



Newsletter

eIFL Newsletter - MARCH/APRIL 2005

1. eIFL-related News

eIFL-SIST Partnership to Be Signed

Rima Kupryte and Hannie Sander met up with INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications), INSTI (Institute for Scientific and Technological Information)-CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research), and SIST (Système d'Information Scientifique et Technique) stakeholders in Accra last February so as to discuss how to better coordinate efforts for the benefit of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana (CARLIGH) and the rest of the local community. As a result of these meetings, we are pleased to announce that eIFL and SIST are signing an expression of interest in order to collaborate in the development of a scientific and technical information system for research in Africa, in concrete in Cameroon, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal.

SIST is an initiative within the framework of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs' priority Solidarity Fund Program and of the General Directorate for International Cooperation and Development which aims to support the planning and development of information and communication systems for education and research institutions in Africa and Madagascar, namely in the above mentioned countries plus Algeria, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Ivory Coast, Madagascar and Tunisia. Please visit the SIST website to learn more about this like-minded project at <http://www.sist-sciencesdev.net>.

Workshop in Lithuania on Open Access Available Online!

The first day of the OA workshop in Lithuania has been recorded and mounted on the web so that presentations can be easily available to those interested. You should connect to <http://distance.ktu.lt/vips>, and once there:

1. click on the FIRST blue icon "Login"
2. in the window that opens find OPEN ACCESS SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP under "Review Presentations"
3. under "Review Presentations" select the topic you want to view and listen to
4. to stop the session, please press "Logout"

Enjoy!

Announcement of OA call for interest

In response to the recent eIFL OA call for interest, we are pleased to announce that Azerbaijan, Malawi, Moldova, Serbia, Slovenia, and Russia will be organising various OA activities throughout 2005. You will hear more about these initiatives in our future Newsletter issues.

Announcement of eIFL General Assembly (GA) venue and dates

We would like to thank both Lithuania and Serbia for having responded to our call for hosting the next eIFL General Assembly. We are pleased to announce that the Lithuanian Library Consortia will be hosting it in Vilnius on 27-30 October. You will be duly updated on this major event.

eIFL Participation in IFLA Congress

We are pleased to announce that eIFL will have a stand at the upcoming 71st IFLA General Conference and Council in Oslo, Norway, from 14 to 18 August, 2005. The theme of the Congress will be "A Voyage of Discovery" and we look forward to seeing those who will be attending the Conference!

2. Upcoming eIFL Events in March-April 2005:

- On March 3, Buhle Mbambo, Advisory Board member, will go to Namibia so as to meet up with the library community and discuss consortium matters
- On March 10, Monika Segbert will be heading off to Iran for an investigative visit
- On March 29, Buhle Mbambo will visit Botswana for a meeting with local consortia and the government council to discuss steps ahead for the consortium
- On March 31, eIFL-IP Project Manager Teresa Hackett will attend the Daisy-Microsoft Digital Library Working Group in London and on April 2, she will participate in the Daisy Knowledge Network. The main purpose of these events is to discuss co-operation with the World Blind Union Working Group on Copyright and the Daisy Consortium, whose vision is that all published information is available to people with print disabilities at the same time and at no greater cost
- On April 7, Monika Segbert will give a presentation at SURF in Utrecht to Dutch Academic librarians involved in the Dare Project to discuss cooperation in building institutional repositories
- On April 11-13, Teresa Hackett will take part in the WIPO Intersessional Intergovernmental Meeting to be held in Geneva whereas on April 14-15 she will be attend the Fourth Session of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Cooperation for Development Related to Intellectual Property, again in Geneva. On both occasions she will represent eIFL.net during discussions on the WIPO Development Agenda
- On April 17-19, the Middle East kick-off meeting will be held in Cairo, bringing together librarians from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Egypt. Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Sasha Kousnetzov and Emilija Banionyte will give various presentations on eIFL and consortium building

3. Update on new Content

Agreement signed with Oxford University Press (OUP) Journals

Likewise, on 18th February eIFL and OUP Journals signed an agreement. Please refer to http://www.eifl.net/services/services_sci_oup.html for the full list of e-journals available and contact eIFL to know about licenses, prices and free trials.

