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1. eIFL.net-related News

Celebrating eIFL.net's first 10 years at the 2009 General Assembly

Ten years have passed since eIFL started to work with local library communities in developing and transition countries to bring access to knowledge to millions of library patrons. What better setting than Bibliotheca Alexandrina to celebrate the worldwide advancement of scholarly information in the digital age?

With such an inspiring host, the eIFL General Assembly GA2009 has sparked much enthusiasm amongst all our participants and we look forward to having a fruitful and enjoyable knowledge sharing event. The GA will gather more than 100 library and information professionals in Alexandria from November 19-21, 2009, including librarians from 46 eIFL countries, invited publishers, guests, eIFL.net team and eIFL.net Board.

Library consortia sustainability and innovation for libraries are some of the themes of discussion this year. We have been fortunate to attract outstanding speakers from our global network of eIFL.net members and friends, who will share with the audience with their knowledge and their passion for libraries.

Read more about the eIFL.net General Assembly 2009 www.eifl.net.

Good news for public library patrons around the world

eIFL.net is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a three-year \$1.4 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to spark the development of innovative public library services using technology in transitioning and developing countries.

Technology has transformed public libraries throughout the world, providing access to critical education materials and communication services. Yet in many developing countries where the need is great, public libraries are under resourced.

The Public Library Innovation Program (<http://plip.eifl.net>) will encourage public libraries to reach out to their communities, partnering with local government, business and other organizations to assess local needs and develop new services.

Calls for proposals will be held in two rounds. The first call is designed to gather great ideas about how technology can meet user needs and help members of the community improve their lives. Ten of the best proposals will be awarded up to \$30,000 USD each for a one-year project.

The first call for proposals begins on November 16, 2009, and closes on February 28th, 2010.

Read the press release plip.eifl.net/press/2009-11-16

Read Call for proposals - plip.eifl.net/proposals

Welcome to COTUL, the Consortium of Tanzanian Universities and Research Libraries!

COTUL is joining eIFL.net, following a number of national consultations and workshops with eIFL.net resource persons such as Arnold Hirshon, Chief Strategist and Executive Consultant, LYRASIS and advisor to eIFL.net on consortium matters, and - in the decisive meeting mapping the way ahead for COTUL sponsored by INASP - Helena Asamoah-Hassan (chair of the eIFL.net Advisory Board) and Jacinta Were, eIFL.net coordinator in Kenya.

COTUL will embrace all libraries including public libraries, and the management will be representative of the major groups of libraries. The consortium has selected its national leadership, with Prof. Msuya, director of Dar es Salaam library as the chairman, Mr. J. Massawe of Muslim University as vice-chairman, Dr. I. Safari – COTUL Secretary and Dr. S. Lukwale - COTUL Treasurer. Africa J. Bwamkuu of the Tanzanian Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), ICT committee chairman and also leading the team looking for start-up funds for the consortium, is acting as the eIFL.net coordinator. The eIFL.net team is looking forward to working with the members of COTUL and extends a warm welcome from the eIFL.net global family.

eIFL.net joins the Confederation of Open Access Repositories

eIFL.net has become a founding member of the international Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) which was launched in Ghent on October 21 during Open Access Week 2009. Coinciding with the sixth anniversary of the Berlin Declaration to provide "free and unrestricted access to sciences and human knowledge representation worldwide", COAR takes responsibility for the execution of this vision in bringing together scientific repositories in a wider organisational infrastructure to link confederations across continents and around the globe in support of new models of scholarly communication.

Read more about [COAR](#) and the press release is available from [DRIVER](#) website.

News from national library consortia

- Moldova

National library consortium eIFL Direct Moldova has planned a number of activities to close 2009: On November 19, the Scientific Conference at the Technical University, an active consortium member, will run the conference "Utilization of the potential of the university library in the context of paradigm change of education, science and culture". eIFL Direct Moldova secretary Natalia Cheradi and Elena Railean will hold a communication on "The ability of change as a component part of library success. Later on, on December 3-4, the consortium in partnership with eIFL.net and the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova will hold the seminar "Advocacy for Fair Copyright Laws: the Role of Libraries".

- Serbia

The national library consortium KOBSON continues to be as dynamic as ever: their new website, with updated information on all consortium projects and initiatives, has just gone live at www.kobson.nb.rs. In addition, Biljana Kosanovic, eIFL country coordinator and Head of the Department of Scientific Information of the National Library, recently gave a presentation about DOI implementation in Serbia on the occasion of BAM 2009, the annual conference of the Bosnian Association of Librarians, Archivists and Museologists held in Sarajevo on October 16-17. Further details on this conference are available www.bam.ba.

