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The 2011 annual report is now available for downloading.

Another highly productive and rewarding year has been made possible thanks to ongoing collaboration with over 60 partner and project countries and the continued support of our funders.

Read the 2011 EIFL annual report

EIFL-Licensing update

Estimated savings of US\$175 million in 2011

Through the EIFL-Licensing programme, we negotiate with vendors on behalf of partner countries in order to achieve free or highly discounted access to commercial e-resources, plus fair terms of use.

In 2011, libraries in our network saved an estimated US\$175 million on the e-resources available through EIFL-Licensing.

The average discount was 97%, and full text downloads increased to almost 4 million.

Detailed information about savings and usage will be available to EIFL-Licensing Coordinators soon.

Useful information for e-resource librarians

Managing expanding e-resource collections effectively, promoting awareness and usage, and negotiating with vendors can often be a challenge.

To help support e-resource, librarians we have introduced a new Useful Information area in the EIFL-Licensing section of our website which includes links to valuable resources such as IFLA's new Electronic Resource Guide and the UKSG's E-Resources Management Handbook.

We would like to develop this section further, so please email us at subscriptions [at] eifl.net if you know of other helpful sources of information and guidance that we can share with the EIFL network and beyond.

EIFL-OA update

Universities in Kenya, Slovenia and Ukraine adopt OA policies

Kenya



Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology's (JKUAT) Senate has recently adopted an Open Access Policy statement (Harvard-style):

"It is a strategic goal of the University "to invest and engage in productive collaborations with national and international institutions and industry to enhance the University's role in knowledge creation and exchange, for positive impacts on social-cultural, economic and political development" and also to "to facilitate dissemination of research results and innovations to target users for application", (Strategic Plan, 2009-2012). Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology is committed to disseminating the fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible.

On this basis, it is the University's aim that all research output should be deposited, subject to the submission procedure, with JKUAT Digital Repository in an electronic form in order to provide open online access. Through Open Access Digital Repository, JKUAT will be contributing to a growing international corpus of refereed and other research literature harvested by internet search engines and available through the World Wide Web. In keeping with that commitment, the University adopts the following policy:

Each University member shall grant to JKUAT permission to make available his or her scholarly works and to exercise the copyright in these works. More specifically, each Faculty member grants to the University a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly works, in any medium, and to authorize others to do the same, provided that these works are not sold for a profit. The policy will apply to all scholarly works authored or co-authored while the person is a member of the University except for any works completed before the adoption of this policy and any works for which the Faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy. The Vice Chancellor's designate will waive application of the policy to a particular scholarly work upon written request by a Faculty member explaining the need.

Each Faculty member will provide an electronic copy of the final version of his/her scholarly work at no charge to the appropriate representative of the Vice Chancellor's Office in an appropriate format (such as PDF) specified by the Vice Chancellor's Office no later than the date of its publication. The Vice Chancellor's Office may make the work available to the public in an open-access repository.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the University from time to time."

(From JKUAT Digital Repository Policy)

Open access policy discussions at JKUAT started in August 2010 with an EIFL hosted workshop "Benefits of Open Access for Research Dissemination, Usage, Visibility and Impact". This is the second Harvard-style open access mandate in Kenya – the first open access policy was adopted in Strathmore University last year, see the details here.

Ukraine

On March 23, 2012, Donetsk National Technical University's (DonNTU) Senate adopted institutional open access mandate that requires all faculty



members and staff to deposit (self-archive) their research outputs and teaching materials in the open access repository E-archive DonNTU. Open availability of these research and educational materials are subject to publishers' embargoes. More details about the mandate are here (in English and Ukrainian). Similar open access mandates have been adopted earlier at Kharkov National Medical University, Sumy State University, Ternopil State Ivan Puluj Technical University and Ukrainian

Slovenia



Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, University of Ljubljana, has recently adopted an open access theses mandate, requiring that all thesis and dissertations must be deposited in the faculty open access repository DRUGG starting from October 2008, and also recommending that research articles, monographs, conference or workshop presentations, teaching materials and other research outputs be deposited as well (items may not be deposited until any publishers` embargo period has expired). See more details about this policy here.

