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Mission of eIFL.net

- Enabling access to knowledge through libraries in developing and transition countries
The changing information environment

- Production, delivery and access to information in electronic environment changed greatly

- It creates a lot of opportunities, but it also brings new barriers

- For libraries in developing and transition countries IT infrastructure, internet bandwidth, skills and capacity of library staff became new challenges that they are facing, not to forget financial challenges they face in finding funds for collection development and subscriptions to journals.
Licensing of e-resources

• Copyright laws were not adequate to deal with electronic environment and publishers introduced licenses for access of digital resources

• Licenses are mostly regulated by contract law !!! (you buy access to the electronic copy for a specific period of time and under certain conditions to use)

• You get what you manage to negotiate !

• Negotiations with publishers for access to e-resources has two elements:
  • Price
  • Terms and conditions

• Read the license! It is important to understand what is being agreed to
Licensing of e-resources

- Access by Authorised Users (staff and students) from any place at any time (on-site and off-site) at any time
- Use by Walk-In Users within the library premises,
- Flexible definition of Site and Secure Network (authenticated access)
- Access for educational purposes: education, teaching, non-commercial distance learning, private study and/or research

LOOK FOR: You might receive a license from the publisher that allows only 5 or another number of simultaneous users at a time.
Licensing of e-resources

• Access: What are you allowed to do with the access material? Make sure you get good clause on “Permitted use”
  - inclusion of printed or electronic portions of the LM in course packs, multi-media assignments and dissertations
  - resource sharing: ILL/EDD within Licensee’s country (electronic file deleted after printing)
  - display, download and print parts of LM for promotion and training
  - use parts of LM in professional presentations

LOOK FOR: You might receive a license from the publisher restricting only to access and print.
Licensing of e-resources

• Access: Reasonable restrictions:
  – not use LM for any Commercial Use (with a view of a commercial gain)
  – make printed or electronic copies of multiple extracts beyond those authorised in this Agreement
  – systematically distribute whole or parts of the LM to anyone other than AUs
  – display and distribute LM on any electronic network other than by a Secure Network
  – remove, obscure or modify copyright notices, identification or disclaimers, etc
Licensing of e-resources

• Termination: This is to prevent library for being locked into the contract where it is obliged to pay. What happens to the content that you paid for?

• Termination:
  - term expired
    – breach by Licensee: on-line access terminated but still perpetual access to material received before breach occurred
    – breach by Publisher: refund of pro rata proportion of the remaining fee
  – perpetual access to content after termination of the licence:
    • by providing CD-ROMs free of charge
    • access via publ. server or third party server free of charge
Licensing of e-resources

- Important clause: what if something goes wrong?

- Representations, warranties and indemnification:
  - warranty against claims from third parties for IPR infringements by the Publisher
  - indemnity against direct damages, legal fees, etc.
  - limited liability of Licensee for breaches by Authorised Users, only liable if Licensee caused, knowingly assisted or condoned the continuation of a breach
Licensing of e-resources

- Clauses to avoid
  - Reasonable and best effort clauses: too vague
  - Non-cancellation clauses
  - Non-disclosure clauses
eIFL.net approach

eIFL.net is committed to equal access to information and knowledge in all countries, and within countries.
eIFL.net membership: 46 developing and transition countries
Member countries

**MENA**
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Jordan
- Palestine (West Bank and Gaza)
- Sudan
- Syria

**South-East Asia**
- Cambodia
- China
- Laos
- Mongolia
- Nepal

**Sub-saharan Africa**
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Swaziland
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
Member countries

Former Soviet Union
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Moldova
- Russia
- Tajikistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

Balkans
- Albania
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Kosova
- Macedonia
- Serbia

EU
- Bulgaria
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Slovenia
Licensing of e-resources

Advocates for affordable, sustainable and fair access to commercially produced e-content by:

• Enabling up-to-date scholarly content

• Negotiating multi-country fair licensing agreements with publishers

• Building capacity and training on electronic licensing, negotiations and management in member countries
Licensing of e-resources

The program in figures:

- Since 2002 +30 databases negotiated on all scholarly disciplines
- Over 35,000 e-journals available for member countries
- 95% overall savings every year
- 47% increase in number of full-text downloads by library users 2007-2008, totaling to 4.4 million full text downloads in a year
Licensing of e-resources

- eIFL.net does NOT pay for the content that is licensed to its member countries
- Local consortia fundraise to be able to pay the discounted rates resulting from eIFL.net negotiations
- eIFL.net negotiates with publishers and aggregators centrally on behalf of all or a group of member countries
- Legal advice is provided to member countries
Promotes a culture of cooperation and sharing of resources and expertise amongst libraries within the countries: 1+1=More+Better

Through national consortia, libraries become stronger voices in lobbying and advocacy for adequate budgets for library resources, for improvements ranging from IT infrastructure to improvements in laws regarding intellectual property

Together libraries have stronger negotiations power
Consortia models in the eIFL network

There is not 1 recipe for all countries – the best and most sustainable solution depends on the in-country situation: some consortia are led by the National library, others consists of university/research libraries only, in other cases an umbrella organization brings together several library and information constituencies, etc.
Promotes and advocates for Open Access to increase capacity by scientists and academia from the developing world to both access and contribute to the global research community by:

- Building a global network of OA repositories & journals
  - Close to 5000 OA journals registered in DOAJ.
  - 160 OA Institutional Repositories and many in “progress” in our countries
- Providing training and advice on OA policies and practices
eIFL – IP Program

