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EIFL Update

Uganda joins as an EIFL partner country

We are extremely happy to welcome Uganda as an EIFL partner country!

When David Bukenya, board Chairman, shares his thoughts on why the Consortium of Uganda University Libraries (CUUL) and its 24 members decided to join EIFL there is a sense of urgency to his tone. Their hope is to enable an overall improvement and modernisation of libraries in Uganda. As David says, 'we feel that we have done so little in this information-rich, knowledge and opportune-laden, high-tech-era; as CUUL Chair, the pressure only intensifies to make things better... CUUL has set a strategic plan for 2011

and 2012 and we hope this will enable us to achieve what we reckon is critical.'

CUUL, formed in 2001, is interested in working with all EIFL programmes. They would like to partner with us to foster and assist in increasing the list of available commercial e-resources, engaging in consortium management capacity building, increasing the use of FOSS in their libraries, and expanding awareness about and knowledge of open access and copyright.

In 2010, their areas of focus included: access to e-resources; advocacy; recruitment of new members; and consortium management training

They have big plans for 2011. CUUL's major activities will center around continuing to increase access to e-resources and capacity building through workshop training, institutional visits, marketing and recruitment. They also intend to engage in advocacy efforts targeted at government agencies. The consortium will conduct ICT surveys to improve ICT applications. And finally, they hope to create and strengthen partnerships (with Inter-University Council of East Africa, National Council for Higher Education and EIFL).

Please join us in welcoming our newest partner country!

Smart and innovative – public libraries for development

Public libraries have enormous potential to help people in so many ways. Through them people can learn new skills, find jobs, discover history and culture, understand current affairs, improve their health, meet other people, connect to other sources of knowledge and generally improve their lives.

While internet penetration in the developing world is steadily improving, the use of mobile technologies is steaming ahead. A recent report shows that the highest share of mobile web usage - the Web accessed from phones and other mobile devices - occurs in developing nations, for example, more than 25% of web usage in Nigeria is from mobiles. This situation is leading librarians to work with interesting combinations of ICTs, such as the internet plus mobile phones, together with traditional technologies such as radio, to deliver effective services to their communities and to provide training in specific skills to improve lives and livelihoods.

The EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (PLIP) harnesses these new opportunities. Through PLIP, twelve public libraries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America were awarded grants in 2010 to create innovative services using technology to enhance everyday lives in response to an identified community need. The projects cover many socio-economic and cultural needs, including youth development, enhancing employment and market opportunities - especially for previously under-served groups - and improving community health. Here is a selection of some of the new services.

Bringing the library to the rural farm

The Panguipulli Public Library uses a combination of complementary ICTs to reach farmers in the remote mountains and valleys of Valdivia province in southern **Chile** to enable producers to access agricultural information, and to help improve production and marketing techniques. An SMS service has been developed, and radio programmes featuring vets, agronomists and librarians are broadcast. So far, over 200 farmers have received training in digital literacy, sometimes literally outside in the fields or in grain warehouses during the winter. As a result, many farmers are participating in "Agricultores de Panguipulli", a social network on rural agribusiness. "I never thought about doing a computer course before, because they are usually only offered in the city and are expensive", says Silvia Luengo Vasquez, a fruit and flower producer who sells to markets in the capital, Santiago. Now Silvia searches online for horticultural information and checks the local weather forecast. "I'm a different person now, more informed and with more expectations. Now I feel integrated into the information society!", adds Silvia.

Supporting youth at risk

Zavidovići is a small town in central **Bosnia**, still burdened by the legacy of the war that came about as a result of the break-up of Yugoslavia (1992-1995). A lack of facilities for young people added to the sense of disillusionment, especially for the high school students who spend hours each week waiting for buses to their homes in the rural hinterland. Librarians in the small public library, located right next to the bus station, were inspired to transform the traditional reading room into a modern multimedia space, that provides a safe environment for students to spend quality time learning new skills such as journalism, film-making, digital photography, and English language. The "Youth Corner" has been a runaway success and is visited by more than 60 students daily. "I am really glad that we have the youth centre, so that I can help my peers", says Velid Vrabac, a student volunteer who gives extra maths tuition. "I'm not better than the teachers or anything, but I can connect with the students!" Find them on Facebook.

