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Renewal agreement for Multi-Science Journals Collection

EIFL has signed a renewal agreement with Multi-Science Publishing for the Multi-Science Journals Collection.

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This collection of over 20 high quality journals offers coverage of subject areas such as engineering, the built environment, energy, acoustics and sports science.

The agreement runs until December 31, 2016 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia in 48 countries:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine, Poland, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe

▸ Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreement for the Multi-Science Journals Collection

EIFL-OA update

OA publishing at Nicolaus Copernicus University

Nicolaus Copernicus University (NCU) in Poland introduces a mandatory open access publishing policy for all NCU journals.

In 2012 an open journal publishing platform (based on OJS) was launched that currently hosts 30 open access journals published under Creative Commons BY-ND license. Within two years all 40 NCU journals will be openly available on this platform.

NCU also encourages open access to all research outputs and open educational resources via institutional OA repository, digital library and OER portal to promote Polish science and education in the world. The University Library has played a significant role in these developments.

Congratulations to Bożena Bednarek-Michalska, EIFL-OA country coordinator, and her NCU colleagues!

EIFL supports new taskforce on librarians' competencies

EIFL is pleased to announce that Iryna Kuchma, EIFL's Open Access Programme Manager, will be chairing a new Joint Task Force on Librarians' Competencies in Support of E-Research and Scholarly Communication.

The joint task force is a collaboration of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) and the Association of European Research Libraries (LIBER).

EIFL is a founding member of COAR – its mission is to enhance the visibility and application of research outputs through a global network of open access digital repositories – having chaired the working group focused on support structures for repository networks and training for repository managers.

"The EIFL Open Access programme is committed to removing barriers to knowledge sharing. We look forward to collaborating with other organizations on this taskforce and developing new skills and expertise in the library community," said Iryna Kuchma, EIFL's Open Access Programme Manager.

Rapid changes in technology and associated shifts in research and scholarly communications are profoundly changing the role of libraries in the 21st century.

The first step for the task force will be to identify the various avenues of service for libraries within the context of e-research, repository management, and scholarly communication. These services and roles will then be mapped to the competencies required by librarians and library professionals.

The task force will then produce a toolkit that will help to build capacity in libraries in the area of scholarly communication and e-research. The toolkit will allow library managers to identify skill gaps in their institution, form the basis of job descriptions, enable professionals to carry out self-assessments, and act as a foundation for the development of training programs for librarians and library professionals. In addition, the toolkit will provide an outline of new organizational models that are evolving in this dynamic environment.

A preliminary report will be available in spring 2014.

Task Force Members:

- Iryna Kuchma (chair, COAR and EIFL)
- Pascal Calarco (CARL and University of Waterloo)
- Rob Grim (LIBER and Tilburg University)
- Alicia López Medina (COAR and Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia)
- Susan Reilly (LIBER)
- Judy Ruttenberg (ARL)
- Birgit Schmidt (LIBER and Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

- Kathleen Shearer (COAR and CARL)
- Dominic Tate (COAR and University of Edinburgh)

For more information about the task force, please contact Iryna Kuchma (task force chair): iryna.kuchma [at] eifl.net

EIFL joins OLH Internationalisation Committee

Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access Programme Manager, has been invited to join the Open Library of Humanities (OLH) Internationalisation Committee.

A recently launched initiative, the Open Library of the Humanities (OLH) will be an Open Access "megajournal" for the Humanities and Social Sciences in the style of, though not affiliated with, the PLOS (Public Library of Science) ONE.

The OLH initiative also aims to provide a platform for Open Access publishing that is:
- Reputable and respected through rigorous peer review
- Sustainable
- Digitally preserved and safely archived in perpetuity
- Non-profit
- Open in both monetary and permission terms
- Non-discriminatory (article processing charges are waiverable)
- Technically innovative in response to the needs of scholars and librarians
- A solution to the serials crisis

Kuchma joins the OLH Internationalisation Committee with ten other globally recognized Open Access experts, where she will bring her extensive experience and unique perspective from working on Open Access advocacy in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Open Access Week 2013: Redefining Impact

Open Access Week 2013 is a global event, now in its 7th year that promotes open access as a new norm in scholarship and research.

This year's theme is "Open Access: Redefining Impact" and a diverse range of events will be held around the world between October 21 and 27.

Open access (OA) – free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as you need – has the power to transform the way research and scientific inquiry are conducted. It has direct and widespread implications for academia, medicine, science, industry, and for society as a whole.

Open Access Week: Redefining Impact

Open Access Week is a key opportunity for all members of the community to take action to keep this momentum moving forward.

Universities, colleges, research institutes, funding agencies, libraries, and think tanks have used Open Access Week as a platform to host faculty votes on campus open access policies, to discuss societal and economic benefits of open access, to promote open access publishing initiatives, and more.

