Newsletter

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Update on new content

eIFL is pleased to announce that on 24th of March agreement was signed with CUP for Social Science and Humanities content. 101 journals are provided by CUP to eIFL members for the period of three years. The list of journals is available at:http://www.eifl.net/services/services_sci_cup2.html
We are in the final stage of signing the agreement with Oxford Reference Online for their three products: Oxford Reference Online: Core Collection, Oxford reference Online: Premium Collection and Oxford Dictionary Online.

Free trials are open now for six Gale databases. Report on trials and final decisions will be taken be the end of May.

Content Task Force has developed a new survey for national audits of electronic resources of member consortia. Please respond to the questionnaire by 30th of April. This will enable Task Force to advice eIFL on the formulation of a short, medium and long term collection development strategy according to the needs of its members.

IOP has created new audio/visual tutorial designed to guide staff and/or users through the features of IOP electronic journals. The IOP tutorial provides a concise overview of creating, refining searches, of analyzing search results. It presents also an overview of the multimedia enhancements, and details about user options. The tutorial is available at: http://www.eifl.net/services/services_sci_iop.html

Update on Open Access

New Open Society Institute Grants Program with PloS

On March 22, 2004, the Open Society Institute (OSI) and Public Library of Science (PLoS) announced a new grants program to support open access publishing in developing and transition countries. The grants will make it much easier for scientists based in developing and transition countries to submit articles to the premiere peer-reviewed research journals published by PLoS. Deadlines for applications - June 15, September 15, December 15. More information about the grants is available at http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants.shtml

EBSCO now includes titles from DOAJ in their search service

EBSCO A-to-ZSM now offers access to hundreds of free online journals, such as those found in the Directory of Open Access Journals (www.doaj.org), PubMed Central (www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov), SciELO (www.scielo.org) and other portals. Spanning topics from language and literature to science and medicine, these journals are part of the A-to-Z master title database that provides link and coverage information to more than 40,000 unique titles from more than 530 database and e-journal packages from approximately 100 different providers. Using A-to-Z's online administrative module with its interactive Title Wizard, libraries can add these titles to their lists and make them available to patrons in a matter of minutes. See the press release at:
http://www-us.ebsco.com/home/whatsnew/freejourn.asp

DOAJ

Today the Lund Directory of Open Access Journals passed the 800 mark and now lists 802 peer-reviewed, open-access journals.

MIT OpenCourse Ware

Massachusett Institute of Technology is offering free, open publication of MIT Course material. With the publication of 500 courses, it offers educational materials from 33 academic disciplines taught in five of MIT's schools. Translation of courses is also available in Spanish and Portuguese. It is a valuable educational material for faculty, students, and self learners around the world.
To get direct access to the material, please see http://ocw.mit.edu/index.html

Romani Lexicon project

The aim of this project is to document the lexicon of Romani as exhaustive as possible and to provide translations into English, German and - depending on the respective Romani variety - into other European languages. The database is programmed to accept a range of different spelling conventions for each sound of Romani, granting the user maximum flexibility without imposing any orthographic constraints. The database will contain data representative of the dialectal variation in the lexicon of all Romani dialects, offering close to complete coverage of the basic lexicon of Romani. In addition, it will cover neologisms and examples of usage from a representative variety of recent text productions, including literary, journalistic and political texts, original works as well as translations. "It now covers a total of seventeen different varieties of Romani, with translations into ten different target languages. This makes it the widest lexical coverage of Romani varieties ever, and the largest web-based lexical translation resource, for any language."
More information and the web-based translator can be found at : http://romani.kfunigraz.ac.at/romlex/

Free Full Text directory from Yahoo

Yahoo maintains Free Full Text, a directory of over 7,000 scientific and scholarly journals. The directory is not limited to peer-reviewed journals or to journals that permit more than "fair use". Journals needn't offer free access to all their content, provided they do so for at least one whole issue --such as all issues older than six months. When a journal qualifies, the directory tries to link directly to the free content, not to the journal home page.
It organizes the journals alphabetically by title, and offers no subject organization and no searching. Despite these limitations, it's very useful and Yahoo has the resources and commitment to keep it up to date.
See the directory at: http://www.freefulltext.com/

eIFL website in French and Russian

Thanks to the eIFL team efforts, "Home", "About eIFL" and "Services" sections of the website have been translated into French and Russian. Soon the Spanish translation will be added.

News from members

On 16 March 2004, Margaret Ngwira announced that the MALICO has been officially a registered Trust.
On 22 April, 2004 Consortium of electronic libraries is Kosovo will be officially inaugurated. This event is planed as part of "Library week in Kosovo"

Coming events on may

- The fifth Board meeting will take place in Rome in our offices from 8 to 9 May 2004.
- A workshop on library consortium will be held in Cameroon in Yaoundé on 6-7 May. Emilija Banionyté and Monika Segbert will serve as resource people.
- A workshop on library consortium will take place in Mali on 10-11 May. Margaret Ngwira from MALICO consortium and Dr. Stephens Weatherington from USA SOLINET consortium will serve as resource people.
- On 17-21 May Ukrainian library consortium will hold a conference on electronic resources for libraries. Part of the event will be dedicated for discussion of issues and cooperation with INTAS.

Looking forward to receiving information about the activities and events organised in the country members of eIFL.net

The eIFL Team