Building job-seekers' confidence

The town of Radovis in south-east **Macedonia** struggles with long-term unemployment following a protracted economic transition since the Republic of Macedonia declared its independence in 1991. Unemployment stands at around 20%, mostly under 40s and women. Following a needs assessment of unemployed members at the local public library "Braka Miladinovci", two skill sets were identified as lacking - basic computer proficiency and how to "sell yourself" to an employer.

In partnership with the local employment agency, the business sector and two NGOs, the public library equipped a training centre and helped develop materials. In 2010, over 65 people attended a bespoke programme that included practical advice on how to find a job, how to prepare a good CV and successful interview techniques. The results speak for themselves – 31 trainees have since found jobs. "Now I realise that the things I emphasised before in my CV were not at all important. I am also amazed at how many positive things I can say about myself, I just wasn't aware of them until now!" said Tanja Nikolovska, a successful job-seeker.

Access to quality health information

The town of Eldoret in the Great Rift Valley and the port city of Kisumu on the banks of Lake Victoria both have special health needs. Kisumu has the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS in **Kenya**, and waterborne tropical diseases are common in both places. The Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) wants to position public libraries to meet a vital development need – to provide quality health information to health workers and the general public. In this pilot project, librarians and health professionals are working together - for the first time - to strengthen their online research skills, discover e-resources and develop e-health portals for the community. As a result, health workers have become ambassadors for the libraries, and librarians recognise how health professionals can help to promote library services. "The project opened our eyes to new ways of delivering services to needy clients", said Mr Hesbon Kionge, Principal Librarian, Kisumu Library. "We will never close our eyes to them again".

Full details of EIFL-PLIP Phase One grantees. Phase two encourages replication of these great ideas, read the new Call for Concept Papers.

The Public Library Innovation Program (PLIP) is supported by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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Republic of the Maldives joins EIFL as a partner country

We would like to welcome the Republic of the Maldives as our newest EIFL Partner Country!

Fathmath Shiham, Chief Librarian at the National Library of the Maldives, in consultation with the library community, has initiated our new partnership and will be the EIFL country coordinator

Currently there is no formal library consortium but Fathmath and the EIFL team have started to take the first steps on the Consortium Management roadmap. There are academic, government, school, special, private, and public libraries that have expressed interest in being included in the consortium.
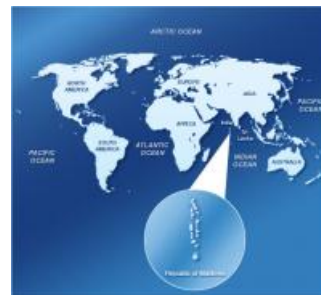
You can learn more about Maldives library activities from their two blogs:

http://kuthubuhana.blogspot.com (National Library)

http://infomalias.wordpress.com (Maldives Library Association)

The Maldives overview

Geography is among the challenges that they face because the population is dispersed over 200 islands and there is a lack of natural resource. The Maldives is classified by the IMF as an emerging and developing economy. Their GDP per capita is US$ 4,478 (2010 estimate), the service section accounts for over 70% of the GDP.

EIFL-OA Update

The winners of EIFL call for proposals: Open access advocacy campaigns

EIFL provided financial support to 11 projects - national and institutional open access advocacy campaigns to reach out to research communities: five projects in Africa (Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, Sudan and Zimbabwe) and six projects in Eastern Europe (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine). Among them seven projects are national advocacy campaigns (Botswana, Estonia, Ghana, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine) and four projects are institutional advocacy campaigns (Latvia, Malawi, Sudan and

Zimbabwe).

National advocacy campaigns:

- **Botswana: Advocacy for Open Access to Researchers/Deans/Graduate Students/Editors /Policy Makers/Educators/Library Professionals** implemented by Botswana Library Consortium and University of Botswana.