4. Update on eIFL-IP

Access to Knowledge Agenda

On 3-4 February 2005 eIFL.net, represented by Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Project Manager attended a meeting in Geneva of academics, researchers and scientists, software developers, diplomats, librarians, consumers and representatives of disability and other public interest groups from north and south to discuss the WIPO Development Agenda and a draft Treaty on Access to Knowledge (A2K).

The aim was to build a global, social movement to advance the A2K agenda. Civil society organisations hope that A2K will further the WIPO Development Agenda and will contribute to important intergovernmental meetings planned for April 2005.

The "access to knowledge" approach frames the copyright debate in a positive way emphasising freedoms rather than restrictions. The balance between rightholders and users is not just an issue for the south; the debate is just as relevant to the governments and peoples of the north.

At the meeting, IFLA presented a set of library principles for the WIPO Development Agenda. These concern the impact of copyright protection on economic development and the significance of copyright exceptions for libraries, educational institutions and people with disabilities. Working with IFLA, eIFL-IP will ensure that the interests of libraries in eIFL.net member countries are well reflected in any draft Treaty text.

The WIPO Development Agenda is a unique opportunity for civil society to work especially with governments of developing countries to broaden the debate from IP rights to human rights, from restrictions to freedoms and to promote discussion amongst the wider public.

eIFL-IP is an active partner in the A2K movement. When the eIFL-IP network is up and running with co-ordination at national and international levels, eIFL-IP will play a key role in spreading the message of access to knowledge.

Read more about A2K at: http://www.eifl.net/services/a2k_feb05.html

How do you say A2K in...

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to the request for translations of the phrase "Access to Knowledge" for a poster and other campaign materials. We are seeking a translation only of these three words "Access to Knowledge". But we would like more translations, especially Asian and African languages. To ensure that your language is not left out, please email teresa.hackett@eifl.net.

eIFI-IP Call for National Copyright Experts

In February, eIFL.net put out a call to country co-ordinators for nominations to develop expertise in copyright issues for libraries. It is hoped to identify one person in each member country to act as a national focal point and to participate in a regional and international network. Knowledge of copyright is not necessary as training and support will be provided. However, it is essential to have an understanding of how libraries work and to be willing to learn!

Nominations are coming in and the deadline is 14 March 2005. For any questions about the role of the national experts or the work of eIFL-IP, please contact the Teresa Hackett, Project Manager, eIFL-IP at teresa.hackett@eifl.net.

eIFL-IP Creating Partnerships

Copyright law is international in nature and touches a wide range of groups from all walks of society e.g. a scientist seeking access to a database for research; librarians fulfilling a mandate to preserve our cultural heritage for future generations; a visually impaired person exercising the right to read; a consumer recording a TV or radio programme to watch at a later time; a teenager downloading a music track from their favourite band.

eIFL-IP believes that it is essential to create partnerships and strategic alliances with other organisations concerned with copyright to pool resources and expertise and to ensure an effective representation to international organisations.

We are pleased to announce that the eIFL-IP Project Manager is a Resource Person on the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM), which manages IFLA's interests and concerns in the area of copyright. This means that eIFL-IP can contribute to the work of IFLA CLM which produces useful position papers and documents to support libraries in understanding copyright and related areas including Copyright in the Digital Environment (2000), Licensing Principles (2001), Tips for TRIPS (2002).

eIFL-IP is discussing co-operation with the World Blind Union and the DAISY Consortium (promoting DAISY technical standard for Digital Talking Books) and hopes to have exploratory talks with regional organisations.

