical Research (NIMR) and Malawi School of Medicine
- Health research papers and policy reports, created by Ifakara Health Institute

Additionally, other research and papers by Tanzania researchers, collections of student research work and theses, and historical documents (1900-1990) are now available.

More information about eIFL-FOSS SA-Greenstone: www.eifl.net

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