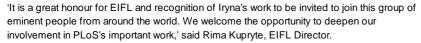
Earlier this year a similar policy has been adopted at the Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana, see more details here.

Congratulations to the JKUAT repository team, DonNTU repository team and ELibUkr project (DonNTU is also a part of the project), and to DRUGG repository team with these great achievements!

Open access policies (mandates) that ensure that research funded by institutions is made freely available, have already been adopted by 33 institutions in the EIFL network.

EIFL joins PLoS International Advisory Group

Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access (OA) programme manager, has been invited to join PLoS International Advisory Group.





PLoS – Public Library of Science – is one of the top three OA publishers in the world. The PLoS International Advisory Group advises on matters of international relevance to PLoS's mission and core principles.

Confirming Iryna's appointment, Professor Rosalind Smyth, PLoS Board of Directors member, said: 'We are delighted to have Iryna on board. Through her work with EIFL's Open Access programme in developing and transition countries across the world, Iryna brings precisely the international perspective and links, as we expand our remit.'

PLoS publishes tens of thousands of research articles every year in seven peer-reviewed OA journals: PLoS Biology and PLoS Medicine, which are the two PLoS flagship journals; the community journals PLoS Computational Biology, PLoS Genetics, PLoS Pathogens and PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases; and PLoS ONE, which publishes rigorous science across the full range of life and health sciences.

PLoS is also a major voice in advocating for open access, and a founder member of International Open Access Week. In March 2009 PLoS became the first publisher to track transparent and comprehensive information about the usage and reach of published articles, giving the academic community another avenue to help assess their value.

Universities in Belarus and Serbia sign the Berlin Declaration

Two more institutions in EIFL partner countries – the Belarusian State University (Belarus) and the University of Niš, (Serbia) – joined over 370 leading international research, scientific, and cultural institutions from around the world that have signed the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and the Humanities.

The Declaration builds on the significant progress of the Budapest Open Access Initiative, calling for open access to knowledge in the humanities as well as in the sciences. It also moves beyond the scope of primary literature, indicating, "open access contributions include original scientific research results, raw data and metadata, source materials, digital representations of pictorial and graphical materials and scholarly multimedia material."

Signatories commit to the principle of open access movement, which include the following:

- To encourage researchers to make their materials available in open access (through self-archiving in open access repositories or publishing in open access journals);
- To encourage the holders of cultural heritage to support open access by providing their resources on the internet;
- To develop **means and ways** to evaluate open access contributions to maintain the standards of quality assurance and good scientific practice;
- To advocate that open access publications be recognized in promotion and tenure evaluation;
- To advocate the intrinsic merit of contributions to an open access infrastructure by software tool development, content provision, metadata creation, or the publication of individual articles.

We encourage institutions from EIFL partner countries to sign the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and the Humanities. See more information about EIFL partner institutions that signed the Berlin Declaration last year here and here

Pro: Signing the Berlin Declaration offers an institution a unique chance to profile itself as a progressive institution that is visible to the outside world and which recognises and **adds value to research output**.

How to sign the Declaration

To add your institution to the list of signatories please follow these instructions:

1. Ask your highest representative to send a letter or an e-mail to the President of the Max Planck Society, Prof. Peter Gruss, Hofgartenstrasse 8, 80539 Munich, Germany, (e-mail: praesident [at] gv.mpg.de with copy to open-access [at] mpdl.mpg.de)

in which he/she declares his/her interest in joining the signatories that have already signed the Declaration.

