eIFL.net Newsletter- MAY-JUNE 2009

1. eIFL.net related News

New eIFL.net Spotlight

This newsletter is full of open access news and activities. We decided to focus this month's Spotlight on celebrating Open Access achievements in South Africa. "It was actually the first OA workshop eIFL ever organized and we weren't sure how OA was going to be received. Thus it is wonderful to see the progress which has been made..." said Melissa Hagemann, Program Manager, Open Society Institute.

Full story will be available shortly on our website. To read all the Spotlight stories, please visit: ww.eifl.net

Workshop on strategic planning in Mongolia

This workshop was held on April 21-23 and brought together senior staff from the Mongolian National Library, the Ministry of Culture, Education and Science and the Mongolian Library Consortium with the overall aim to build capacity in strategic planning, specifically in the context of the National Library's move to a new building. Guest speakers from national libraries in Russia, Singapore and Switzerland joined speakers from Mongolian libraries and policy making authorities.

As a result of the intensive discussions and working groups a local team has been formed to draft the strategic plan for the Mongolian National Library, set within the context of a wider 'Master Plan for Mongolian Library Development'. This draft strategy will be discussed and validated at a second workshop in July, to enable it going forward to budget discussions for 2010 due to start in August 2009.

Welcome to the new eIFL country coordinator in Gaza

We are delighted to share with you all that Aladdin Alhashim is the new eIFL country coordinator for PALICO member libraries in Gaza. Aladdin has a background in Computer Engineering and works at the libraries of the Islamic University of Gaza. In the short time he has been serving as Gaza coordinator he has provided a lot of enthusiasm as our main contact.

Since we started to cooperate with Palestinian libraries in 2005 we have always had two country coordinators, thus making sure that our programs reach out to both communities (West Bank and Gaza). We thank former Gaza coordinator, Hamed Hennawi, who remains in touch.

Please visit our Palestine page at www.eifl.net

News about members' library consortia

- Cameroon: COCUREL building with an eIFL consortium grant

The national consortium of university libraries in Cameroon, COCUREL, with the support of eIFL.net, has been able to open and equip a consortium office and prepare some marketing material. COCUREL members have recently held meetings to design the way forward, with an emphasis on membership enlargement and on advocacy for libraries efforts.

- Ghana: Institutional Repository Advocacy Seminar in Accra

On March 16-18, the Database of African Theses and Dissertations Programme of the Association of African Universities organized an International Institutional Repository Advocacy Seminar in collaboration with the Research Libraries in Ghana (CARLIGH) and Royal Tropical Institute of the

Netherlands. 80 participants from Africa and Europe – heads of tertiary institutions and libraries – attended the seminar. The seminar participants worked on the policy guidelines for the operations of institutional repositories in Africa. More about this event: www.eifl.net

- Laos: LALIC plans for 2009

LALIC's annual meeting was held on April 8 at the Central Library of the National University of Laos, under the leadership of Chansy Phuangsouketh, LALIC President and eIFL country coordinator. The meeting was attended by the 12 LALIC member libraries and 15 invited guests, mostly heads of member libraries for accounting of 2008 activities and planning for 2009. More on the meeting is here: www.eifl.net

- Macedonia: Enlargement of National Library and new projects for MEL

The new annex building of the National Library of Macedonia in Skopje will be inaugurated on May 24. This building will add 2300 square meters to the library where the rare books collection will be placed as well as the digitisation department. At the first stage the written cultural heritage will be digitized, which will enable its preservation and its accessibility worldwide. New digitisation center will offer its services for MEL national consortium member libraries. The National and University Library "St. Klement of Ohrid" is MEL – the Macedonian consortium's - official host institution.

- Malawi: Institutional repository training

Following the training on Institutional repository in South Africa in October 2008, Kondwani Wella, eIFL-OA country coordinator, University of Malawi, Kamuzu College of Nursing organised an Institutional repository training in Malawi on March 18-20. The University of Malawi is a MALICO member and its open access institutional repository will be launched in summer 2009.

- Nigeria: Designing NULIB strategy to promote e-resources and presenting OA initiatives

At a recent meeting of the Nigerian University Libraries Consortium NULIB, Dr. Akintude and Mrs.K Jagboro were designated 'e-Resources Specialists' to help Engineers/Analysts at individual university libraries to better use e-resources. This will be focus activity for NULIB for this year.

