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### **1. eIFL-related News**

#### **Report on 11th eIFL Advisory Board Meeting**

At the end of June the second advisory board meeting of the year took place at the eIFL offices in Rome, Italy. The meeting gathered the members of the eIFL Advisory Board plus the eIFL team and some invited guests. Discussion revolved around the next developments in eIFL areas, with an emphasis on the two fledgling work programmes, namely OSS for libraries and e-community building. Janet Haven from OSI Budapest, Art Rhyno, from the Windsor University in Canada, and Tigran Zargaryan, from the Armenian library consortium, participated in the event in order to contribute to designing the road map. In addition, Rolf Kleef conducted a hands-on training on e-community development tools which will be replicated at the General Assembly and will aim to enhance knowledge sharing and communication within the eIFL community. Minutes of the meeting will be soon available on the website.

#### **Next General Assembly getting closer**

As already announced in the last Newsletter issue, the 2006 General Assembly will be held at the University of Jordan, in Amman, Jordan, on September 10-12. Besides the two day

conference with eIFL and invited speakers, we are preparing a couple of one day workshop sessions on e-community building development tools, wikis, and blogs as well as on writing press releases & statements and obtaining user stories and quotations. We are also pleased to announce that Anurag Acharya from Google Scholar will be present in this GA and will talk about partnership with eIFL. On the progress of the programme and logistics we will continuously inform you so please check the eIFL website regularly.

## **Memorandum of Understanding between eIFL and SPARC signed**

Late May a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between eIFL and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) describing joint activities relating to a SPARC "Leading Edge" Partnership. Such partnership has as its main goal the recognition and promotion of eIFL's efforts to increase access to scholarly and scientific journal literature in developing and transition countries. During a period of 3 years, ARL commits itself to endorsing eIFL publicly and to engaging in cooperative marketing of eIFL and its activities leading towards an endowment in a number of ways.

## **Welcome to the new Malawi Country Coordinator**

Margaret Ngwira, who has been country coordinator for Malawi for the past years, is going to retire. She has kindly sent us a farewell message for all the eIFL family and a brief introduction to the new eIFL coordinator in the country:

"I am happy to tell you that the new Malawi eIFL Country Coordinator is Lidia Chiotha. Lidia works in the University of Malawi Libraries (Central Library Services in Zomba), has a Masters Degree in Archives and Records Management from University of London, has an important role in our research projects especially in building digital repositories, so I am sure it will be a mutually beneficial partnership.

Personally, my time as eIFL country coordinator and my relationship with eIFL has been a wonderful part of my professional growth and has offered me experiences I would never have dreamed of!

So many thanks to Rima, Monika, Isabel, Jan, Arnold, Buhle and all the national coordinators. I know Lidia will keep me - and all MALICO - posted on the new developments and we look forward to continued good things.

God bless you all".

We sincerely thank you, Margaret, for all your dedication and enthusiasm with MALICO and eIFL, and we give a warm welcome to Lidia into the eIFL community!

## **2. Upcoming eIFL Events in July-August 2006:**

On June 29-30, Tseli Moshoeshe from Lesotho Library consortium facilitated the launch of Swaziland National Consortium. Event was sponsored by OSISA and was represented by Mr Masuku.

On July 4-7, Monika Segbert, Emilija Banionyte and Jan Nikisch attended the LIBER 35th Annual General Conference at Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden. Monika delivered a presentation of eIFL's work in the developing and new accession countries in Europe. Please read the programme and other details at [www-conference.slu.se/LIBER/](http://www-conference.slu.se/LIBER/).

On July 10-15, Teresa Hackett, Jan Kovacik, eIFL-IP Slovakia and Dick Kawooya, eIFL-IP Uganda will attend the 10 seminar course on international copyright law organised by the Institute for Information Law at the University of Amsterdam. This summer course will include copyright and developing nations by renowned international experts. Kindly sponsored by OSI.

On July 12-14, Helena Asamoah-Hassan, country coordinator for Ghana, will pay a country

visit to Mali to meet up with Cheick Oumar Diawara, country coordinator, and COMBI community to share views on development building of library consortia.

On August 16, Emilija Banionyte is invited to the Latvian Librarian Summer School to talk about the experience of the Lithuanian Research Libraries Consortium.

On August 21-22, Melissa Hagemann will participate in eIFL/OSISA OA workshop for Southern Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa.