2013 Kick-off Event

SPARC (The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) and the World Bank will co-sponsor the kick-off event for Open Access Week 2013 on Monday October 21st at 3:00 p.m. EST in Washington, DC. The live event will take place at the World Bank facilities and will host a live blog and webcast for those who cannot attend in person. The event will also be recorded, and be available to the community for use during open access events.

The event will consist of a 90-minute panel discussion with open access experts from a variety of stakeholder groups as well as representatives from the World Bank and SPARC. As this year's theme is "Open Access: Redefining Impact," the panelists will discuss Article Level Metrics and changing the way scholarly communication is measured.

During the event, the winners of the Accelerating Science Award Program (ASAP) will be announced. The ASAP Program, sponsored by 27 global organizations including EIFL, Google, PLOS and Wellcome Trust, recognizes those who have built upon open access scientific research for new innovations shaping our

society.

Get involved!

Open Access Week is an invaluable chance to connect the global momentum toward open sharing with the advancement of policy changes on the local level.

Participating in Open Access Week can be as simple or involved as you like.

Looking for some ideas?

Events and resources:

- Open Access Week Events 2013
- Open Access Week Events (EIFL partner countries) in 2013, 2012 and 2011.
- Open Access Directory, Events Celebrating Open Access Week to see what others libraries, groups and organizations are planning.
- Over 200 educational videos about open access
- Promotional material downloads to showcase Open Access Week on your website and social media

Need help getting started?

EIFL is happy to assist EIFL network members in their preparations for Open Access Week 2013.

EIFL will also be publicizing events and news that occur within the network leading up to, and during, the week.

Please contact EIFL-OA Programme Manager, Iryna Kuchma, at iryna.kuchma[at]eifl.net to get started or to submit your event to the list.

Background

EIFL has been a pioneer in the open access movement and strong voice for developing and transition countries.

In 2002, EIFL was one of the original signatories for the Budapest Open Access Initiative, which started the open access movement.

Today EIFL advocates for the adoption of OA policies and mandates by research funding agencies, universities and research organizations.

EIFL also builds capacities to launch and sustain open access repositories and open access journals to maximize access and to increase visibility and usage of research outputs from developing and transition countries.

EIFL-IP update

The Beijing Treaty - an EIFL Briefing for Libraries

The Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances, adopted in June 2012 by member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), aims to provide legal protection to performers in audiovisual works, for example, actors in motion pictures.

While the practical impact of the treaty on most libraries is likely to be limited, it is important for librarians to have a general understanding of the first international copyright treaty adopted in 15 years, and to ensure that important policy options available to legislators are included when the Treaty is adopted into national law.

The EIFL "Beijing Briefing" sets out the background, key provisions, impact on libraries and provides advice on what libraries should look out for if the treaty is ratified by their government.

The Briefing is available online here. We hope it is a useful resource.

Check out other EIFL resources here.

The European Orphan Works Directive - an EIFL Guide

In October 2012, Directive 2012/28/EU on certain permitted uses of orphan works (known as the orphan works Directive) was adopted by Member States of the European Union (EU). The Directive sets out common rules for the digitization and online display of orphan works. Unfortunately hopes that the Directive would enable large-scale digitization of orphan works by libraries, and enable the works to be made available online for educational and cultural purposes, were not realized.

This Guide sets out the background and key provisions of the Directive. It makes recommendations for libraries for implementation in EIFL partner countries that are members of the EU, and advises libraries in EIFL partner countries with EU bilateral agreements on crafting solutions that best meet their local circumstances and capacity.

Download or browse the Guide. We hope it is a useful resource.

Check out other EIFL resources here.

"CFL en Español" completes six UN languages

EIFL is delighted to announce a new Spanish version of Copyright for Librarians (CFL), the online open curriculum on copyright law developed jointly with Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. "CFL en Español" is based upon Modules 1 to 7 of the curriculum.

The work to translate CFL into Spanish was carried out by university lectures Prof. Graciela Dacosta and Prof. Hugo Valanzano from the School of Library Science, State University of Uruguay. The school offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses and teaches around 400 students in Library and Archive Studies per year.

"We decided to do the translation because while there are general materials in Spanish on copyright, there were no resources aimed especially at library copyright issues. It will be useful for teaching, and also for graduates seeking updated information on these important issues. We are grateful to our institution for sponsoring the translation, and we hope that it will be used by library school students in Latin America and beyond", said Prof. Graciela Dacosta.

With the addition of a Spanish version, CFL is now available in the six official UN working languages - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish - plus Polish, Romanian/Moldovan and Serbian.

We thank Prof. Dacosta and Prof. Valanzano for the initiative and we hope that "CFL en Español" will be a useful new resource for librarians and students throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

CFL en Español.

Visit the CFL homepage with all the translations.