On the 7th of May Ezra S. Gbaje of the Department of Library and Information Science, Ahmadu Bello University and eIFL-OA country coordinator in Nigeria presented the status of institutional repositories in Nigeria at the Database of African Theses and Dissertations (DATAD) session at the Association of African University Conference (gc.aau.org) in Abuja.

- Palestine: PALICO activities to celebrate Jerusalem Capital of Arab Culture 2009

A series of events are being arranged by Birzeit University in celebration of Jerusalem Capital of Arab Culture 2009. To check on activities for May of PALICO West Bank members (10 universities), please visit here: www.eifl.net

- Ukraine: Open Access to research information – creating Open Access journals and open repositories workshop in Donetsk

Donetsk National Technical University hosted the workshop Open Access to research information – creating Open Access journals and open repositories for the heads of research departments, researchers and librarians from Eastern Ukraine. For presentations and more information visit here: www.eifl.net

- Uzbekistan: Raising awareness on electronic scholarly information and strengthening in country library cooperation

The seminar 'Technologies of scientific, educational and technical information development and use in the network of electronic libraries' took place on March 17-20, 2009. More than 150 participants, mainly directors of academic libraries, students and professors of library faculties, from 30 universities and libraries across Uzbekistan took part. For more information visit: www.eifl.net

2. eIFL Events in May-June 2009

❖ On April 27-May 1, Teresa Hackett attended the third meeting of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP/3) in Geneva, whose role is to oversee the implementation of the Development Agenda for WIPO.

❖ On May 6-8 Ronald Munatsi of the Law Library of the Zimbabwe Parliament was taking part in the IST Africa Conference 2009 in Kampala, Uganda. Ronald has been sponsored by eIFL.net to present his paper 'Towards cohesive consortia organisation and smart partnerships: enabling sustainable access and effective utilisation of e-resources in academic and research libraries in Zimbabwe', giving an overview of local initiatives, including those supported by eIFL.net. He will also participate in the poster session to raise awareness about eIFL.net programs. More about the conference is here: www.ist-africa.org/conference2009

❖ On May 11-12, Iryna Kuchma, eIFL-OA, is participating in the IAP Program on Digital Knowledge Resources and Infrastructure in Developing Countries Steering Committee Meeting to take place in Pretoria, South Africa. More information about the IAP Program. www.interacademies.net

❖ On May 14, Iryna Kuchma and Susan Veldsman, Director of Scholarly Publishing Unit, ASSAf are organising one day workshop as part of the African Digital Scholarship 2009 Conference. More below in the eIFL-OA section.

❖ On May 20-22, Tigran Zargaryan, eIFL FOSS ILS project coordinator, will participate in the Evergreen International Conference (www.lyrasis.org) to take place in Georgia, USA. Additional information on Tigran's presentation can be found in the Update on eIFL FOSS section of this issue.

❖ On May 25-26, Iryna Kuchma, together with the Palestinian Library consortium and Telemark University College Library, Norway will organise a workshop on maximising research impact in Palestine. Birzeit University Library and Telemark University College Library are working on setting up a shared repository for research in Palestine. The event will take place at Birzeit University Library, Palestine.

❖ On May 25-29, Teresa Hackett will attend the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights: Eighteenth Session in Geneva. The Committee will examine inter alia important questions of limitations and exceptions regarding education, libraries and disabled persons, particularly visually-impaired persons.

❖ On June 9 eIFL.net is co-organising a seminar about Open Access at the Sixteenth International Conference Crimea 2009: Libraries and Information Resources in the Modern World of Science, Culture, Education, and Business, Sudak, Ukraine. More information about the Crimea conference: www.gpntb.ru

❖ On June 30, Rima Kupryte and Teresa Hackett together with an IFLA delegation will be meeting WIPO Director General Mr. Gurry in Geneva.

3. eIFL.net Negotiations

Agreement with Nature Publishing signed

eIFL.net has signed a three year agreement with Nature Publishing Group (NPG) for NPG and its sister company Palgrave Macmillan online products. This agreement grants access to a rich collection of NPG electronic resources on the life, physical and applied sciences and clinical medicine, including its flagship publication Nature, as well as to Palgrave Macmillan journals and databases with a focus on the humanities, social sciences and business.

