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1. eIFL.net related news

General Assembly 2010

The University of Lund, with sponsorship from the Swedish Library Association, has agreed to host the eIFL.net General Assembly, just a few days before the IFLA conference (6-8 of August, 2010). As the theme of the IFLA conference is “Open Access to Knowledge”, we will also focus the eIFL.net General Assembly program on Open Access. The University of Lund is hosting the Directory of Open Access journals (DOAJ) and is a perfect host of our annual event. We would like to thank the Swedish Library Association and Lars Björnshauge, Director of University of Lund libraries, for this opportunity.

Welcome to new eIFL.net staff

We would like to welcome two members to the eIFL.net team: Ilaria Valatti and Rosalie Lack. Ilaria has joined the team to support our operations. She is replacing Isabel Bernall, who moved back to Spain, and took up a position at CSIC: Spanish Council of Scientific Research, to manage their shared open repository. We are happy for her and for her professional growth and career. She has been with us for 5 years and was an invaluable member of our team. Isabel stayed in close contact with all our countries, and was a great communicator.

Rosalie Lack will join us on April 1, in the capacity of the Deputy Director. She worked for 10 years at the California Digital Library and her recent post was a Director of Digital Special Collections. You can read more about Rosalie's achievements in a nice farewell message on the CDL site www.cdlib.org

Public Library Innovation Program

The call for proposals inviting public libraries to submit proposals for innovative services that use technology to improve community life closed on February 28. We received over 300 applications from public libraries from 49 countries, proposing a wide spectrum of services they would like to introduce to their community; they range from agriculture to legal and public health services, from reaching out to children, teenagers, women and seniors; from farmers and small businesses, to many different disadvantaged groups. The Selection Committee will be meeting on 26-27 of March to select 10 projects. We were very impressed and touched by the needs assessments that these public libraries conducted and the ideas they were proposing to serve those needs. Thanks go to every single applicant. Results will be announced in April.

eIFL.net Communications

Work is underway on the design and development of a new eIFL.net website which will enable us to communicate news and key initiatives more effectively to key audiences such as libraries and funders. We hope to launch the new website in late July. We will be able to spend some time during the General Assembly on its new features. We are working on our new 2009/10 Annual Report which will be published in May.

News about members' library consortia

- Kyrgyzstan: “E-resources for science” training.

On February 18, 2010 Kyrgyzstan Library Information Consortium (KLIC) organized a training session “E-resources for Science” for researchers and students of Kyrgyz Law Academy. Irina Pak,

Executive director of KLIC, presented e-resources in the area of law available for the KLIC members and Safia Rafikova, eIFL-Open Access (OA) and eIFL-IP country coordinator presented the benefits of open access, copyright management in open access repositories and trained the participants on how to deposit their research papers into the “Science in Central Asia” open access repository <http://oel.bik.org.kg/>. Science in Central Asia is an open research space for the scientists and researchers from the Central Asia providing open access to theses and dissertations, books and research articles from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. There are plans to enrich the collection with research papers from Uzbekistan.

2. eIFL.net Events March - April 2010

- ❖ On March 2, Iryna Kuchma participated in the General Assembly of International Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) in Madrid. eIFL.net is a founding member of COAR. More information about COAR is here: <http://coar-repositories.org/>.
- ❖ On March 11, Iryna Kuchma, eIFL-OA program manager, and Tetyana Yaroshenko, eIFL-OA country coordinator joined the repository managers from Belarus, Russia and Ukraine at the workshop “Open access to research information: Setting up institutional repositories and using the content” organised by the coordination council of the borderline Belarus-Russia-Ukraine university consortium. The workshop is hosted by the Central Scientific Library of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University.
- ❖ On March 26-27 the Public Library Innovation Program Selections Committee will be meeting to evaluate Call for proposals applications. The meeting will be hosted by the Copenhagen city library, Denmark.
- ❖ On April 12-14, Susanna Lob will be meeting with publishers at the UKSG Annual Conference in Edinburgh. Please contact Susanna (susanna.lob@eifl.net) if there are any issues you would like her to raise with publishers.
- ❖ On April 19-20, eIFL.net will participate in the Open Access Forum in the frames of the international Congress of Information, INFO 2010, organized by the Institute of Scientific and Technological Information (IDICT), Havana, Cuba.
- ❖ On April 19-21, Susanna Lob will be meeting with publishers at the London Book Fair. Please contact Susanna (susanna.lob@eifl.net) if there are any issues you would like her to raise with publishers.
- ❖ On 21-22 April 2010, Mariana Harjevschi from Consortium eIFL Direct Moldova will give a presentation on Libraries and Access to Knowledge (A2K) at the first Consumers International Global Meeting on A2K in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ❖ On 26-30 April, Teresa Hackett will attend the fifth meeting of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP/3) in Geneva, whose role is to oversee the implementation of the Development Agenda for WIPO

3. eIFL.net Negotiations

We have been very busy over the last couple of months finalising renewals and the extension of existing agreements to cover new countries. We have also negotiated some excellent new agreements, and further information will be available shortly.

See below for general information. Further details about individual offers will be sent by email to Country Coordinators.