### **3. Update on new Content**

#### **eIFL-AMP Licence signed**

eIFL signed a licence with AMP Sales and Marketing for a period of two years late May. Through this licence eIFL countries are able to get access to a wealth of scholarly resources online at highly discounted rates. The material includes Ebrary Academic International Collection consisting of an interactive ebook database in the Humanities and Sciences fields; Humana Press Journals and Archives consisting of biomedical journals; New England Journal of Medicine journals; Bentham Science publications; the Royal Society Current ePublications in Sciences; Synthesis from Morgan and Claypool; American Chemical Society Publications and Archives, and the Journal of Chemical Education. The licence is available on the MEMBERS ONLY section of the eIFL website.

#### **eIFL-Wiley InterScience Licence signed**

On June 1st eIFL also reached an agreement and signed a licence with Wiley InterScience for a period of 3 years. As a starting point, the agreement concerns the three Baltic countries, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, and will provide them with full access to more than 400 online journals in 14 subject areas ranging from Business to Social Sciences at highly discounted rates. This offer is also available for all other eIFL countries and discounts can be quoted upon request, hence if your country is interested please get in touch with us. The licence will be available soon on the website.

### **4. Update on eIFL-IP**

#### **eIFL-IP regional training workshops completed**

The third and last in the series of eIFL-IP regional workshop took place in Kiev, Ukraine on 26-27 May for the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, South-east Asia and the Middle East. The UNESCO-sponsored workshop was attended by 30 participants from 25 countries. As with the previous workshops, the basics of copyright as well as regional and national issues were covered. Karsten Gerloff from the Free Software Foundation Europe gave his perspective on the technical, social and business advantages of sharing knowledge, and an eye-opening session on the relationship between trade and IP by a former representative of Egypt to the WTO and WIPO provoked a lively discussion.

A total of 90 librarians from 55 countries have received training from eIFL in copyright and related issues. eIFL would like to thank the workshop speakers and participants for helping to make the workshops a success.

The next phase is to evaluate subsequent engagement in national copyright matters by eIFL librarians and to identify countries that require deeper support or where there are planned legislative changes requiring responses from the library community.

The workshop programmes, speaker biographies, photos and presentations (members only) are at  **eIFL IP**.

Press release Libraries activating for Access to Knowledge, 1 June 2006 at  **eIFL IP**.

## **Policy resources and tools: eIFL model copyright provisions and a handbook of policy issues.**

The focus of eIFL-IP is shifting to developing policy resources and tools to give practical assistance to eIFL librarians, especially when talking to copyright legislators and policy makers.

We are developing a set of model provisions for libraries which can be used when national copyright laws are being updated. Each eIFL model provision will be accompanied by an easy-to-understand explanation of the effect on libraries, so that legislators understand why the provision is important for libraries in providing modern information services. They will be in strict compliance with the international obligations of a country e.g. as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) or as a signatory to the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT), so that the only impediment to implementing the model provisions is national political will. Where possible, they will also include examples of best practice from copyright laws in developed and developing countries around the world.

In addition, eIFL will produce a concise handbook of hot policy issues for libraries. Topics include updating of national copyright laws, technological protection measures, the public domain, orphaned works, public lending right, trade agreements and copyright, Creative Commons licenses and international policy institutions. Each topic will contain essential information: a synopsis of the issue, the relevance for libraries, the library position and, where appropriate, the special issues for transition and developing countries, as well as references for further reading. eIFL members will be encouraged to distribute the handbook to the national library community. It will be kept short to facilitate translation into national languages.

If you have any examples of best practice provisions for libraries from your national copyright laws or if you have suggestions for other policy issues for the handbook, please contact Teresa Hackett (teresa.hackett[at]eifl.net).

### **Deadlock in Geneva**

eIFL attended two important international meetings at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva.

The first was the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) on 1-5 May 2006 attended by Teresa Hackett and Jan Kovacik, eIFL-IP Slovakia. The main purpose was to decide if there should be a new international treaty to protect broadcast organisations and whether this new treaty should also cover webcasting. Libraries are very concerned that any new treaty should not contain sweeping new powers for non-creative endeavors which encroach unnecessarily on a multitude of communities and activities, that there are adequate exceptions and limitations concerning the content and that licences granted by content owners to libraries, cultural and educational institutions are not overridden by signal protection measures. As the inclusion of webcasting (supported mainly by the USA) was proving a very contentious stumbling block to achieving any agreement, this was taken off the table for the moment with the proviso that unless there is a recommendation for a new treaty, it will become part of the negotiations again. There will be a further meeting of the SCCR in September to decide. eIFL opposes the inclusion of webcasting in any new treaty.