- 2. The letter/mail should precisely contain all the data of your organization to be included in the list of signatories as well as the date of signature (which could also be in the past). Necessary data:
- · Sign Date:
- Organization name:
- · Organization type:
- · Abbreviation:
- Person:
- Position:
- · City:
- Country:

3. To organise the cooperation between the organisations which have signed the Berlin Declaration someone in your organisation should act as a contact person at the working level. If possible, please do also provide the name and details of a contact person on the working level in your institution.

Background and talking points for your use in advancing these conversations are available online.

How to make your journal OpenAIRE compliant: the sessions recordings

On May 7 and 8 EIFL hosted two online workshops on how to make journals OpenAIRE compliant, with Open Journal System (OJS) as example. If you are involved in a journal, which publishes EC funded research, if your journal wants to comply with the EC policies on Open Access and if you missed the live sessions, you can view the recording of the sessions and download the slides:



- View the recording (Monday session or Tuesday session)
- · Download the slides

OpenAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe) supports researchers within the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission (EC) to disseminate and provide the widest possible access to their research output. Open Access in FP7 is based on the self-archiving of peer-reviewed articles. In this context, a main strategy of OpenAIRE is to reach out to institutional and subject repositories asking authors "to deposit articles resulting from FP7 projects into an institutional or subject based repository" (Special Clause 39 of the model grant agreement).

In parallel, OpenAIRE acknowledges the importance of Open Access journals as being a road to fulfill the EC policies on Open Access. Therefore we encourage journals to become compliant with the OpenAIRE technical infrastructure, which enables OpenAIRE to harvest and present publications resulting from FP7 projects or European Research Council (ERC) grants. For journals using Open Journal Systems (OJS) a plugin has already been released.

May 2012 is the OpenAIRE Compliance Month for journals, in which we give special attention to the steps required for journals to become compliant with the OpenAIRE infrastructure, and to support and facilitate compliance with the Open Access policies of the EC and the ERC. Several events are organized during this month, including tutorials for OJS journals. Questions with which we will help you in May 2012:

- How do I identify FP7 and/or SC39 content in my journal?
- How do I support my authors in complying with the Open Access policies of the EC?
- How does the OpenAIRE plug-in in OJS work?
- How do I install the OpenAIRE plugin in OJS?
- How do I test my journal's compliance with OpenAIRE?
- How do I add my journal to OpenAIRE?

The events also include individual consultation with the OpenAIRE team members for publishers (please contact us for more information).

We are available to answer your questions and provide assistance. We kindly invite you to join us in the OpenAIRE Compliance month for journals in May 2012!

Iryna Kuchma (EIFL)
Pedro Príncipe (University of Minho)
Birgit Schmidt (Goettingen State and University Library)
Marnix van Berchum (SURF)

EIFL-IP update

Nine EIFL partner countries feature in consumer IP survey

Nine EIFL partner countries feature in the 2012 Consumers International (CI) IP Watchlist Report, with four reports prepared by EIFL-IP librarians and colleagues.

The 2012 IP Watchlist, the fourth annual rating of national IP law shows "entrenched anti-consumer bias" and calls on copyright holders and legislators to work with consumers - not against them - to avoid future mass protests over the right to access the internet. CI believes that the realities of consumer activity in the digital age mean that copyright has become a mainstream consumer policy



issue, and that protests against EU and US laws that further restrict the public's use of digital content could have been avoided if consumer rights organisations and open access groups had been appropriately consulted.

The 2012 IP Watchlist survey includes a question on the access and use of materials by libraries, and added a new question on whether libraries are required to pay public lending rights fees (PLR).

The EIFL partner countries featured in the 2012 report are Armenia, Belarus, Cameroon, China (PRC), Egypt, Malawi, Thailand, Slovenia, Ukraine. Thanks to colleagues for contributing to the report.

Read a summary (English, French, Spanish), browse the report or check the rankings.



Evaluation underway for EIFL-IP grant applications

Restrictive copyright laws create legal barriers to accessing resources for education, research and personal development. At EIFL, we advocate for fair and balanced copyright laws that support libraries in providing access to knowledge.