- **Estonia: Institutional repository as the basis of the promotion and implementation of Open Access principles** implemented by University of Tartu (UT) Library with the partners: Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, Estonian Ministry of culture, Estonian institutions that have OA repositories (The University of Tartu Library, Arhiivikeskus, Estonian National Library Archive, Academic Library of Tallinn University, and Digital Collection of Tallinn University of Technology Library), OA Journals in Estonia, UT colleges, faculties and institutes and other UT institutions (museums, open university) and Estonian E-University.

- **Ghana: Open Access Institutional Repositories Advocacy Campaign** implemented by the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana c/o Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, in partnership with Association of African Universities.

- **Lithuania: Promoting Open Access in Lithuania** implemented by Lithuanian Research Library Consortium with the partners: Lithuanian Academic Libraries Consortium for Maintenance and Development of Information Infrastructure for Science and Studies (LABIIMSPP), The Research Council of Lithuania, Lithuanian Scientific Society and The Association of Lithuanian Serials.

- **Poland: Open Access e-learning course for Polish scientific community** (acronym: OAeL) implemented by Nicolaus Copernicus University and Akademia Gorniczo-Hutnicza - University of Science and Technology.

- **Slovenia: OPENACCESS.SI - Slovenian National Open Access Web Site** implemented by Jozef Stefan Institute with the partners: University of Ljubljana, University of Maribor, University of Primorska, University of Nova Gorica, Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, National Institute of Chemistry, Institute of Oncology, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, National and University Library, Central Technological Library of the University of Ljubljana, Library of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology and the Slovenian Research Agency.

- **Ukraine: OA in Ukraine: from islands to global village** implemented by Association "Informatio-Consortium" with the partners: Ukrainian Library Association, ELibUkr Consortium (15 Ukrainian universities), The Mohyla School of Journalism (National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy).

Institutional advocacy campaigns:

- **Latvia: Information about Open Access movement and resources in the University of Latvia** implemented by The Library of the University of Latvia.

- **Malawi: Awareness Campaign for Kamuzu College of Nursing Library / University of Malawi Research Repository** implemented by Kamuzu College of Nursing Library / University of Malawi in partnership with the National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST).

- **Sudan: Open Access awareness-raising campaign among researchers at the Faculty of Science, University of Khartoum (UofK)** implemented by the Faculty of Science, University of Khartoum Library with the partner: GrandIR, CB, a Carlos III University Madrid. See the project blog here.

- **Zimbamwe: University of Zimbabwe 2011 Open Access Advocacy Campaign** implemented by The University of Zimbabwe library.

The projects will be implemented in April - December 2011. EIFL-OA programme will provide support to the advocacy work during implementation of the projects (more information about EIFL-OA call for proposals is here).

This programme is supported by Information programme, Open Society Foundations.

Grant recipients will be featured on the EIFL website and Open Access Scholarly Information Sourcebook (OASIS).

Open Access and Digital Libraries workshop in Laos

On March 21-25, 2011, Central Library, National University of Laos (NUOL), hosted a workshop Open Access and Digital Libraries using DSpace Software organised by Laos Library and Information Consortium (LALIC), NUOL and EIFL and funded by UNESCO and EIFL.

Economic, social and educational benefits to making research outputs available without financial, legal and technical barriers to access were presented at the workshop and strategies for collective advocacy of open access to research results in Laos were discussed. Practical sessions included the case studies on successful management of open repositories and open access journals, training on how to start, and the best approaches to collaborative management of open access repositories.

The five-day workshop addressed the following issues:
- How to maximize the visibility of research publications and improve the quality, impact and influence of research;
- How to disseminate the research results in the most efficient way;
- How to showcase the quality of research in universities and research institutions;
- How to digitise materials, collect and curate the digital outputs;
- Libraries in the evolving scholarly communication environment;
- Open access concepts, movement, open access journals and open repositories;
- How to start and the best approaches to collaborative promotion of research outputs: policies and best practices;
- Creation, use, dissemination and preservation of traditional paper-based theses and dissertations in electronic form and making them widely accessible;
- DSpace installation, customisation and administration.

