eIFL Newsletter - March/April 2006

1. eIFL-related News

eIFL and Google Scholar Collaboration

Increasing Visibility of Local Content from eIFL countries

Google Scholar's goal is to make it easy to find scholarly literature from all over the world. We are particularly interested in working with publications from outside Western Europe & US. In today's research world, we believe it is crucially important for scholarly progress to ensure that research from other regions and in other languages are seen by as wide an audience as possible. For example, we have recently worked with publishers and universities in China and Brazil to include articles in Simplified/Traditional Chinese and Brazilian Portuguese in Google Scholar. As a result of this, researchers worldwide can discover articles and/or colleagues of common interest from these countries. In addition, Google Scholar is now available in several languages (see **scholar.google.com** for a list).

As a part of this effort, we would like to work with eIFL affiliated libraries and library consortia to help identify and include publications from their countries. As a first step, we have begun to work with colleagues in Lithuania (with Rima's help - thanks a lot, Rima!) And this collaboration has already begun to bear fruit. You can now find articles from several Lithuanian journals and repositories in Google as well as Google Scholar (for example, **ktu.lt** or **leidykla.vu.lt**). While there is more to be done here, we would like to expand the scope of this indexing effort to include journals and repositories from all eIFL countries. Working together, we have an opportunity here to significantly improve

worldwide visibility and accessibility of research and researchers! I am hoping you will join us in this endaevor.

Please send contacts of your local scholarly electronic journals to the eIFL.net office.

Contribution by Anurag Acharya, Google Scholar.

Enabling Linking of Licensed Material through Google Scholar

After the announcement that eIFL made regarding collaboration with Google Scholar for linking licensed material from eIFL countries to Google Scholar search engine, we received many requests from eIFL coordinators to use ScholarSFX for this goal. As a result, Google Scholar has already set up ScholarSFX accounts for libraries in Latvia, Estonia, Russia and is currently working on the accounts for Albania, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Kyrgysztan, Macedonia, Mongolia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa and Ukraine. We encourage other eIFL country coordinators to contact us if this is of interest to members of their consortia.

A Guide to eIFL Model Licences available on the Web

Licensing electronic journals by international providers is a fairly new practice in transition and developing countries, and the translation of legal documents, the adaptation of Western contracts to local requirements used to be an additional strain on librarians and consortium leaders.

A guide on eIFL Model Licences has been prepared and is already available on the eIFL site for information purposes. This document aims to help understand the differences between eIFL Model licences and the standard commercial licences, by putting the stress on their content, their benefits and beneficiaries, allowed uses, access and institutional responsibilities. Please access the guide at **SERVICES - Provision of model license for e-resources**.

Account on the code4lib Conference

As announced on the last Newsletter issue, Tigran Zargaryan, from the Electronic Library Consortium of Armenia (ELCA) represented eIFL in the code4lib Conference that took place in Corvellis, Oregon (USA) on 15-17 February. Upon his return from the conference he kindly prepared this account below on the event and his presentation:

- 80 participants from USA, Canada, Armenia during 3 days were discussing the current situation in Open Source Systems market for libraries, possible ways of implementing OSS products in libraries. Presentations could be divided into subject areas covering: - Integrated Library Systems;- Portal software;- Federated searching tools;- Link resolvers.
- From a practical point of view all subject areas are important for libraries from eIFL net countries. The Conference presentations were organized in 2 ways: prepared talks (20 minutes), and lightning talks (fast paced 5 minute talk on the topic of presenters' selection).

eIFL.net delegated Mr. Tigran Zargaryan – head of Automation Department of Yerevan State University Library (Armenia)- to the conference to deliver a presentation. His presentation topic was "Open Source Systems: Armenian experience", and could be described as: "a look at Open Source from outside of North America: what is the situation on Open Source in Armenia; what actions will be implemented at Yerevan State University library concerning Open Source; what are problems facing Armenian libraries as well, as those in eIFL.net countries in creating digital repositories; what are eIFL activities and inputs for Open Access and Open Source movements for libraries". The PowerPoint version of his presentation is accessible from **oss4lib.org**.

Conference details and presentations are available under the **www.code4lib.org**.

eIFL.net is developing a new program on Open Source Software for libraries to be

discussed during the next Advisory Board meeting in June.