In April 2012, the EIFL-IP programme invited proposals for advocacy campaigns in support of copyright law reform in EIFL partner countries. We especially wish to support countries with pending legislation in copyright and related rights, or where reviews of copyright law or consultations with stakeholders are planned.

Twenty proposals from eighteen countries in Africa, Asia and Europe were received. With the support of an external evaluator, we will award grants for up to ten projects up to a maximum of 4,000 Euro. We look forward to reading about the range of ideas from the community for how to achieve positive change for libraries in national copyright laws. We thank everyone who applied and expressed interest. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, 28 May 2012.

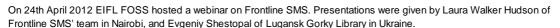
EIFL-FOSS update

Frontline SMS - library applications

Frontline SMS is a FOSS tool which enables you to turn a laptop and mobile phone into a communications hub. With versions for Windows, Mac and Linux, you can use any computer to create messages offline that can then be sent via SMS to groups of people (such as library users).

The system can be used for automated processes (such as reminding library users when they have an overdue item) or for specific tasks (such as asking for feedback on a proposed new layout).

All you need to get started is a modem, which can be purchased for less than US\$20. Because it operates over the mobile network, internet access is not needed for the sender or the receiver.



You can access the recording of the session here

You can download Laura's presentation here

You can download Evgeniy's presentation here

Get more information on the EIFL-FOSS Frontline SMS page.

Drupal - Powerful FOSS website and CMS software

Drupal is a FOSS content management system (CMS) and framework, written in PHP. It is used as the back-end for many websites around the world, including many libraries, and the main EIFL website. The standard release (Drupal core) contains features such as user account management, menu management, RSS feeds, page layout customisation and system administration. Other modules and versions are avilable to perform additional functions. It is cross-platform and available in over 60 languages.

On 25th April 2012 EIFL FOSS hosted a webinar on Drupal 7 and Modules. The webinar was delivered by Robin Isard, eServices Librarian at Algoma University in Canada. Drupal Modules extend and customize the core Drupal functionality to enable users to achieve exactly what they need to do with Drupal.

Drupal

You can view the recording of the session here.

You can download Robin's presentation here (odp format)

You can download Robin's presentation here (ppt format)

Further information can be found on the EIFL-FOSS Drupal page



Awards for libraries that improve economic wellbeing

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) has launched its first innovation award call – for libraries offering services that improve economic wellbeing of the community.

We are accepting written applications in four languages – English, Russian, French and Spanish. To encourage greater participation, libraries also have the opportunity to tell their stories in their own language through video. However, the video must have subtitles in English.

Deadline is May 31, 2012.

Winners will receive a prize of US\$1,500, and the opportunity to showcase their winning service at an international conference or event. In addition, EIFL-PLIP will publicize their services widely.

For full details of this award, click here: English, French, Spanish, Russian.

The award is the first of four EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards for public and community libraries in developing and transition countries.

Three new EIFL-PLIP grantees in Ghana

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is delighted to announce the names of three new grantee libraries in Ghana.

The three public libraries are offering services in the crucial development areas of health and support for vulnerable youth.

The new services are:

The Northern Regional Library in Tamale, which will use the Internet, mobile phones and radio to improve the flow of information between pregnant women and health workers. The library's aim is to help reduce maternal mortality.

The Ghana Library Board's Mobile Library Service in Ho Municipality in Volta region. The service will travel to schools in under developed areas in a computer laboratory equipped with laptop and desktop computers and powered by solar panels, so that school children can learn practical ICT skills.

Twifu Praso District Library, which will transform a traditional reading room into a multi-media room where vulnerable youth can improve their chances in life by acquiring ICT, radio broadcast and other media production skills.

The three new services join the Northern Regional Library's Internet Access and Training Programme (IATP) which EIFL-PLIP funded in 2010. IATP provides leadership and ICT training for vulnerable youth living in Tamale, capital of Northern Ghana, and surrounding rural areas.

