



Newsletter

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New coordinators from Latvia and Swaziland

First of all, we would like to welcome two new country coordinators: the coordinator of the Swaziland consortium, the Deputy University Librarian Dr. Zipho Ngcobo and the coordinator of the Latvian Consortium, Gunta Luse, from the National Library of Latvia.

New sections on the web site

3 new sections have been added to the eIFL web site.

BOAI - This section is devoted to the Budapest Open Access Initiative of the Open Society Institute which supports and promotes scholarly research articles in all academic fields which are freely available on the internet.

FREE JOURNALS - A section providing information and a direct link to the Directory of Open Access Journals - DOAJ, supported by BOAI under the Information Programme of the Open Society Institute. The directory contains information about 350 open access journals, i.e. quality controlled scientific and scholarly electronic journals that are freely available on the web. eIFL.net is cooperating with the Open Society Institute to ensure the wide dissemination of the *DOAJ*.

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE - OSS - This is a new section aimed at providing resources, material and useful links on Open Source Software, which can support the eIFL library consortia and any other library or institution interested in OSS; this section helps you to get familiar with the main aspects of Open Source Software's usage and implementation.

We welcome suggestions and additions to the above sections at: info@eifl.net.

Anthropological Index Institute database

eIFL has agreed to promote AIO, the Anthropological Index Online, which is a bibliographic database provided by the Royal Anthropological Institute in association with the British Museum and based on journals held in the Museum's Anthropology Library. The Library has an especially strong coverage of Eastern European journals, which have been maintained over a long period of time through library exchange agreements with the RAI's own academic journals, (the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute and Anthropology Today).

On-line access to AIO is available free of charge for limited use for each institution (up to 100 searches per institution per year).

eIFL.net will be negotiating a consortium price for those countries who wish to receive unlimited access to the Index. A descriptive paragraph and relevant link to the Index are provided at: http://www.eifl.net/services/services_scihum.html

Additional information on AIO is available from: <http://lucy.ukc.ac.uk/AIO.html>

BioOne

We are pleased to announce that we are in the final stage of signing an agreement with BioOne for free access by all eIFL consortia.

BioOne is a unique aggregation of high-impact bioscience research journals. As an innovative collaboration among scientific societies, libraries, academe and the commercial sector, BioOne is working to help transform the scholarly communication process by providing expanded access to scientific

research results. BioOne provides integrated, cost-effective access to a thoroughly linked information resource of interrelated journals focused on the biological, ecological and environmental sciences.

To learn more about BioOne see: <http://www.bioone.org>

News about Science & Technology publishers

We are pleased to announce that we have completed the negotiation process with the S & T publishers. As a result, the eIFL countries can now access APS, HighWire and IOP journals and databases. Contracts with ProQuest and Cambridge University Press are in the final stage of signing.

Specific sections on the individual publishers are being gradually added to the eIFL web site, providing updated information on the Science and Technology journals that they offer to the eIFL members. Keep an eye on: http://www.eifl.net/services/services_sci.html.

All eIFL publishing partners will be invited to participate in the General Assembly 2003.

New content for negotiation

As mentioned in the March newsletter, eIFL has developed a survey form which was recently forwarded to all the country coordinators. The survey aims to collect information on new electronic resources that country consortia are interested in subscribing to in 2004. This will enable eIFL to produce a 'wish list' of new publishers to be approached for negotiation in the near future.

OSI initiative to improve infrastructure and connectivity

A number of pilot institutions in the Southern African eIFL countries are being identified with the aim to offer them grants to improve and enhance their connectivity and infrastructures and therefore facilitate their access to the electronic resources offered through eIFL.net.

OSI Southern Africa is actively seeking partnership with other funding agencies to expand this initiative to more institutions.

eIFL workshop in Turkey

On 13-18 May eIFL run a very lively workshop for the Central and Eastern European coordinators which was hosted by the Turkish consortium ANKOS. eIFL colleagues from 22 countries participated in the event. On the first day, presentations on collection analysis, management integration of e-resources and negotiations with vendors were delivered by external experts, while the second day was devoted to country reports and sharing of experiences. Overall, the workshop witnessed considerable progress in consortium building and usage of electronic resources in all participating countries.

Coming events in June

Fact finding visit to Turkmenistan

Ashgabat, 20-26 June 2003

Rima Kupryte will join the OSI NY team to discuss the possibility of offering access to electronic resources to Turkmenistan

NEICON at the Crimea 2003 Conference

Crimea, Sudak, 7-15 June 2003

NEICON, the Russian consortium, is holding, in cooperation with eLIBRARY.RU, a one day workshop during the Crimea 2003 conference. The programme of the seminar is available in Russian at: <http://www.gpntb.ru/win/inter-events/crimea2003/conferr.htm>. The agenda includes, among others, presentations by the publishers currently offering access to their electronic resources to the eIFL countries. Anyone interested in learning more about the workshop can get in touch with Alexander Kouznetsov (kouz@neicon.ru), coordinator of the NEICON consortium.

Workshop on Consortium Building

Malawi, 18-20 June 2003

Training Workshop for African eIFL coordinators

South Africa , 30 June - 4 July 2003

The event is aimed at all eIFL African coordinators

LIBER Conference

Rome, National Library, 17-21 June 2003

Although not directly related to eIFL, we thought it would be of interest to mention this annual event, organised by LIBER, The Ligue des Bibliothèques Europeennes de Recherche, the principal association of the major research libraries in Europe. Founded in 1971 under the auspices of the Council of Europe (CEC), actively promotes co-operation with all library-related organizations. It has strong links with the Council of Europe, the Commission of the European Communities (CEC), and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), as well as with national library associations. In case any of you plan to attend this event, we will be glad to meet you there!

Looking forward to receiving updated information about the activities and events organised in the country members of eIFL.net

The eIFL Team