Another eIFL Article to be published soon

International Leads, the official publication of the American Library Association's International Relations Round Table (IRRT), will include an article on eIFL.net in its Spring issue to be out in a few weeks. The article will be also available at the **IRRT website**.

Experimental Online Course for eIFL community

In an attempt to test the benefits of various technology tools, NELINET delivered a two day e-learning course on "Blogs, RSS, and Wikis" on 21-22 February. A few eIFL countries coordinators responded to the call launched by Arnold Hirshon and Robert Favini from NELINET indicating their interest in registering for it. As a result, eIFL representatives from Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malawi, Slovakia, South Africa, Ukraine and Zimbabwe could follow the course. You will be duly informed whether more online courses will be organised.

2. Upcoming eIFL Events in March-April 2006:

Rima Kupryte, Emilija Banionyte and Art Rhyno have been the resource persons for the national workshop on library consortium and electronic licensing which has taken place at the Lebanese American University (LAU) in Beyrouth, Lebanon on 2-4 March. This workshop was part of the series of national workshops that have followed up the Middle East eIFL kick off meeting in Egypt in April 2005. National workshops were already held in Palestine, Jordan, Iran and Syria. You can see the **programme**.

On 3 March Iryna Kuchma from the Renaissance Foundation in Ukraine took part in the Sixth seminar of academic libraries "Open as … a Library: Open Source and Open Access in Croatian Libraries" held at Rudjer Boskovic Institute, Zagreb, Croatia. Iryna delivered a presentation on OA activities in Ukraine and she also commented on the eIFL OA programme. Conference details can be accessed at **nippur.irb.hr**.

Helena Asamoah-Hassan (country coordinator for Ghana), Nasser Saleh (country coordinator for Gaza, Palestine) and Arnold Hirshon have conducted the national workshop in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina premises, in Alexandria, Egypt on 5-6 March. This was the last of the national workshops that were planned as a follow-up to the Cairo meeting last April. The **programme** is available.

On 9-10 March Teresa Hackett, as eIFL member of the IFLA copyright committee, will attend the IFLA Workshop: implementation of advocacy at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague to discuss implementation of an advocacy policy at IFLA.

On 27-28 March Rima Kupryte and Teresa Hackett will attend the OSI Information Program Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, to update the global network of the Soros Foundation on eIFL.net progress. Rima Kupryte will talk over eIFL.net activities in general whereas Teresa Hackett will present eIFL-IP.

On 30 March, Melissa Hagemann will be speaking on eIFL OA at the upcoming "Berlin 4": International Conference on Open Access following the Berlin Declaration to be held in Golm, Germany, on 29-31 March. The event will bring together the main initiatives and key players within the Open Access Movement, and a wide range of topics will be covered including "open access for cultural heritage", "open access to scientific (raw) data", "the future of journal and non-journal publishing" or "authors' attitudes towards open access". A special attention will be paid to "open access and developing countries". You can see further details at **www.zim.mpg.de**.

On 6 April, Melissa Hagemann will be speaking about the eIFL OA Program at the conference organized by the Special Libraries Association in Washington, DC on the occasion of the International Librarian Day 2006. Her presentation will address the Open Access Movement and its Implications for Developing Countries. Dr. Leslie Chan, from

Bioline International, will be the other invited speaker. For additional information see **www.sla.org**.

On 9-11 April the evaluation regional Middle East event will take place in Aleppo, Syria. The country coordinators from all eIFL Middle East countries (Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria) along with other representatives of the library field from these countries. Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Diann Rusch-Feja and Heike Neuroth will be the resource persons for this event.

Teresa Hackett has been invited as a panelist in the international conference on Access to Knowledge which will be organised by the Yale Law School on April 21-23. This Conference aims to move the policy debate on A2K forward and additional details on it can be viewed at **islandia.law.yale.edu**.

On 24-26 April the Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium (ZULC) will hold the conference "Open Access and Creating a Knowledge Society" at the Crowne Plaza Monomatapa, in Harare, Zimbabwe. The 1st ZULC Annual Conference will bring together academics, civil society, the public and private sector, and other interested people to discuss important and topical themes and/or issues of Open Access, Intellectual Property Rights and the Information Society. Denise Nicholson, eIFL IP coordinator for South Africa and Susan Veldsman, eIFL country coordinator for South Africa will represent eIFL in this event. Denise Nicholson will speak about IP and international developments. Please **read further details** on the conference and registration information.