Together, NPG and Palgrave Macmillan publish over 140 peer reviewed journals and online databases and over 50 journals are published in association with prestigious academic societies. For more information and the list of journals, please visit Nature page in eIFL Negotiations section at www.eifl.net

4. Update on eIFL-IP

eIFL joint statement at WIPO Development Agenda committee

eIFL made a joint intervention with the US Library Copyright Alliance and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) at the third meeting of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP/3) in Geneva. The role of CDIP is to oversee implementation of 45 Recommendations for the Development Agenda. The intervention broadly welcomed the emphasis on the use of legal options and flexibilities in work-plan documents and supported work that contributes to a better understanding of the public domain. At the same time, it questioned how activities that focus primarily on IP protections and promoting an "IP culture" are development-oriented and expressed the hope that there will be more evidence of a change in focus as the work-plan expands.

Read the statement here: lists.essential.org

Statement by eIFL-IP librarians on World Book and Copyright Day, 23 April 2009

At the Second Global eIFL-IP conference in Istanbul in March 2009, librarians from thirty-nine developing and transition countries decided to highlight the importance of users' rights for libraries and education to mark World Book and Copyright Day on April 23rd, 2009. Sponsored by UNESCO, World Book and Copyright Day seeks to "promote reading, publishing and the protection of intellectual property through copyright". For libraries, and the people who use libraries, it is the exceptions and limitations to the legal protections granted to rightsholders that provide the basic mechanism for access to copyrighted content.

In their statement, eIFL-IP librarians support effective provisions in national copyright law to fulfill the public service mission of libraries, recognise the need for a global approach to exceptions and limitations, look forward to progress in discussions on exceptions and limitations at the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) in May 2009 and call on Member States to implement the Recommendations from the WIPO Development Agenda adopted in 2007.

Press release: www.eifl.net

Statement: www.eifl.net

eIFL-IP global conference 2009, Istanbul

The decision by participants to issue a statement for World Book and Copyright Day (see above) was just one result of the second eIFL-IP global conference that took place in Istanbul on 26-28 March 2009. There were great presentations on a wide variety of topics such as Creative Commons licences, library copyright policies, an overview of the orphan works problem, the implications for libraries of the Google Book Search case and a introduction to libraries and traditional cultural expressions (TCEs) amongst others. The keynote speaker, Becky Hogge formerly of the UK Open Rights Group, talked about the power of copyright activism by citizens from around the world and finished her presentation with an example of user generated content and great music! User participation was high with plenary sessions from colleagues from Moldova and Mongolia, regional roundtable discussion groups and an un-conference. Chris Friend from the World Blind Union (WBU) made an impassioned case for the WBU proposal for a WIPO treaty for Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons. This provided inspiration for Matseliso Moshoeshoe Chadzingwa from the National University of Lesotho Library (NUL) at the high level launch of a project in early May 2009 to enhance library services for clients with disabilities. Attended by the Honourable Refiloe Moses Masemene, Minister of Employment and Labour, a former LLB student at NUL and himself a blind person and over 100 participants from academic, library and disability organizations, the need for copyright and related practices to enable information workers to serve people with disabilities effectively was highlighted.

Kevin Smith, Scholarly Communications Officer at Duke University has followed up with several posts on his highly regarded blog on scholarly communications issues.

Lessons learned in Istanbul.
The World Blind Union, Amazon and the Author's Guild - more from the eIFL conference
One more topic from eIFL: Fair Use

Thanks to all the participants and the presenters for making the conference fun, lively and informative.

Welcome new eIFL-IP librarian from China

Welcome to the new eIFL-IP representative, Ms Lingling Zhou, from the National Science Library at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. Lingling is a recent law graduate from Manchester University in the UK and will work on IP issues at the library.

Thank you to Mr Liu Xiwen who remains in contact.

See the list of eIFL IP librarians at www.eifl.net

5. Update on eIFL-OA

eIFL.net open access program: support from the Wellcome Trust

The Wellcome Trust will support eIFL.net open access advocacy program in transition and developing countries. eIFL.net will use the grant to achieve the following: run four open access advocacy workshops (in Malawi, Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal), produce an evaluation report on "Open Repository Development in Developing and Transition Countries (based on the survey and case studies) and a report on the implementation of open content licences in developing and transition countries.