IP Resources

Copy South Project: Ongoing Annotated Online Bibliography aimed at researchers working on copyright and access to knowledge issues in the South

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/undergraduate/modules/ip/resources/Copysouth.htm>

5. Open Access News and Useful Resources

Ongoing OSI Support for BioMed Central Membership

As we already announced on our eIFL-related news section in 2003, OSI provided grants for BioMed Central institutional membership. This OSI Initiative is still up and running and interested institutions can access the required information to apply for funding at <http://www.soros.org/openaccess/grants-available.shtml>. The BioMed Central website has a list with all the current members, and by clicking on the member institutions you can see all the research and articles that have been published on full-text open access, please look at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/inst/>.

Open Access Myths and Developing Countries

BioMed has responded to the most deep seated and misleading arguments against the spread of open access at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/openaccess/inquiry/myths/?myth=poorcountries>.

PLoS New Journals

PLoS has launched its next series of open-access journals, the so-called PLoS Community Journals, including PLoS Computational Biology, PLoS Genetics, and PLoS Pathogens. Information in full detail is found at

http://www.plos.org/news/announce_cj.html.

OA Bibliography

This new bibliography includes a wealth of information about the open access movement. It presents over 1,300 selected English-language books, conference papers (including some digital video presentations), debates, editorials, e-prints, journal and magazine articles, news articles, technical reports, and other printed and electronic sources that are useful in understanding the open access movement. The full document is already available online, for more information, please see <http://info.lib.uh.edu/cwb/oab.pdf>.

Open Access to Anthrosource Online Resource

The American Association of Anthropologists (AAA) together with its publishing partner University of California Press have recently launched Anthrosource, an online resource that brings 100 years of anthropological material online to meet the research, teaching and professional needs of anthropologists and the broader public. Anthrosource will provide access to a complete electronic archive of the AAA journals through 2003 as well as current issues of 11 of their most peer-reviewed journals. In addition, Anthrosource is an interactive repository of research and communications tools. Please read on at <http://www.anthrosource.net>.

Unprecedented Achievement by the University of California Repository

The eScholarship Repository, the University of California IR, has logged its millionth full-text download. It is a system-wide, open access digital collection powered by the Berkeley Electronic Press technology (Bepress) and houses a variety of scholarly materials contributed by several University of California's research units, centers and departments. It is believed to be the first institutional repository to have reached this threshold. This major milestone and the fact that most of the readership comes from outside show how wonderfully institutional repositories can serve the scholarship community and the broader public. Please access to the press release at <http://www.bepress.com/press021405.html>.

The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy for Free on the Web

The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (SEP) is freely available online thanks to the contribution of more than 950 professional philosophers who are donating their time and work so as to keep it duly updated in content, with in-depth coverage, extensive bibliographies, and links to other current web resources. The SEP covers a very broad variety of philosophical subjects and schools of thought, thus promoting interdisciplinary research in the Human and Social Sciences. So far the SEP has been supported by the South Eastern Library Network (SOLINET), the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC), the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), and Indiana University Library in order to keep it freely accessible. For additional information, please look at <http://plato.stanford.edu>.

Open Access Partnership between the University of Nottingham and the University of Lund

The Directory of Open Access Repositories (DOAR) has been officially launched on 15th February, as a step forward towards open access to research information. DOAR will provide a comprehensive and authoritative list of institutional and subject-based repositories, as well as archives set up by funding agencies such as like the National Institutes for Health in the USA or the Wellcome Trust in the UK and Europe. This project is jointly funded by OSI, JISC, CURL and SPARC Europe. To get more information about this collaboration, please refer to <http://www.opendoar.org>.

Apply for a Sponsored Subscription to the Journal of International Business Studies (JIBS)!

The Academy of International Business (AIB) has set up the Adopt-a-Library Scheme so as to help libraries from developing countries to subscribe to the current issue of JIBS and its complete archive from 1970. eIFL has been contacted by AIB to inform us about this opportunity for all eIFL participating countries. As a library you can apply to become a member, your application being considered according to the following criteria: the number of courses at your institution that will use the journal, the total number of the university population, and the teaching interests of the faculty. So don't miss this opportunity, and get all the required information at <http://www.jibs.net> or directly writing to: AIB-Adopt a Library, Michigan State University, 7 Eppley Center, East Lansing, MI 48824-1121, U.S.A