Please don't hesitate to let Susanna Lob (susanna.lob@eifl.net) know if you have any queries or requests.

New agreements

ebrary

We are finalising a new agreement with ebrary for Academic Complete and individual subject collections. We anticipate that the agreement will be available by the end of March.

Taylor & Francis Journals

We are finalising a new agreement with Taylor & Francis for their journals collection. We anticipate that the agreement will be available by the end of March.

Update on renewals

Cambridge University Press Journals

We are finalising the renewal of the agreement with Cambridge University Press Journals, and anticipate that the new 3-year agreement will be available by the end of March at the latest. Cambridge University Press has confirmed that access for existing subscribers will be maintained in the meantime.

Encyclopedia Britannica

We are finalising the renewal of the agreement with Encyclopedia Britannica and anticipate that the new 3-year agreement will be available by the end of March at the latest. Encyclopedia Britannica has confirmed that access for existing subscribers will be maintained in the meantime.

Oxford University Press Databases

We are finalising the renewal of the agreement with Oxford University Press for Oxford Reference Online and the Oxford English Dictionary Online. We anticipate that the new 3-year agreement will be available by the end of March. We also hope to add new databases to the agreement.

Update on existing agreements

Oxford Journals Collection

Information about the extension of the eIFL.net agreement for the Oxford Journals Collection to additional countries is now available on our website at www.eifl.net/negotiations.

Further information is available in the Members' Only section at www.eifl.net/members (password required).

The Oxford Journals Collection includes over 220 high quality journals in a wide range of subject areas including Medicine, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Law, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Multi-Science Journals Collection

Information about the extension of the eIFL.net agreement for the Multi-Science Journals Collection to additional countries is now available on our website at www.eifl.net/negotiations.

Further information is available in the Members' Only section at www.eifl.net/members (password required).

The Multi-Science Journals Collection includes over 20 peer-reviewed journals in Engineering, the Built Environment, Energy, Acoustics and Sports Science.

Taylor & Francis Databases

We are finalising the extension of the Taylor & Francis databases agreement to cover additional countries. Further details will be available very soon.

Usage statistics

Isabel Bernal is collating the 2009 usage statistics for commercial e-resources available through eIFL.net agreements. This will enable us to compare uptake of subscriptions and usage year on year, and to assess the savings generated through the Licensing and Negotiations Programme. Headline information will be included in the 2009/10 Annual Report, and the full report will be available in the Members' Only section of the eIFL.net website by the beginning of June.

4. Update on eIFL-IP

eIFL.net supports the Right to Read Campaign in India

eIFL.net has given its support to the Right to Read Campaign in India, part of the official global Right to Read campaign launched by the World Blind Union. Nearly 70 million people in India have some form of disability - visual impairment being the most common - that prevents them from reading printed materials. The good news is that technologies are available which can help people with print impairments to read, by converting the material into an alternate format such as large print, audio, Braille or any electronic format. Unfortunately, Indian copyright law does not permit a person with a print disability to make an accessible copy of a book, for example, in order to be able to read it. This means that permission from the copyright-holder has to be obtained each time, which is unworkable in practice. The Right to Read campaign seeks to raise public awareness of the issue of access to reading for the print-impaired in India, advocate for change to the copyright law, and gather Indian support for the Proposal by Brazil, Ecuador and Paraguay, relating to Limitations and Exceptions: Treaty Proposed by the World Blind Union (WBU) at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

Check out the campaign trail, wall and how you can help www.righttoread.in

eIFL.net Handbook on Copyright new translations in French and Moldovan

The updated eIFL.net Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues for Libraries is now available in French and Moldovan. We are grateful to the translators for their work. Professor Joseph Fometeu, Université de Ngaoundéré, Ngaoundéré, Cameroun did the French translation. Prof. Fometeu is the author of the WIPO Study on Limitations and Exceptions for Copyright and Related Rights for Teaching in Africa (SCCR/19/5 available at www.wipo.int).

Mariana Harjevschi, eIFL Direct Moldova, organised the translation into Moldovan, one of several resources produced as part of the Soros Foundation-Moldova funded project "Advocacy for Fair

Copyright Laws: the Role of Libraries”. The Handbook is now available in Arabic, Armenian, English, French, Polish and Russian.

Read the Handbook here: www.eifl.net/eifl-ip

5. Update on eIFL-OA

European countries join forces to realize the EC Open Access pilot: OpenAIRE

OpenAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe: www.openaire.eu), a three-years project funded under the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission, has now taken up its work to implement Open Access on a pan-European scale. This ambitious effort unites 38 partners from 27 European countries. The main goal of OpenAIRE is to support the Open Access pilot, launched by the European Commission in August 2008. This Open Access pilot, which covers about 20% of the FP7 budget, commits researchers from 7 thematic areas (Health, Energy, Environment, Information & Communication Technology, Research Infrastructures, Socio-economic sciences & Humanities and Science in Society) to deposit their research publications in an institutional or disciplinary Open Access repository, to be made available worldwide in full text. OpenAIRE will establish underlying structures for researchers to support them in complying with the pilot through European Helpdesk System, build an OpenAIRE portal and e-Infrastructure for the repository networks and explore scientific data management services together with 5 disciplinary communities.