The second meeting was the WIPO Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development from 26-30 June 2006. This was the culmination in a two-year process when Member States were supposed to agree on recommendations for the WIPO General Assemblies (GA) in September. After Member States indicated which of the 111 proposals were supported, Chairman Rigoberto Gauto Vielman, Paraguayan Ambassador to the WTO, drew up a list of draft recommendations for the GA. The Group of Friends of Development however rejected the Chairman's draft recommendations outright and expressed their fury at the process, which they felt did not reflect agreements made during informal sessions. Informal sessions are closed to observers, such as eIFL and there is no official record. A comparative analysis by NGOs made during the meeting, showed a clear correlation

between the chairman's proposals and those supported by the USA and the group of industrialised countries (known as Group B). The breakdown of trust and the lack of consensus led to the meeting ending in deadlock. In another twist, the Chairman's controversial recommendations were resurrected at the last minute by the vice-chairman from the Kyrgyz Republic, which means they will indeed go forward to the GA in September. It is likely that the debate will continue in some form next year, but continued resistance by mainly rich countries means that it is a slow, painstaking process.

eIFL statements at the SCCR  [EIFL IP](#).


eIFL statements at the PCDA  [EIFL IP](#).

WIPO Development Agenda Talks End With No Agreement For Now   
[www.ip-watch.org](#).

NGO comparative on Chairman's PCDA proposals:  [www.fsfe.org](#).

## Resources

### A Guide To Open Content Licences by Lawrence Liang

This guide describes open licences for a range of content e.g. software, music, audio and documentation. Creative Commons licences are explained in detail. Download the guide in pdf format from  [pzwart.wdka.hro.nl](#).


### The Copy/South Dossier: issues in the economics, politics, and ideology of copyright in the global South

The aim of the dossier is to open up debate on the real impact of copyright laws affecting the people of the more than 150 developing countries in the Global South, many of whom have never read a book, have no access to the Internet and are facing an indeterminate future. The dossier highlights issues that are not only unique to the Global South, but also focuses on those issues that affect both sides of the North - South divide. The dossier is addressed to the general public, researchers, educators, librarians, activists, and organizations concerned about access to knowledge who want to learn more about the global role of copyright and, in particular, copyright's largely negative role in developing countries of the global South.

To obtain a copy, go to the Copy/South website at  [www.copysouth.org](#).

## 5. Open Access News and Useful Resources

### eIFL response to European Commission study of scientific publication markets in Europe

The eIFL-OA Program submitted supportive comments in response to the European Commission's recent study on the economic and technical evolution of the scientific publication markets in Europe. One of the main recommendations of the report was mandating public access to government funded research. In our response, eIFL was able to cite the recent work we have done jointly with the International Renaissance Foundation in Ukraine on the adoption of a mandate for OA to government funded research, as well as discussions eIFL has held with the Ministry of Education and Science of Lithuania regarding mandating open access to publicly-funded research. To read eIFL's response please visit   
**eIFL OPEN ACCESS.**

### eIFL to partner with OSISA on Open Access Workshop for Southern Africa

eIFL-OA and OSISA (the OSI foundation working in Southern Africa) will hold an Open Access workshop for Southern Africa on 21-22 August. We are excited to begin to work with the eIFL members in Southern Africa on Open Access. The workshop will take place prior to the National Distance Education Association for Southern Africa   
([www.nadeosa.org.za](#)) conference on 23-24 August. More information will be available

soon on the eIFL-OA section of the website.

## **eIFL joins forces with the Global Information Commons for Science Initiative**

eIFL has become a collaborating organization of the new Global Information Commons for Science Initiative which aims to accelerate the development of open scientific data and information resources on a global scale. GICSI was launched by the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) in association with International Council for Science (ICSU) and Science Commons. Among the top priorities of GICSI is creating institutional repositories in developing and transition countries, thus GICSI and eIFL-OA are specifically exploring ways in which we can partner in this area.