3. Update on new Content

eIFL to Sign an Agreement with SAGE

After long negotiations, eIFL will be signing an agreement with SAGE this week. This agreement will allow access to the SAGE Premier Collection including 390 SAGE journal titles in the areas of Art and Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences and Scientific, Technical and Medical Fields. The agreements and the licenses will be soon available on the eIFL website, at the MEMBERS ONLY section.

4. Update on eIFL-IP

eIFL-IP regional workshop, Kiev, May 2006

The eIFL-IP workshop for the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, China, South East Asia and the Middle East will take place in Kiev, Ukraine on 26-27 May 2006. eIFL-IP representatives will attend from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Moldova, Mongolia, Palestine, Russia, Syria, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The workshop will cover the core topics as the previous regional workshops: copyright and libraries; trade agreements; international developments; advocacy and creating alliances. There will be a special introductory session to copyright terminology and a parallel session with a high level speaker for regional issues in the Middle East. Please read on more at **EIFL IP**.

Call to Kampala and Tallinn workshop participants - Returning your National Copyright Strategies

If you have not yet returned your national copyright strategy, please do so soon! This is important for planning and implementing a library copyright strategy, to identify allies and build a national support group for advocacy. It helps eIFL to monitor progress and enables us to know how best we can support you.

An electronic version of the draft strategy plan circulated during the workshops is in the eIFL-IP member area (password required). **Kampala presentations**, **Tallinn presentations**.

Please return your national strategy to teresa.hackett[at]eifl.net

Congratulations to the eIFL-IP representative for Uganda

Congratulations to Dick Kawooya, eIFL-IP representative for Uganda, for being selected from over 500 applications for a fellowship in Open Information Policy from the Open Society Institute. eIFL.net supported Dick's application.

The OSI programme seeks to enhance the quality of policy research in the countries where the Soros Network operates and places strong emphasis on independent research that is both rigorous and appreciative of practical implications. Broadly, the study proposed by Dick aims at exploring avenues to influence copyright and related policy spaces by educational and research institutions. It will generate baseline data for supporting decision making on the use of electronic resources and related copyright policy concerns in selected Ugandan institutions.

The fellowship begins in April 2006 and we look forward to sharing in the results.
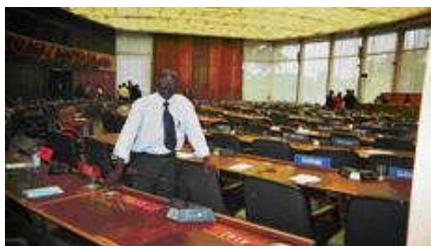
 - Dick Kawooya on the eIFL delegation at WIPO, June 2005

Discussions continue on a development agenda for WIPO

WIPO Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda, 20-24 February 2006

A first session of the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda took up the task of continuing discussions from last year on proposals for a development agenda. The Development Agenda calls for a policy shift at WIPO to address the special concerns of developing countries, as well as to give more weight to public and consumer interests.

The meeting got off a slow start as Member States spent a whole morning negotiating the appointment of the Chairperson, before discussions on substantive issues finally got underway. One of the most interesting proposals was made by Chile on the protection of the public domain.

eIFL was represented throughout the week and made statements on proposals by the African Group, Chile, Colombia and the United States. eIFL also took part in an informal lunchtime session with Creative Commons Brazil, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry and the Authors Guild of America, who are suing Google over the Google Print and Library Projects. The next PCDA meeting will take place in June 2006, and must provide recommendations for the General Assembly in September.

You can read the statements at: **eIFL-IP WIPO**.

Resources

Chilling Effects Clearinghouse is a joint project of the Electronic Frontier Foundation and several eminent law schools in the U.S.

Chilling Effects aims to help people in the U.S. understand the user protections offered by U.S. intellectual property laws with regard to online activities. This is to counter anecdotal evidence that some individuals and corporations are using intellectual property and other

laws to silence other online users. Chilling Effects encourages respect for intellectual property law, while frowning on its misuse to "chill" legitimate activity.

The website offers background material and explanations of the law for people whose websites deal with topics such as Fan Fiction, Copyright, Domain Names and Trademarks, Anonymous Speech, and Defamation. **www.chillingeffects.org**.