Prior to the workshop the system librarian of the NUOL Central library downloaded the DSpace software and made a pilot repository installation with an interface localized in Lao language. LALIC members and NUOL faculty and administration discussed the aims of their repository, its structure and strategies to populate the repository with the content (marketing, promotion and advocacy). The librarians were trained on how to set up a repository and upload the content. LALIC members and NUOL staff plan to customize the repository, upload the content (theses and dissertations, journal articles, research reports, conference papers, etc). The repository will be a useful tool to manage research outputs in NUOL and other LALIC member institutions and make the research outputs from Laos publicly available to the global research community.

The workshop programme and presentations are available here and the photos from the workshop are here.

Open access publishing in Lithuania and Serbia

EIFL has provided small grants to support open access publishing initiatives in Lithuania and Serbia:

- Promoting open access via implementing Open Journal System by Lithuanian research journals, a project of the Association of Lithuanian Serials in partnership with the Lithuanian Research Libraries Consortium.

- Supporting Serbian journal publishers in switching to the article processing charges OA model, a project of the Centre for Evaluation in Education and Science, Belgrade (CEON/CEES), in partnership with the National Library of Serbia and in cooperation with the Ministry of Science of Serbia, all state universities and with the journal editors.

More information about the project in Lithuania
The survey of the Association of Lithuanian Serials showed that the majority of Lithuanian research journals were just uploaded to simple websites, and this approach lacks visibility and interoperability. As a follow up to the international conference "The Possibilities of Disseminating Lithuanian Research Journals Worldwide" with more than 140 scientists, librarians and publishers attending the event organized by the Lithuanian Research Library Consortium and the Association of Lithuanian Serials during the Open Access Week 2010 (the 21st October 2010), 20 research journals decided to start using the Open Journal Systems (OJS) – a FOSS journal management and publishing system that has been developed by the Public Knowledge Project. OJS will assist the journals with every stage of the refereed publishing process, from submissions through to online publication and indexing, as well as will help to expand and improve access

to research.

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (6 journals), International School of Law and Business (2 journals), Mykolas Romeris University (4 journals), The Association of Lithuanian Serials (1 journal), Health Sciences journal, The Lithuanian Statistic Society journal, and Šiauliai University (5 journals) – will be installing OJS and sharing experience with other editorial boards. The Association of Lithuanian Serials will also disseminate recommendations to other members (15 institutions publishing over 70 journals) and will share experiences at local and international conferences, publishing articles and organizing a conference in October 2011.

For more information about Lithuanian research journal publishing see a recent article in the ScieCom info, Nordic-Baltic Forum for Scientific Communication, March 2011 Issue written by the project coordinator Eleonora Dagienė, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. The article describes "Changes in Lithuanian Research Journal Publishing in 2009–2010" and how Lithuanian scholarly publishers are adapting to the new publishing environment.

More information about the project in Serbia
In Serbia open access publishing has been systematically promoted from 2000 on, especially through activities of the consortium of academic libraries (KoBSON) and its cooperation with EIFL. So far four workshops on Open Access have been organised in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009. As a result, Serbia became among the first countries in the region to widely accept open access publishing. Now, practically all Serbian peer reviewed scientific journals are open access and are available in Digital Object Identifier (DOI) Repository of the National Library of Serbia and SCIndeks: the Serbian citation index – a service of the Centre for Evaluation in Education and Science in cooperation with National Library of Serbia, financed by the Ministry of Science and Technological Development of the Serbian Government.

The project will help the journal publishers to cope with the severe journal budget cuts provided by the Ministry of Science, practically the only journal funder in Serbia. One of the journals (International Journal of Electrochemical Science), founded in 2006, started practicing article processing charges from the early beginning and made a great success. Many other journals in SCIndeks, expressed the same intention, but came across technical difficulties in trying to introduce the model.