## **South African Academy of Science recommends Open Access**

The Academy released a report on a Strategic Approach to Research Publishing in South Africa, which recommends both open access publishing and the development of institutional repositories. The report represents a huge step in the adoption of OA in South Africa, for it is this kind of endorsement from such high-level South African scientists which will place OA on the agenda of academics and scientists and result in a grassroots level change in research practices. It should be noted that eIFL and SASLI were the first organizations to hold a conference on open access (in July 2004) in South Africa. Since then our partners on the ground have formed an OA working group called Sivulile and several of their members were involved in the discussions which led to this important recommendation. To read the full report, please see:  [blues.sabinet.co.za](http://blues.sabinet.co.za)

## **Elsevier adopts hybrid Open Access model for select journals**

Elsevier has now joined Springer, Oxford University Press, Blackwell and other leading publishers in offering authors the option to pay a fee to have their articles made available through open access. The new Elsevier program offers this option to six of their leading physics journals. The fact that this option is being made available to the physics journals is not a coincidence, but most likely the result of pressure exerted on Elsevier by CERN who have informed publishers that all of their research will be published in OA journals within the next five years, thus the publishers must adopt an OA model so as to be able to publish CERN's research (including all articles regarding the Large Hadron Collider, LHC).

## **Research Councils in UK announce new policies on Open Access**

At the end of June, the Research Councils UK (RCUK) released their long-awaited policy on Open Access. The RCUK are the main public investors in fundamental research in the UK with interests ranging from bio-medicine and particle physics to the environment, engineering and economic research. Instead of trying to come up with one comprehensive policy for all eight Councils, the new policy allows each of the Research Councils to devise their own policy. Thus as there are eight Councils, there are eight policies, which range from the weakest being a 'we will consult and announce later', and the strongest being the Medical Research Council (MRC) which mandates deposit 'at the earliest opportunity - and certainly within six months for all new grants awarded after 1 October 2006'  ([www.mrc.ac.uk/open\\_access](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/open_access)) MRC's new policy has certainly been influenced by the strong position taken by the Wellcome Trust on mandating OA to the research which they fund.

## **Open Information Policy Fellow to study Sustainability Models for Open Access Social Science Research Publication in Africa**

OSI's Information Program will support Eve Gray as an International Policy Fellow (IPF) within the field of Open Information Policy. The IPF is affiliated with the Center for Policy Studies at the Central European University, Budapest. Eve's project will review the overlapping national and institutional policies that affect scholarly publishing in South

Africa, with a comparative overview in two other African countries - Senegal and Uganda. A key question will be whether Open Access publishing models could offer greater impact for African research dissemination. For more information see [www.policy.hu](http://www.policy.hu).

## The Royal Society adopts hybrid Open Access model

Like Elsevier, the UK's Royal Society announced in June that it would adopt the hybrid model of OA. The new service offers authors the opportunity to pay a fee to have their paper made freely available online immediately if it is accepted for publication by any Royal Society journal. The new open access' journal service, called EXiS Open Choice, is being tested by the Royal Society to see if it provides a viable way of sustaining the costs of peer review and other aspects of journal production. For more information on this announcement read the Royal Society's press release at [www.royalsoc.ac.uk](http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk).

## Update on OUP's experience with Open Access: Interview with Martin Richardson

While much of the OA section in this newsletter has highlighted recent announcements from publishers regarding their adoption of the hybrid model of OA, we wanted to also include an interview with Martin Richardson of Oxford University Press in which he discusses the results OUP has had with their Oxford Open model. As you may remember, OUP was the first large publisher to adopt the hybrid model of OA in 2003. Since then, many publishers have followed, however it is helpful to step back and review Oxford Open's experiences to date. Here is the interview with Martin: [www.researchinformation.info](http://www.researchinformation.info) as well as additional information on Oxford Open: [www.oxfordjournals.org](http://www.oxfordjournals.org).

## New service from SHERPA lists funders' policies towards OA

Following from the release of the UK Research Councils' archiving requirements, SHERPA released a new advice list called JULIET as a service to authors, academics and repository advocates. SHERPA's new JULIET service breaks down the differing requirements from the research funders to try and simplify:

- what the policy says has to be done;
- what authors should archive;
- when they should archive;
- where they should archive their outputs.

The list then categorises the different sets of advice in comparison to an idealised Open Access funding mandate. The JULIET list is available from [www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet).

The JULIET list complements the well-known RoMEO list ([www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo)), which summarises publishers' permissions for archiving research articles. It is intended to add other policies from other funding bodies to JULIET as these become available.

## The eIFL Team