- Slovenia

Slovenia's consortium COSEC and the National and University Library are introducing a new team of colleagues working on the coordination of e-resources and licensing. As from November 2009, Katja Rapuš will take over Helena Janežič's previous post, as she is headed towards new professional challenges, but as before, with Karmen Štular Sotošek successfully leading the way.

2. eIFL.net Events in November-December 2009

- ❖ On November 2-4, the Department of Library and Information Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, in collaboration with eIFL.net and Nigerian Universities Library Consortium organised the 2nd Open Access Initiative Workshop 2009: Maximising Research Quality and Impact supported by Wellcome Trust
- ❖ On November 12-13, the Graduate School of Management, St. Petersburg State University, and eIFL.net organised a workshop Open Access: Maximising Research Quality and Impact supported by the International Higher Education Support program (HESP) of the Open Society Institute.
- ❖ On November 18, one day prior to the opening of eIFL General Assembly 2009, the eIFL 21st Advisory Board meeting will take place at the premises of Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
- ❖ On November 19-21, the eIFL General Assembly 2009 will be hosted by Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt. www.eifl.net
- ❖ On December 1-3, eIFL.net will visit London Online 2009.
- ❖ On December 3-4, Teresa Hackett will visit Moldova with international copyright experts for the project “Advocacy for Fair Copyright Laws in Moldova”. For more information, go to our previous [Newsletter issue](#).
- ❖ On December 14-18, Teresa Hackett, Awa Cisse from Senegal and Rilwanu Abdulsalami from Nigeria will attend the nineteenth session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR).
- ❖ On December 21-23, Consortium des Bibliothèques de l’Enseignement Supérieur du Sénégal (COBESS) and eIFL.net will organise the National Workshop on Open Access in Senegal at the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar. Contact people: M. NDIAYE Mandiaye, Central library of Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar and eIFL-OA country coordinator, ndiayemandiaye[[@](mailto:ndiayemandiaye@hotmail.com)]hotmail.com. This event is supported by Wellcome Trust.

3. eIFL.net Negotiations

All the publishers that eIFL.net has agreements with, were invited to join eIFL.net General Assembly 2009. Fifteen companies will be sending their representatives. During ‘speed dating’ sessions all delegates will have the opportunity to discuss their country situation in detail with publishers.

eIFL.net is very grateful to the following for their financial support towards the General Assembly: EBSCO Publishing, American Psychological Association, Elsevier, Institute of Physics Publishing, Oxford University Press, Wiley-Blackwell, SAGE Publications, Cengage Learning, Project Muse, The New England Journal of Medicine, Encyclopaedia Britannica (UK), Emerald Group Publishing, Burgundy, eBrary, Taylor & Francis Group, Cambridge University Press and JSTOR.

4. Update on eIFL-IP

eIFL Handbook on Copyright updated with new sections

The eIFL Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues for Libraries has been updated. There are new sections on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations and Legal Deposit. Orphan Works, Open Access and International Policy Making: a Development Agenda for WIPO have been updated to reflect developments since the Handbook was first published in 2006.

The Handbook aims to be a practical guide to topical legal questions affecting the information work of libraries in the fast moving digital environment. Each topic is described briefly, the main policy aspects for libraries are outlined, and there are links to library policy statements for further reading. It is a popular resource and has been translated into Arabic, Armenian, Polish and Russian by the community. A big thanks to Hala Essalmawi, Hasmik Galstyan, Barbara Szczepanska and Jakov Shrayberg for the translations. New translations into French and Moldovan are underway. The topics are:

- The Relationship between Copyright and Contract Law: Electronic Resources and Library Consortia
- Technological Protection Measures - the "triple lock"
- Copyright, the Duration of Protection and the Public Domain
- Copyright Exceptions and Limitations
- Legal Deposit
- Orphan Works
- Collective Rights Management
- Public lending right
- The Database Right - Europe's Experiment
- Creative Commons: an "open content" licence
- Open Access to Scholarly Communications
- Copyright and Trade Agreements
- International Policy Making: a Development Agenda for WIPO
- National Policy Making: Advocating for Fair Copyright Law

We encourage readers to download, re-use and build upon the Handbook.

Read the Handbook www.eifl.net/services/eifl-ip.

Statement of Principles on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries available in English, Polish and Moldovan

Stanowisko w sprawie wyjątków i ograniczeń w prawie autorskim na rzecz bibliotek i archiwów przedstawione przez konsorcjum eIFL, IFLA, Library Copyright Alliance

Declaratia de Principii Privind Exceptiile si Limitele Dreptului de Autor Pentru Biblioteci si Arhive initiate de Fundatia Biblioteci si Informatia Electronica (eIFL.net), Federatia Internationala a Asociatiilor si Institutiiilor Bibliotecare (IFLA), si Alianta Bibliotecilor in Probleme Ale Dreptului de Autor.