5. Open Access News and Useful Resources

eIFL OA participates in Open Access seminar in Zagreb

Iryna Kuchma of the International Renaissance Foundation in Ukraine and "friend of eIFL" presented the eIFL OA Program at the Sixth Seminar of Academic Libraries "Open as.a Library: Open Source and Open Access in Croatian Libraries" on March 3-4 in Zagreb. The seminar was organized by the Rudjer Boskovic Institute, the largest scientific Croatian research centre. Participants discussed the connections between open source software and librarianship, strategies for promoting open access, etc. Iryna presented the eIFL-OA Program and talked about her experiences in Ukraine which include advocating for a Parliamentary Inquiry to mandate that publicly funded research be made available through OA as well as developing a national network of institutional repositories in Ukraine. eIFL would like to thank Iryna for representing us at this important event!

More on eIFL OA

As part of the eIFL-OA awareness raising program, we will be able this year to do more work and have some funds available to identify and support a speaker to attend your national conference and talk about Open Access. If you wish to have Open Access to be included into the program of an event which is happening in your country, please let us know no later than 2 months in advance or earlier in order to give us the time to find the right person and to make sure that the schedule permits to travel.

Hindawi converts 13 journals to Open Access

Hindawi Publishing is converting 13 of its subscription-based journals to OA, effective immediately. Hindawi now has 25 OA journals, the second-largest set after BioMed Central, and the largest set not limited to biomedicine. Hindawi publishes OA journals in mathematics, engineering, biology, medicine, and chemistry.

This is the largest bulk-conversion of non-OA journals to OA in the history of the OA movement. Hindawi targets journals in disciplines which traditionally have page-charges, thus academics in these disciplines seem much more inclined to pay the article processing fees to enable their articles to be made freely available through OA. For more information, please see: **www.hindawi.com**.

New book on Institutional Repositories

Richard Jones, Theo Andrew, and John MacColl, **The Institutional Repository**, Chandos Publishing, 2006.

The book, the first book devoted solely to the topic of institutional repositories, examines a case study at Edinburgh Research Archive as well as building a repository; the technical requirements for an IR; work-flow and administration; advocacy; IPR, licensing and copyright; and the intersection of institutional repositories and digital libraries. Chapters 1 and 7 have been self-archived for OA; see Peter Suber's blog posting for links. **www.chandospublishing.com**, **www.earlham.edu**.

The book can be ordered from **www.amazon.com**.

6. Other Information for Interest

Call for Best Libri Student Paper Open

Libri: **International Journal of Libraries and Information Services** has recently announced its annual call to encourage the submission of student papers to compete for the "Best Student Paper in 2006" award. Students at all levels are invited to submit articles in English. There is no stated theme but research papers should address one of the significant issues facing today's librarians, and information professionals. Case studies, best practices, and pure research papers are welcome. The winning article will be published in the 2006:3 issue and its author will be honoured with an award of 500.00 USD and with a complementary subscription to Libri for 2007. Deadline for submissions is May 31, 2006. Please read on author instructions and other details at **www.librijournal.org**.

Berkeley Electronic Press reaches Milestone Figure of Downloads

The Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress) ResearchNow database was reported to have reached 5 million full-text downloads in February. ResearchNow is a digital library with more than 85,000 scholarly papers from several primary sources such as the Bepress peer-reviewed journals (27 and counting), subject matter repositories including the Bepress legal Repository and COBRA, together with all the working papers, pre-prints and "grey literature" from institutional repositories hosted by bepress.

ResearchNow has gained momentum as both faculty and students use it, having being estimated that two-thirds of the downloads happened last year. Major Universities, not only in the US but also in Europe and Australia, have chosen Bepress as the host for their institutional repositories and the content available keeps on growing at a rapid pace. You can find the full press release at **www.bepress.com**.

New Access to the Authority Files of the National Library of France

The French National Library has envisaged a new way to search the Authority Files of the library from the home page of the **BN-OPALE PLUS catalogue**. This new system allows direct access to the authority files for names of persons, corporate bodies, titles, and trademarks. It will be possible to search authorities by keywords used anywhere in the authority records, and to display authority records in UNIMARC format soon.

Additional information on how to get access to the French indexing language (RAMEAU) that has been in usage at the BnF and in French academic, public and research libraries since the beginning of 1980's can be viewed at **www.bnf.fr**.

The eIFL Team