The project will map all publishing business models practiced among Serbian proefesional journals indexed in SCIndeks to identify journals interested in switching to article processing charges model and select those that have a real potential to successfully practice this business model; will provide the editors/publishers with article processing charges organizataional know how; and will upgrade SCIndeks with a service enabling them to collect article processing charges from authors, their insitutions and funders.

The projects will be implemented in April - December 2011.

This programme is supported by Information programme, Open Society Foundations.

Grant recipients will be featured on the EIFL website and Open Access Scholarly Information Sourcebook (OASIS).

EIFL-IP Update

EIFL librarians contribute to Consumers International IP Watchlist 2011

Most of the new reports in the 2011 Consumers International (CI) IP Watchlist came from EIFL-IP librarians and colleagues. Special thanks go to EIFL-IP librarians Aleksandra Xhamo from Albania, Hasmik Galstyan from Armenia, Oksana Voronetskaya from Belarus, Mariana Harjevschi from Moldova, and Tatjana Brzulovic Stanisavljevic from Serbia.

The Consumers International IP Watchlist, now in its third year, provides a snapshot of how a number of the world's major IP regimes support, or fail to support, consumers' access to educational, cultural and scientific knowledge. The 2011 report rates 24 countries from all world regions on how well their IP systems take consideration of the interests of consumers in accessing educational and cultural products such as books and music. Across eleven different areas such as educational use, library use and freedom to share and transfer, there was no country that scored top marks, and more than two-thirds of countries received the lowest grade in at least one of those areas. Another finding is that developing countries already have amongst the least consumer-friendly laws, yet copyright owner lobbyists seek to make these even tougher: for example, pushing for laws in the Philippines to allow citizens to be convicted of copyright infringement without a trial.

The CI Watchlist aims to educate and inspire, not to condemn. A great example of inspiration can be found in Electronic Resources for Moldova - Resurse Electronice pentru Moldova (REM). From the Watchlist, "On the positive side, our new number one country, Moldova, provides an inspiring example of how a country can do things right, even when shackled with restrictive international IP obligations – such as those of the European Union's copyright acquis, which limits the copyright flexibilities that EU states are permitted to adopt. Many of the consumer-friendly features of Moldova's new copyright law, which took effect in January

2011, can be attributed to the success of an advocacy campaign led by the local library community since 2008".

Special congratulations to EIFL Country Coordinator, Silvia Ghinculov, EIFL-IP librarian, Mariana Harjevschi and all the team at REM!

CI news release and IP Watchlist.

Draft Treaty on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives released

During the IFLA Presidential meeting "Libraries Driving Access to Knowledge: Action for Europe" that took place in the Hague on 14-15 April 2011, a Draft Treaty on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives was launched. Since 2004, when Chile recommended to the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) to undertake a review of the current state of exceptions and limitations, EIFL together with IFLA and other library organisations have been closely following developments.

To examine the issues and what should be done for the benefit of libraries and archives worldwide, EIFL and IFLA convened a meeting at the British Library in April 2009 to develop a set of principles (see here for the Statement of Principles) to help drive discussion on an appropriate instrument to facilitate the mission of libraries throughout the world.

After wide consultation with librarians, representatives of Member States and other knowledgeable individuals, IFLA's working group – chaired by Teresa Hackett, EIFL-IP programme manager - has developed a draft Treaty on Copyright Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives. The aim is to assist with further discussion of the issues, and to prepare for focused work on exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives scheduled for discussion at SCCR November 2011.

EIFL-FOSS Update

CUFTS/GODOT: helping library users discover e-resources

Enabling users to discover and access e-resources, and managing expanding e-resource collections cost-effectively, are key challenges facing libraries around the world.

To address these issues, EIFL-FOSS and EIFL-Licensing organised the third EIFL-FOSS Themed Week for 2011 about CUFTS/GODOT. This open source serials management system and link resolver has been widely adopted by academic institutions to help them manage collections effectively and to facilitate access to resources.