The Statement of Principles on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries by eIFL, IFLA and LCA are available online in English, Polish and Moldovan. Thanks again to Barbara Szczepanska for the Polish translation, and to Mariana Harjevschi for Moldovan. The international library community believes that there is an immediate need for a new understanding of the role of copyright exceptions and limitations in the 21st century and for corresponding action on the part of

governments to include provisions in their national laws to address the realities of access to digital information. The Principles contain common sense provisions for libraries and the people who use libraries, including:

- Preservation
- Legal deposit
- Interlibrary loan and document supply
- Education and classroom teaching
- Reproduction for research or private purposes
- Provision for persons with disabilities
- General free use exceptions applicable to libraries
- Orphan works
- Copyright term
- Technological protection measures that prevent lawful uses
- Contracts and statutory exceptions
- Limitation on liability

Read the Principles www.eifl.net/ip_docs/statement-principles.

Bibliotheca Alexandrina Access to Knowledge Toolkit II published

As we head off to the eIFL General Assembly in Alexandria, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Access to Knowledge Toolkit II has just been published. “The Access to knowledge movement: Opportunities, Challenges and the Road Ahead” contains papers by leading thinkers on the ecology of access, influencing WIPO’s development agenda, limitations and exceptions for reading disabled persons and the challenges of addressing access to knowledge issues in Africa and the Arab world. eIFL commissioned a special paper by Barbara Stratton “A2K Quinquennium – Now we are five – The Library perspective”.

Download Bibliotheca Alexandrina [Access to Knowledge Toolkit II](#)

Next WIPO copyright committee mega important for libraries and education

The next meeting of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR/19) in December 2009 is especially important for libraries and education. For the first time in its history, the Committee is currently engaged in discussing limitations and exceptions regarding education, libraries and persons with disabilities, particularly visually-impaired and other reading disabled persons. It will include a full discussion by Member States on the Proposal by Brazil, Ecuador and Paraguay Relating on a Treaty Proposed by the World Blind Union (WBU). eIFL will be represented by Ms Awa Cisse from Senegal, Mr Rilwanu Abdulsalami from Nigeria, and Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP.

Meeting webpage: www.wipo.int

5. Update on eIFL-OA

International awareness week marks new beginning for enabling the Web and advancing research through Open Access

The first International Open Access Week (October 19 – 23) may have just come to a close, but the broad spectrum of initiatives that it showcased ensures that Open Access to research will play a central role in advancing the conduct of research and scholarship for years to come. Events took place on more than 300 higher education, research, and other sites worldwide, illustrating the dramatic growth of the global network that has emerged in support of Open Access.

The week, designed to raise awareness Open Access (OA) – free, immediate, online access to research results – highlighted the research community’s deep commitment to OA, along with the rapidly growing integration of Open Access into the core mission and operations of higher education and research institutions. It was a platform for key new reports on the economic and social impacts of Open Access to debut, and served as the impetus for research funders to announce millions of dollars of new support for open-access publishing.

Deep interest in Open Access was in evidence, as tens of thousands of individuals attended live events, logged onto Web casts, shared videos, and participated in contests calling on stakeholders to express their support for Open Access through creative uses of digital resources.

More than 30 Universities and research organisations from the eIFL network in Armenia, Ghana, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malawi, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine and Zimbabwe participated in the Open Access Week. Key events from the week included:

- ❖ University of Pretoria Library Services released a [document](#) on the history of its Open Access mandate and a scorecard on the progress of open access at the university.
- ❖ State University of Moldova, Library Association of the Republic of Moldova, Consortium eIFL Direct Moldova and Program eIFL-OA Moldova organised a workshop Open Access to Knowledge in the Republic of Moldova and released the [declaration](#) on the Open Access to Information.
- ❖ University of Latvia, State agency "Culture information systems" and eIFL.net organised Open Access: Maximising Research Quality and Impact [workshop](#).
- ❖ University of Zimbabwe Libraries released a beautiful Open Access Week web-page and organised a wide range of [activities](#).
- ❖ Oleksandra Yaroshenko, student of the Master’s Program in Journalism, the National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA) released a [video](#) NaUKMA supports Open Access to Knowledge.

Open Access Week is organized by SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), the Public Library of Science, Students for Free Culture, eIFL.net, OASIS, Open Access Directory, JISC, and SURF. Promotional partners include SPARC Europe, SPARC Japan, Directory of Open Access Journals (Sweden), Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (UK), SciELO-FAPESP-BIREME (Brazil), The Open Society Institute (New York & Budapest), SURF (The Netherlands), Open-access.net (Germany), The Public Knowledge Project (Canada), My Open Archive (Japan), DuraSpace (US), IssueLabs (US).

