EIFL update

EIFL receives 2014 SPARC Innovator Award
SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), an international alliance of more than 800 academic and research libraries, has recognized EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) with its July 2014 Innovator Award.

EIFL-Licensing update

New agreement for SAGE Research Methods Cases
EIFL has signed a new agreement with SAGE for SAGE Research Methods Cases (SRM-C). The agreement runs until 31 December 2015 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia and their member libraries in 42 countries.

New agreement for Edward Elgar Journals and Development Studies Ebooks
EIFL has signed a new agreement with Edward Elgar Publishing to provide free access to their Journals and Development Studies Ebooks to libraries in 41 countries. The agreement runs until 31st December 2016.

EIFL-OA update

EIFL joins Open Policy Network
EIFL is proud to be a new member of the Open Policy Network (OPN), which was recently launched this May. The first project of OPN is the Institute of Open Leadership, aimed at training new leaders in education, science, and public policy fields on the values and implementation of openness in licensing, policies, and practices.

Open Educational Resources webinar
EIFL organized and hosted the Network for ICT in Education webinar on Open Educational Resources (OERs) – textbooks and other academic materials that are published online for everyone to use, adapt and share freely targeted towards educators, students and librarians. View the webinar online now.

EIFL-IP update

ABC of copyright launches in Latin America
Based on EIFL’s Copyright for Librarians curriculum, the Karisma Foundation with national chapters of Creative Commons in Colombia, El Salvador and Uruguay developed a new free, open and online course.

Breakthrough in UK copyright reform: what it means for libraries - an EIFL webinar
EIFL webinar led by Benjamin White, Head of Intellectual Property at the British Library explores recent changes in UK copyright law and what they mean for libraries.
"Why do we keep doing this to ourselves?" Another week of mixed fortunes at WIPO

In a disagreement that split mainly along north-south lines, WIPO's copyright committee failed for the second time this year to reach agreement on the conclusions of the session, leaving libraries and archives disappointed.

EIFL supports call to Elsevier to withdraw its TDM policy

EIFL has joined over 40 groups and individuals in calling on Elsevier to withdraw its current policy on text and data mining (TDM). The letter expresses concern at unnecessary restrictions placed on researchers undertaking text and data mining.

EIFL-PLIP update

EIFL-PLIP at IFLA 2014

EIFL’s Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) will have a strong presence at IFLA2014 – the International Federation of Library Associations World Library and Information Congress – which takes place in Lyon, France, in August.

Webinar on libraries improving lives attracts wide audience

The OCLC Webjunction Webinar Libraries as Drivers of Community Development: Global Edition, which featured stories about 10 library services supported by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP), attracted 135 participants from across the world.

VIDEO: Library uses tablet computers to support education in Kibera

EILF has released a new video which shows the impact of an EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) supported project that uses tablet computers to support children’s education in Kibera, the largest slum in Eastern Africa.

1 Jul 2014 LIBER Annual Conference. Location: Riga - Latvia
4 Jul 2014 Webinar - breakthrough in UK copyright reform: what does it mean for libraries?. Location: Online
8 Jul 2014 Open access policy meeting, Kampala. Location: Kampala - Uganda
11 Jul 2014 Open Access in East Africa. Location: Nairobi - Kenya
14 Jul 2014 EIFL eLibrary Myanmar project - visit to Myanmar. Location: Yangon - Myanmar
16 Jul 2014 Webjunction Webinar on libraries as drivers of community development. Location: Online
21 Jul 2014 Electronic Theses and Dissertations 2014. Location: Leicester - United Kingdom
12 Aug 2014 IFLA2014 public libraries satellite conference. Location: Birmingham - United Kingdom
16 Aug 2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congress. Location: Lyon - France
25 Aug 2014 Ghana librarians attend training to inspire innovation. Location: Winneba - Ghana
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