38 people from 16 EIFL countries attended the session. It was clear that there is a high level of interest in CUFTS/GODOT across the network, and there has been lots of activity on the wiki. As a result, EIFL-FOSS and EIFL-Licensing will be planning follow up initiatives.

The session was presented by Kevin Stranack, a Canadian librarian who has worked extensively in providing support services for the reSearcher suite of library tools from Simon Fraser University, and the Public Knowledge Project, which is responsible for the widely deployed Open Journal System (OJS) among other applications to support knowledge sharing.

Kevin was supported by Art Rhyno, Systems Librarian at the University of Windsor, Canada.

Participants also heard about the activities of EIFL-FOSS Coordinator for Russia Andrey Sokolov in implementing CUFTS in the Scientific Library of St. Petersburg State University.

▸ **Access the recording of the session**
▸ **View the wiki**
▸ **Find out more on the EIFL-FOSS CUFTS/GODOT webpage**

Faceted Search: more effective and efficient searching for library users

Faceted search is becoming a popular methodology for content rich websites, catalogues and repositories, including digital libraries. It is a resource discovery approach which has the propensity to enhance user experience.

There are a wide variety of tools that can be used to support faceted searching of catalogues and databases, including Blacklight, VuFind and Apache Solr.

To examine this area in more detail, EIFL-FOSS organised the fourth EIFL-FOSS Themed Week for 2011 around Faceted Searching and in particular the Apache Solr software.

A general session introducing Faceted Search tools is complemented by a technical hands-on session focussing on Apache Solr, an powerful and scalable open source search platform.

The general session was attended by 18 delegates from EIFL countries. It was evident that there has already been significant work in this area - Adomas Sliuzinskas, FOSS Coordinator for Lithuania, shared details of an open source faceted search system he has developed at Vilnius University Library.

The session was presented by Boon Low, who has recently managed the JISC project 'Usability and Contemporary User Experience in Digital Libraries (UX2.0)' and developed the digital library services for Enabling Grids for E-SciencE (EGEE). The services are based on custom-built web applications and engineered systems from off-the-shelf and open source systems including Apache Solr faceted/enterprise search infrastructure, Blacklight faceted search User Interface (Ruby on Rails), and Fedora Repository (Java).

- Access the recording of the session
- View the wiki

EIFL-PLIP Update

EIFL-PLIP call for concept papers

EIFL-PLIP is pleased to announce a call for concept papers from public libraries in countries with emerging and developing economies. This Call will focus on the replication of services from projects funded in the first round of EIFL-PLIP. The proposed concept papers can be either for new activities/services or to strengthen/extend a service/project which the proposing library is already running. Applicants are invited to develop and adapt services to their local context.

The successful concept papers will involve public libraries providing a service in one of the four following service areas in meaningful partnership with relevant bodies:

- Support for children and youth at risk
- Support for farming and farmers
- Provision of health information
- Improving people's employment prospects.

The deadline for all concept papers is **30th June 2011.** Twenty small grants of up to $15000 [USD] each will be awarded at the end of October 2011 for work to be done during the following 12 months.

For more information on the Call and how to apply, go to EIFL-PLIP Call for Concept Paper.

Prime Minister praises Lithuania library's PLIP project

Lithuania's Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius has praised the Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library for its vision in creating the educational computer game, *Iššūkis* (The Challenge).

Librarians presented *Iššūkis* to Prime Minister Kubilius when he called in at the library during an official visit to Utena on May 6. The game was developed with EIFL-PLIP support and is part of the library's Play to Study project, which aims to encourage reluctant children to go back to school.

The Prime Minister praised the library for its creative and innovative work. He said that by stepping beyond its traditional role, the library had demonstrated its essential role in the community.

The library's director, Ms Vida Garunkstyte, and the coordinator of Play to Study, Ms Laima Lapiniene, were also invited to present the game at a high level meeting at the House of the President of Lithuania on May 3. The meeting was attended by politicians, delegates from government ministries and representatives of the Lithuanian Librarians' Association.

The library's presentation focused on innovation and partnership action. To develop the game the library collaborated with teachers, psychologists and experts in education. *Iššūkis* was launched in November 2010 and in just five months over 1,000 children have registered to play.