Evaluation of Institutional Repository Development in Developing and Transition Countries

This study is part of a cooperative program between eIFL.net, the University of Kansas Libraries, the DRIVER project and Key Perspectives Ltd., and aims at creating an inventory of current digital repository activities in developing and transition countries, at both the infrastructure and services level.

This survey has been adapted from the DRIVER Inventory study into the present type and level of OAI-compliant digital repository activities in the EU by Maurits de Graaf and SURF, and from the European repository study by Alma Swan, Key Perspectives Ltd.

The results of this survey will be made available online via a wiki. All participants in this study will receive an invitation to look at and comment on the results of this inventory for their own country. This is the first time that such data will be collected about digital repository activity in developing and transition countries, and we hope this will serve as important resource for promoting open access and repository development in these regions. We look forward to your cooperation.

We encourage all repository managers in developing and transition countries to participate. Please forward this message to other repository managers or colleagues who may be interested in participating. The survey will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.

Link to the survey: www.surveymonkey.com
To help you prepare you can view a PDF preview of the survey questions here: www.eifl.net

Thank you in advance!

WIN AN eIFL T-SHIRT!

All respondents who complete the survey by May 23, 2009 will be eligible to win one of three eIFL t-shirts. T-shirt winners will be chosen in a random drawing of all completed surveys.

Open Access: Maximising Research Impact workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria

52 research managers, researchers and librarians from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia participated in the Open Access: Maximising Research Impact workshop in the New Bulgarian University Library, Sofia, organised by the Bulgarian Information Consortium, New Bulgarian University Library and eIFL.net, and supported by the Higher Education Support Program (HESP) of the Open Society Institute.

The HESP Program will be supporting eIFL.net in organising more seminars for the HESP supported institutions in Poland, Latvia and Russia.

More information about the workshop is available here: www.eifl.net

Gaining the momentum: Open access & advancement of science and research, Pretoria, South Africa

This workshop is being organised by Susan Veldsman, Director of Scholarly Publishing Unit, ASSAf and Iryna Kuchma, Open Access program manager, eIFL.net. It will be held on Thursday May 14 and form part of the African Digital Scholarship 2009 Conference.

Strategies for populating institutional repositories with as many as possible research papers will be discussed and so will approaches for licensing open access content to avoid confusion around its use and reuse. As well as the benefits of open access and strategies to advocate for it in research

institutions, best approaches to collaborative promotion of research output (value-added services on top of the open access institutional repositories, cooperative electronic publishing projects), using repositories in the research assessment exercises and case studies on successful management of institutional repositories.

Workshop program: www.eifl.net

eIFL.net network presenting at ETD 2009 and OAI6

Posters from eIFL.net countries will be presented at Open Access, New Trends, Platforms, Collaborations, and Global Outreach - 12th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (www.library.pitt.edu/etd2009/) to take place in Pittsburgh on June 10-13 and at CERN workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI6, indico.cern.ch) in Geneva on June 17-19, 2009.

Call for participation: Scientific Information in the Digital Age: Access and Dissemination, ICTP Workshop, Trieste, Italy, 12-16 October 2009

The Workshop is meant to be informative and practical with hands-on sessions and demonstration on the technical setup, organization and maintenance of the newest web applications and services to access, carry out and disseminate science. Participants will be exposed to the tremendous resources and possibilities available to the scientific community including open access for science dissemination, social software for scientists, digitization of scientific contents and open academic webcasting.

Participation: Scientists, librarians, electronic publishers, content providers and students from all countries which are members of the United Nations, UNESCO or IAEA may attend the Workshop. As it will be conducted in English, participants should have an adequate working knowledge of this language.

As a rule, travel and subsistence expenses of the participants should be borne by the home institution. Every effort should be made by candidates to secure support for their fare (or at least half-fare). However, limited funds are available for some participants who are nationals of, and working in, a developing country, and who are not more than 45 years old. Such support is available only for those who attend the entire activity. There is no registration fee to be paid.