For more stories, videos, and photos from Open Access Week events around the world, visit [Open Access Week site](#).

The first open access repositories are launched in Belarus, Botswana and Mozambique

Congratulations to the Fundamental Library of the Belarusian State University with the first open access institutional repository in Belarus – [BSU Digital Library](#), to the University of Botswana with the [University of Botswana Research, Innovation and Scholarship Archive](#) and to the Centro de Formação Jurídica e Judiciária, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane and Universidade Politécnica with the national [Mozambican Repository](#)! Aissa Issak, eIFL country coordinator for Mozambique and

coordinator of Mozambican Repository SABER, has sent us a detailed account on how the project got started and developed until it was officially launched on November 4, 2009. Please read her full story www.eifl.net.

eIFL.net declared its commitment to the HIFA2015 goal

eIFL.net became one of 70 health and development organisations worldwide that have officially declared their commitment to the HIFA2015 goal. [HIFA2015](#) (Healthcare Information For All by 2015) is a global knowledge network administered by the Global Healthcare Information Network, a non-profit organisation working to improve the quality of health care in developing countries. HIFA2015 brings together more than 2600 health workers, librarians, publishers, researchers and policymakers from 150 countries worldwide, all committed to a common goal: By 2015, every person worldwide will have access to an informed health care provider. Together they are working for a future where people are no longer dying for lack of basic healthcare knowledge.

DRIVER/eIFL.net collaboration: More repositories in the DRIVER Research Infrastructure

At the DRIVER Confederation [Summit](#) on October 20, 2009 Ghent University Library, eIFL.net and DRIVER – Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research – announced a partnership to register repositories from eIFL.net network in the DRIVER Research Infrastructure so that their contents are harvested periodically, indexed into the DRIVER platform and presented in the DRIVER Repository search portal.

eIFL.net will support and market the DRIVER content policy (full-texts, e.g. via OA set), communicate DRIVER Guidelines and validator as self-assessment tool and provide help-desk support, validation and filling-in registration forms if needed.

Presentations about DRIVER-eIFL.net partnership: [DRIVER_Aggregation.ppt](#) and [DRIVER-eIFL-collaboration.ppt](#)

The Depot – an assured gateway to make research Open Access – becomes international

To coincide with the Open Access week, EDINA (a JISC UK-national academic data centre based at the University of Edinburgh) is pleased to announce that the Depot has been opened up internationally. Building upon its initial role given to it by JISC, the Depot is now being opening up into a facility to support the Open Access agenda internationally.

The [Depot](#) is an assured gateway to make research Open Access and provides two main services:

- a deposit service for researchers worldwide without an institutional repository in which to deposit their papers, articles, and book chapters (e-prints).
- a re-direct service which alerts depositors to more appropriate local services if they exist.

The first time a researcher visits the Depot we will automatically check with OpenDOAR, the registry for open access repositories, to find a more appropriate local repository. If none exists then the author will be invited to deposit their research in the Depot. The Depot is OAI-compliant allowing deposited e-prints to be 'harvested' by search services, and other repositories, giving them instant global visibility.

(The Depot team)

6. Update on eIFL –FOSS

Skills and Tools Workshop in Mongolia

As part of eIFL.net efforts in raising awareness and building capacity on FOSS solutions for libraries, the Mongolian Libraries Consortium received a small grant to organize a 3 day Koha ILS and Eprints IR training workshop on October 14-16. In total, 26 IT engineers and local librarians from public, research and academic institutions had the opportunity to acquire hands on skills on how to install and manage Ubuntu, Koha ILS, Eprints and Debian GNU/Linux. A more detailed account of the workshop as well as a photo gallery can be found www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss.

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

The newly established National Centre for Tanzania, the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology ([COSTECH](#)) started off its activities on a high note with a 5-day training workshop. The event was held on October 26-30 at the School of Library Archives and Documentation Services (SLADS) in Bagamoyo, some 60 kilometres north of Dar es Salaam. The facilitators were Mr Africa Bwamkuu from COSTECH and Mr Amos Kujenga (SAGSN Regional Project Coordinator) from Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile a Greenstone training workshop for project leaders will be held in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, on December 7-8. The workshop will be hosted by the National University of Science & Technology Library in its capacity as the National Centre and marks the second phase of its 2009 – 2010 project. During the month of November , SAGSN expects to draw conclusions on the expressions of interest (to become National Centres) received from Kenya and Senegal.

As ever, please visit the eIFL-FOSS space on the eIFL.net website for the latest news and information from the eIFL-FOSS program.

The eIFL team

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