Operational support (where eIFL.net is involved) will be offered in a network of central regional and national Open Access liaison offices, structured in a rough geographic distribution, based on local experience of different organisational cultures, varied levels of expertise, and knowledge of local research networks.

Read more at: www.eifl.net/eifl-oa

Save the date - International Open Access Week 2010

October 18 to 24 has been selected for International Open Access Week 2010. Please stay tuned to this site: www.openaccessweek.org for updates on the program and registration when it opens.

Presentations and video from the Second International conference Open Access in Poland

Slides (www.ebib.info) and video recordings (<http://tv.umk.pl>) of the presentations from the Second International conference Open Access in Poland are available. Among the speakers – Alma Swan and Bernard Rentier from EOS, Clair Bundy from Open Repository, Maria Romano from BioMed Central, Jan Andrzej Nikisch and Iryna Kuchma from eIFL.net, Marcin Werla from Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center, Alek Tarkowski from the Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling at Warsaw University and Creative Commons Poland and many more case studies from Poland are available. More information is available here: www.eifl.net/eifl-oa. The conference was organised on January 14-15, 2010, by Nicolaus Copernicus University, eIFL.net, OSI Information program, Poznan Foundation of Scientific Libraries, Polish Librarians Association and EBIB - Electronic Library.

Case Notes: Open Access advocacy workshop in Malawi: Maximising research quality and impact

Iryna Kuchma & Kondwani Wella report on the Open Access Advocacy Workshop: Maximising Research Quality and Impact (<http://link.wits.ac.za>) which took place at Kamuzu College of Nursing, University of Malawi in Lilongwe, on 29 and 30 October 2009, organised by the Malawi Library and Information Consortium (MALICO), the Malawi Research and Education Network (MAREN), the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA) and eIFL.net. These case notes were published in the Issue No 10 (2009/2010) of The African Journal of Information and Communication (<http://link.wits.ac.za>). This thematic edition of the African Journal of Information and Communication – Scholarly Communication and Opening Access to Knowledge (<http://link.wits.ac.za>) – addresses an aspect of ‘information society’ discourse that has taken shape in the world of universities, research, publishing and creative works.

Useful resources

Online Guide to Open Access Journals Publishing

Co-Action Publishing and Lund University Libraries Main Office launched the Online Guide to Open Access Journals Publishing (www.doaj.org). The online guide is directed to small independent teams and provides practical information on planning, setting up, launching, publishing and managing an open access scholarly journal. Users can take advantage of additional resources in the form of links to related information, samples of applied practices and downloadable tools that can be adapted. The guide seeks to be interactive, allowing users to share their own best practices, tips and suggestions through a comment field. Development of the Online Guide to Open Access Journals Publishing was generously supported by the Swedish National Library and the technical solution was supported by Nordbib.

The Digital Repositories infoKit

The Digital Repositories infoKit is a part of new web presence on Research Information Management (www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk) released by JISC infoNet. The Digital Repositories infoKit (www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk) is a practical 'how to' guide to setting up and running digital repositories. This infoKit has been built using the documentation, guidance and expertise built up during the Repositories Support Project (RSP: www.rsp.ac.uk). The kit contains information on a broad range of topics running from the initial idea of a digital repository and the planning process, via detailed sections on repository set up and promotion, through to the maintenance and ongoing management of the repository. The main focus is on institutional repositories and the kit reflects current repository community best practice. This resource has been written for repository administrators. It assumes no prior knowledge of repository matters and, more importantly, assumes no prior technical knowledge. The kit can be used by anyone who needs an introduction to any of the topics covered.

How to build a business case for an Open Access policy

A new report commissioned by JISC and written by Alma Swan from Key Perspectives Limited shows how universities can work out how much they could save on their profit and loss accounts as well as increasing their contribution when they share their research papers through open access. The “Modelling scholarly communication options: costs and benefits for universities” report (<http://ie-repository.jisc.ac.uk>) is based on different types of university. It shows how universities might reduce costs, how they can calculate these saving and their greater contribution to society by following an Open Access route. The report focussed on three approaches to Open Access: open access journals - content freely available online using a business model that does not rely on

subscriptions; open access repositories – the current subscription-based system is supplemented by the provision of Open Access articles in repositories; and open access repositories with overlay services – content is collected in repositories and service providers carry out the publishing services necessary, for example the peer-review process. Supporting materials: How to build a case for university policies and practices in support of Open Access: www.jisc.ac.uk and Publishing research papers: which policy will deliver best value for your university: www.jisc.ac.uk

6. Update on eIFL-FOSS

eIFL.net is seeking a program manager

Are you passionate about technological innovation in libraries? Do you have excellent communication skills? Do you enjoy new challenges and working as part of a small, collaborative team? If so, would you be interested in spearheading the growth of the eIFL-FOSS programme in libraries in developing and transition countries? We have a vacancy for Program Manager, eIFL-FOSS-deadline for applications 31 March, 2010. Read more at www.eifl.net/eifl-foss

The eIFL team

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