Five new EIFL-PLIP grantees in Uganda

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is delighted to announce the names of five new grantee libraries in Uganda.

The five public libraries are offering services in the crucial development areas of agriculture and health.

The new services are:

Kachumbala Area Cooperative Enterprise Community Library (KACE) will use photographs taken by farmers to document their experiences and to promote sustainable farming methods.

Maendeleo Foundation aims to create an Internet-based database of information for farmers throughout Uganda in local languages.

National Library of Uganda's new agricultural service will create opportunities for rural women to learn Internet skills and create an online market to increase sales of their farm products.

Rwenzori Information Network will organise multi-tasking volunteer plant doctors equipped with Smart phones to be key players in Rwenzori Information Network's new information service for farmers living in Busongora County in Uganda's Kasasa District

Busolwe Public Library Library in Butaleja District in Eastern Uganda is to combine modern information technology (ICT) with traditional communication methods like drama to provide health information in the local Lunyole language.

The five new services join the National Library of Uganda, which EIFL-PLIP funded in 2011. National Library of Uganda, with Lira and Masindi public libraries are working together to inform unemployed young people about opportunities for jobs, training, business support and finance – using mobile phones.

Ariadne article: Perceptions of Public Libraries in Africa



The article "Perceptions of Public Libraries in Africa" has been published in *Ariadne*, a peer-reviewed open access magazine for information professionals.

In the article, Monika Elbert, David Fuegi and Ugne Lipeikaite summarise and describe

the principal findings of the study *Perceptions of Public Libraries in Africa* commissioned by EIFL Public library Innovation Programme (PLIP) which served to provide evidence of how public libraries are perceived by stakeholders and the public

towards public libraries in six African countries.

The authors write:

"The goal of the study was to understand the perceptions of national and local stakeholders (municipalities, ministries, public agencies, media, etc.) and the public (including non-users) in respect of public libraries in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe about the potential of public libraries. It also aimed to understand how these stakeholders could best be positively influenced to create, fund, support or to use public libraries. It is hoped that stakeholders in the countries studied will choose to assess the findings as a potential tool to improve library management and advocacy."

Read the entire article here.

Library consortia news

Libraries in Kyrgyzstan mark the BOAI-10th Anniversary

Library community in Kyrgyzstan celebrated the 10th anniversary of the launch of the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI). A round table "Open Access in Kyrgyzstan: Input from the Libraries" was organized by Kyrgyzstan Library Information Consortium on 2 March 2012, to mark the anniversary and discuss open access strategy in the country for the coming years. Academic and public libraries directors from Bishkek and Chuy Province attended the round table. Kyrgyzstan Library Information Consortium decided to sign the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities and to encourage its members — universities, academies, institutes and colleges — to sign the Declaration as well.



The Budapest Open Access Initiative was a very important milestone for knowledge dissemination and access to research information in the country and worldwide. Kyrgyz libraries consider open access as a crucial part of their strategy and leading libraries successfully cooperate in developing open access repositories in the country. Thus, they also contribute to global open access developments.

The first open access institutional repository in Kyrgyzstan – AUCA Digital Library – was set up in American University of Central Asia (AUCA) in 2006. It then inspired the launch of the first national and later Central Asian shared open access repository in 2007.

To support open access infrastructure in the country, Stanislav Tsymbalov (AUCA) released free and open source software DIGRARY — Open Source Digital Library System that enables services for creating repositories (fast, easy to install, and with high usability). DIGRARY was used to build two repositories: KYRLIBNET open repository (run by the network of academic

libraries in Kyrgyzstan) and Rare books collection.



The libraries will continue promoting open access collaborating with mass media, contributing to growing open access repositories and open access journals in the

country and encouraging open access journals to register in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and librarians to deposit their publications in E-LIS — international subject repository in Library and Information Science. American University of Central Asia has already suggested DOAJ to include their journals and Safia Rafikova, EIFL-OA country coordinator, AUCA, is an E-LIS national editor in Kyrgyzstan.