Advocates to maximize A2K to protect and promote the interests of libraries and their users. The goal is that librarians become a strong voice for fair and balanced copyright laws by:

- Speaking in international fora: UN WIPO (eIFL.net accredited observer status)
- Providing training and advice: regional and global conferences and online course
- Building the network of local librarians with expertise in copyright
eIFL – FOSS Program

Raises awareness and understanding of FOSS and advocates for its use in libraries by:

- Facilitating engagement with FOSS development communities worldwide
- Raising awareness of FOSS
- Undertaking projects of special significance to eIFL.net members:
  - ILS Koha and Evergreen pilot implementations in Armenia, Georgia, Mali, Malawi, Nepal and Zimbabwe
  - Greenstone digital libraries pilot project in Southern Africa region: Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Tanzania, Zimbabwe
  - Skills and tools hands on workshops for systems librarians to gain new skills in working in FOSS environment
Some case studies in the eIFL network

Local consortium development and enhanced access to e-resources go hand in hand:

Albania
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Ethiopia
Ghana
Macedonia
Malawi
Mozambique
Serbia
Ukraine
Consortium of Albanian Electronic Libraries

- Started in 2003 and major backing by rectors of public university libraries beginning of 2009
- **Membership**: 20 members, including university and research institute libraries
- **Organization**: Not legally registered as an independent organization
- **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: CUP, BioOne, Oxford Content Online, IoP), training for librarians and end-users
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Miranda Bakiasi, director of the Academy of Art Library, bakiasi@yahoo.com
Electronic Information Consortium for Libraries in Bosnia-Herzegovina (El CBIH)

- Started in 2004
- **Membership**: 73 members, including university libraries, public libraries, special libraries, NGO libraries and national library
- **Organization**: central office at the national and university library; consortium formally established and supported by the ministry
- **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: IoP, Britannica Online, EBSCO) training and workshops, union catalog services
- **URL**: http://www.eicbih.ba/eicbih/index.php
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Edina Fazlagic, head of library department, Parliamentary Assembly of BiH, edina.fazlagic@parliament.ba
Consortium of Ethiopian Academic and Research Libraries (CEARL)

- In the making
- **Membership**: 6 academic and university libraries
- **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources and collection development, open access and institutional repositories with local content, digital services, open source software
- **URL**: http://www.aau.edu.et
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Derib Erget Mamuye, head of Faculty of Technology Library, University of Addis Ababa, e.derib@yahoo.com
Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana (CARLI GH)

• Started in 2003
• **Membership**: 24 members, including university and research institute libraries
• **Organization**: in process of legal registration
• **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: BioOne, CUP, IoP, Oxford Content Online), education and training, digital services, OA/IR promotion, open source software, copyright issues
• **URL**: www.carligh.org.gh
• **eIFL country coordinator**: Helena Assamoah Hasan, librarian at University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, maadwoa2000@yahoo.com
Macedonian Electronic Libraries (MEL)

- Started in 2004
- **Membership**: 55 members, including university libraries, research institute libraries, special libraries, NGO libraries, public libraries
- **Organization**: hosted by national and university library
- **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: CUP, EBSCO, IoP, OUP, SAGE), education and training, OA promotion, union catalog services, copyright issues
- **URL**: http://w3.nubsk.edu.mk
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Miodrag Dadasovic, National and University library, coordinator of MEL, miodrag@nubsk.edu.mk
Malawi Library and Information Consortium (MALICO)

- Started in 2003
- **Membership**: 18 members, including university libraries, college and polytechnic libraries, national library, research institute libraries, special libraries
- **Organization**: legally registered as an independent organization
- **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: BioOne, Oxford Content Online, CUP), digitisation of local content, development of open repositories, promotion of open source software, copyright issues
- **URL**: http://www.malico.mw/
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Lidia Chiotha, Assistant librarian, Central Library Services, University of Malawi, lchiotha@chanco.unima.mw
Library consortium in Mozambique

- In development
- **Membership**: 4 members, including academic and research institute libraries
- **Organization**: in registration process
- **Primary activities**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: IoP), development of open repositories, education and training, promotion of open source software
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Aissa Issak, lecturer and librarian at Universidade Politecnica, amissak@apolitecnica.ac.mz
Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition (KOBSON)

- Started in 2001
- **Membership**: 199 university libraries, research institute libraries, special libraries, college and polytechnic libraries, national library
- **Organization**: Central office as part of the Department of Scientific Information of National Library of Serbia
- **Primary functions**: collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: CUP, EBSCO, Emerald, IoP, OUP, SAGE, Wiley-Blackwell), education and training for librarians and en-users, open access advocacy and promotion of local content, general and technical support, marketing of and advocacy for libraries
- **URL**: http://nainfo.nbs.bg.ac.yu/kobson/page/
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Biljana Kosanovic, Department of Scientific Information, National Library, biljana@nb.rs
Informatio Consortium in Ukraine

- Started in 2002
- **Membership**: 68 members, including academic libraries, research institute libraries, public libraries and special libraries
- **Organization**: Legally registered as an independent organization
- **Primary activities**: Collective access to e-resources (currently thru eIFL: EBSCO and Oxford Content Online), training and education, OA/IR promotion, open source software for libraries, copyright issues
- **URL**: http://www.informatio.org.ua
- **eIFL country coordinator**: Oleksii Vasyliev, director of Informatio Consortium, informatio.consortium@gmail.com
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• Thank you for listening!

• Time for questions