Directors: E. Canessa, C. Fonda and M. Zennaro (ICTP-SDU, Italy).
Advisory Committee: Iryna Kuchma (eIFL.net) and Les Cottrell (SLAC).
Applications deadline is 22 July 2009 and more information: sdu.ictp.it/openaccess09/

6. Update on eIFL-FOSS

Skills and Tools Workshops

It seems that librarians in eIFL.net countries are at least as concerned about upgrading the ICT skills of their library IT staff as is the eIFL-FOSS program. Proposals from a variety of countries including Mali, Mongolia and Malawi were received. Plans include workshops on skills ranging from Linux systems administration skills, to Web 2.0 skills, to training staff to use a newly installed FOSS ILS. The Mali consortium is already organising two training events in May. There is no limit to the possibilities where the continuing professional development of staff is involved. Workshops will take place during the next several months. Details will appear on the website as plans are finalised, please see www.eifl.net

Update on the eIFL-FOSS ILS Project

The eIFL-FOSS ILS Project will receive some international attention in May at the Evergreen International Conference (see www.lyrasis.org). This will be the first-ever international conference for Evergreen open source library software bringing together Evergreen developers, administrators, users, and supporters, open source advocates and other interested parties. Tigran Zargaryan, Director of the Fundamental Scientific Library of the National Academy of Sciences, Armenia and eIFL-FOSS LIS coordinator, will be delivering a presentation on *Evergreen in Armenia*. Tigran and his dedicated team invested significant time in order to test out both Evergreen and Koha as FOSS replacements for their current proprietary ILS. They eventually settled on Evergreen as the choice for the 29 research institutions of the National Academy of Sciences.

Working closely with the Evergreen development community (see www.open-ils.org), Tigran has completed the translation of the Evergreen user-interface into Armenian. He is currently undertaking the translation for Russian as well. Nor is his team keeping their new expertise to themselves. At the beginning of April Tigran's team ran a two-day training event for library and IT staff from the Ilia Chavchavadze State University, Tbilisi, Georgia. As ever, Tigran's team is a model of engagement with the FOSS ILS community and the patient investigation of and eventual integration of FOSS solutions. We are delighted that he will be getting some much deserved recognition at the Evergreen conference in May.

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

The National Centres in Malawi and Zimbabwe have started organising their new workshops to be held in the following months. Emphasis will be on advocacy of digital collection approaches and on practical training. Training is based on concrete institutional digitisation plans: from physical collection to Greenstone access.

Because the demand for Greenstone skills and expertise is increasing, the SAGSN launched its ongoing effort to expand the support network with additional National Centres in and beyond the southern African region, see www.eifl.net for details. The network welcomes inquiries about how to get involved. Please contact either Repke de Vries or Amos Kujenga in the first instance.

You can now see numerous examples of Greenstone in use on the SAGSN web pages, see www.eifl.net. As new examples from the participating libraries in the SAGSN come online, you can expect to find them here.

Update on the South Asian Greenstone Support Network

As part of eIFL's overall support for Greenstone, an effort is underway to support a South Asian Greenstone Support Network modeled on the success of the SAGSN. The Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science (SRELS) in Bangalore leads this effort. Together with partner organizations in the network it undertakes to carry out the following tasks by mid 2010:

❖ Complete and publish a survey of the existing Greenstone users (libraries and information centres) in South Asia and of professionals and institutions interested in contributing to the promotion and development of Greenstone;

❖ Promote the development of user interfaces in South Asian languages, including the at least one operational collection to demonstrate Greenstone use in a South Asian language;

❖ Identify potential national nodes Greenstone activities in the sub-region, support their initial activity, and work with them to set up a South Asian Greenstone Support Network;

❖ Organise a meeting of representatives of the national nodes and Greenstone users of assess the progress and obtain feed-back from the participants regarding the future development of the Network.

Work goes well. The survey will be launched soon after final consultation on the methodology developed by a team of specialists at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and SRELS. In addition the full translation of the Greenstone user interface into 4 South Asian languages (Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Tamil) is progressing. It is hoped that these interfaces will be included, along with the partial interfaces available in Bengali, Hindi, Sinhalese, Telugu and Urdu, in version 2.82 of Greenstone scheduled for release by June 2009. The Greenstone partners in South Asia will then be invited to propose new Greenstone applications for project support, with emphasis on collections for which access in the local language is an essential need.

New eIFL FOSS country coordinators

We want to welcome Mr Abedelmageed Ahmed Elhassanat who joins us as the eIFL-FOSS country coordinator for Palestine Territories (Gaza). Welcome is also extended to Manuel Mangue who joins us as the eIFL-FOSS country coordinator for Mozambique.

You can see the full list of eIFL FOSS coordinators at www.eifl.net.

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

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