Similar meetings to mark the BOAI-10th Anniversary were organized in Estonia, Latvia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

EIFL-OA thanks Safia Rafikova for sharing information about this round table.

CUUL first to adopt Statement of Principles on Copyright

We are delighted to announce that the Consortium of Uganda University Libraries (CUUL) is the first EIFL partner consortium to adopt a Statement of Principles on libraries and copyright.

At its Annual General Meeting in Kampala on 16 March 2012 attended by some fifty participants, Dr Dick Kawooya, School of Information Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA introduced copyright issues and highlighted the role of libraries in promoting access to copyrighted materials especially in the digital age. The presentation was followed by a lively discussion on a range of topics including legal deposit, respecting copyright exceptions and limitations in contracts, interlibrary document supply, and serving persons with disabilities.

"The Principles are relevant in a resource-constrained country such as Uganda because they will help to promote better access to library resources. Librarians will gain a greater appreciation about the role of copyright and barriers to access, enabling them to make more informed decisions when copyright is applied within the library context", said Ms Judith Nannozi, Librarian, Uganda Martyrs University and EIFL Country Coordinator. "We get to hear little about copyright in library school so when we start to work on the ground in libraries, there is a gap in our knowledge. The adoption of the Statement of Principles by CUUL offers an opportunity for librarians in Uganda to engage in this growing area of importance to librarianship".

Over the coming months, CUUL will develop a strategy for activities so that members are informed about the library perspective on copyright and access issues, in line with the CUUL mission to strengthen library services to students, staff and other library users.

We look forward to working with CUUL on future developments and activities. Congratulations to CUUL! Learn more about CUUL here.

We recommend that other consortia interested in adopting a position on copyright should check out our template.

Libraries and copyright make the news in Armenia

Hasmik Galstyan, librarian at the American University of Armenia (AUA) and EIFL-IP copyright librarian organised two presentations to raise awareness of library copyright issues as part of National Library Week from 16-20 April 2012, and for World Intellectual Property Day on 26 April.

Hasmik presented a new Armenian translation of the EIFL Guide "Developing a Library Copyright Policy", and the EIFL/IFLA/LCA Statement of Principles on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives. She then provided an update on



current discussions at WIPO on library copyright issues and shared the experience of Papazian Library at AUA in dealing with copyright issues. The audience was the Armenian library community, the Electronic Library Consortium of Armenia (ELCA) and officials from the Armenian Intellectual Property Agency (AIPA).

The event was picked up by Asbarez News, a bi-lingual daily newspaper serving the Armenian diaspora in the U.S.

Events

4 May 2012	Meeting with Serbian Library Consortium KOBSON in Georgia. Location: Tbilisi - Georgia
7 May 2012	How to make your journal OpenAIRE compliant: online workshops. Location: online
9 May 2012	EIFL conducting TEMPUS funded training in Tunisia. Location: Tunis - Tunisia
14 May 2012	EIFL conducting L'atelier sur les archives ouvertes in Tunisia. Location: Monastir - Tunisia
17 May 2012	Rethinking the Agenda for Development: OA Policies and Practices. Location: Genève - Switzerland
18 May 2012	Fifth Belgrade International OA Conference 2012. Location: Belgrade - Serbia
21 May 2012	The European Library/Europeana Libraries Joint Meeting. Location: Bucharest - Romania
21 May 2012	COAR Annual Meeting and General Assembly. Location: Uppsala - Sweden
24 May 2012	EIFL PLIP at e-Learning Africa. Location: Cotonou - Benin
24 May 2012	Strategic Planning: Getting Started - free webinar!. Location: online
30 May 2012	Making Copyright Work for Libraries and Consumers. Location: Brussels - Belgium
4 Jun 2012	E-health corners to be presented SCECSAL. Location: Nairobi - Kenya
11 Jun 2012	Linking OA publications to data – policy development and implementation. Location: Copenhagen - Denmark

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