From previous meetings, feedback from the Ministry of Education and Science has been extremely positive. 'Representatives told us that they are going to support the development and extension of the game. They asked us to prepare a development plan and we presented it during our meeting. They said that we performed our "homework" very well. Now we are waiting for official confirmation of support,' said Ms Lapiniene.

The high level meeting was part of events held to celebrate Lithuania's National Libraries week, from April 26 to May 3. During the week, the Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library also hosted a ceremony to celebrate the success of the Play to Study Project and to award prizes and certificates to pupils whose studies have improved through playing the game. Read more about this successful project.

Library consortia news

Kyrgyzstan Library Information Consortium co-organise round table on copyright in the electronic environment

Building good relations with the national copyright office was one of the outcomes for the Kyrgyzstan Libraries Information Consortium (KLIC) who co-organised, with the State Intellectual Property Service of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent) and law firm, Kalikova & Associates, a round table on copyright issues in the electronic environment took place at Kyrgyzpatent on 14 April 2011.

Mr. A. Kalmamtov, Director of Kyrgyzpatent, noted that with the development of new information technologies, copyright issues have become more acute and should be discussed more broadly. Ms. N. Il'asova, a copyright specialist at Kyrgyzpatent provided comments on the draft copyright bill. Ms. Safia Rafikova, coordinator for EIFL-IP and EIFL-OA, presented the serious copyright problems faced by libraries in the electronic environment, and outlined the shortcomings of the current copyright law that applies only to printed materials. Presentations were also given on Creative Commons licences, and a portal on information law. Summarizing the round table meeting, Ms. A. Orazbaeva, Deputy Director Kyrgyzpatent noted the importance of balancing all interests, thus enabling library users to access information without violating copyright laws. This is why it is important to have regular discussions and dialogue.

Macedonia Electronic Libraries at International Book Fair

The Macedonia National and University Library participated in the 23rd International Book Fair, in Skopje. They had a booth in the exhibit hall during the fair. Among the activities that they were able to successfully promote at the booth were Macedonia consortium--Macedonia Electronic Libraries (MEL), EIFL, library online services, and commercial e-resources.

The event provided the opportunity for a greater public awareness of the services provided by the library and MEL and the benefits of national consortial membership. It was also quite exciting that the Macedonian Prime minister, his deputy and the minister of culture stopped by their booth.

Events

2 May 2011	CODIST-II. Location: Addis Ababa - Ethiopia
4 May 2011	Co-ordination Workshop on Open Access to Scientific Information. Location: Brussels - Belgium

9 May 2011	INFOS 2011. Location: v Starej Lesnej vo Vysokých Tatrách - Slovakia
11 May 2011	African Library Summit 2011. Location: Muldersdrift - South Africa
19 May 2011	Open Access: Progress since WSIS 2010. Location: Genève - Switzerland
23 May 2011	EIFL-FOSS & EIFL-OA EPrints Online Workshop. Location: Online -
25 May 2011	eLearning Africa 2011. Location: Dar es Salaam - Tanzania
27 May 2011	Education of librarians in Macedonia: EIFL-PLIP grantee to present. Location: Tetovo - Macedonia
30 May 2011	Open access advocacy - EIFL-OA online workshop. Location: Online -
19 Jun 2011	Next Library 2011. Location: Aarhus - Denmark
20 Jun 2011	WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (22nd session). Location: Geneva - Switzerland
21 Jun 2011	DSpace User Group Meeting in Conjunction With OAI7. Location: Genève - Switzerland
21 Jun 2011	OpenAIRE Workshop. Location: Genève - Switzerland
22 Jun 2011	CERN Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI7). Location: Genève - Switzerland
22 Jun 2011	Biblionet. Location: Jagodina - Serbia
25 Jun 2011	Lubuto presentation at ALA conference. Location: New Orleans - United States
26 Jun 2011	EIFL 2011 General Assembly. Location: Minsk - Belarus

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