EIFL-PLIP update

Kenya library supports slum school children

We take pleasure in sharing results of Kenya National Library Service's tablet computer education programme which helps children from schools in Kibera, the largest slum in East Africa, improve in key school subjects like English, mathematics and science. The programme was funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP).

Kenya National Library Service (knls) worked through its branch library, Kibera Public Library, and in partnership with the educational agency eLimu, which produces educational content in engaging formats like video and animation. The programme taught over 100 children from 10 primary schools to use computers and the internet and to access eLimu's educational material. To ensure that learning was fun, the library monitored children's learning through quizzes and games.

Kenya National Library Service has received a grant to replicate the programme in three more branch libraries. Click the link to read more about this innovative programme:

- Kenya National Library Service – using tablet computers to help children from slum schools improve their marks at school.

The Kibera programme is one of three EIFL-PLIP supported library services that use computers to help struggling school children from low-income communities. Busia Community Library, also in Kenya, is using tablet computers to help children pass the vital Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exams, which determine their entry to secondary school. Volta Regional Library in Ghana takes fully-charged laptop computers in a mobile library equipped with solar power to schools in underdeveloped parts of Ho municipality to give children hands on computer skills, and help them pass their information and communication technology (ICT) exams.

These three services are among 13 innovative public and community library services funded by EIFL-PLIP in 2012 in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Over the next month, we will be publishing further case studies to show how libraries in these countries are contributing to agriculture and community health, and are supporting vulnerable children and youth at risk.

Click the link to read more about innovative library services contributing to development in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America – www.eifl.net/plip-impact

Uganda library service empowers women farmers

National Library of Uganda (NLU) has shared results of its training and information service for women farmers in Kyangatto village in Nakaseke district (central Uganda). The service was initiated with support from EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP).

NLU trained over 60 women farmers to use computers and the internet – and now women farmers are demanding further information and communication technology (ICT) skills training. The library also initiated a mobile phone text messaging (SMS) service to inform women farmers about the weather, market prices and availability of farm supplies.

Read more about –

- National Library of Uganda's Electronic Information Empowering Women Farmers service.

The NLU service is one of four EIFL-PLIP-supported services in Uganda. The other three are: Kachumbala Area Cooperative Enterprise Community Library (KACE), which uses ICT to support farmer-to-farmer learning; Maendeleo Foundation, which has piloted an ICT-based agricultural information service in five community libraries, and Rwenzori Information Centre (RIC-NET), which uses smart phones and other ICT to help farmers combat plant pests and diseases.

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New award for creative use of ICT in public libraries

The EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) Award for creative use of information and communication technology (ICT) in public libraries is now open!

The call for submissions is open to all public and community libraries in developing and transition countries.

The prize includes US$1,500 and publicity through EIFL's global communication channels and networks.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 30, 2013.

Applications will be accepted in English, French, Russian and Spanish.

This is the sixth award in our exciting series of EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards. There will be more than one winner – so who knows? Your library could be featured as the next EIFL-PLIP Innovation Award winner!

Read more about the EIFL-PLIP Innovation Award and how to apply.

Two innovative library services in Tanzania

Tanzania Library Services Board has shared the results of two innovative services – one serving poultry farmers and the other providing sexual health information for teenagers.

Both services were initiated with support from EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP).

Poultry Information Service, which combines computer and internet training with business skills to help poultry farmers improve farming methods and research the internet for new buyers for their products.

Adolescent Sexual Health Information Service, which raises teenagers' awareness about crucial sexual health issues, enabling them to make healthy choices and avoid unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

Read more how innovative public library services are improving lives in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

Events

3 Sep 2013	OA workshop at Sokoine University of Agriculture. Location: Morogoro - Tanzania
6 Sep 2013	OA workshop at CAMW-MWEKA, Tanzania. Location: Moshi - Tanzania
10 Sep 2013	The Beijing Treaty and libraries - an EIFL webinar. Location: Online
12 Sep 2013	The Marrakesh Treaty: next steps. Location: Washington D.C. - United States
18 Sep 2013	Kazakhstan conference on library innovations. Location: Taraz City - Kazakhstan
18 Sep 2013	OA awareness workshop in Eastern Uganda. Location: Mbale - Uganda
18 Sep 2013	EIFL-PLIP to present at Beyond Access Conference. Location: Medellín - Colombia
23 Sep 2013	Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities. Location: Vilnius - Lithuania
23 Sep 2013	Q&A Webinar with Koha developer Chris Cormack. Location: Online
23 Sep 2013	EIFL-PLIP discusses new partnerships in Ghana. Location: Accra - Ghana
24 Sep 2013	Webinar: Introduction to the EIFL Model Licences. Location: Online
26 Sep 2013	10th International PLR Conference. Location: Dublin - Ireland
29 Sep 2013	The first NEICON international conference. Location: Budva - Montenegro
30 Sep 2013	OA workshop in South Western Uganda. Location: Kagadi Town council, Kibaale District - Uganda
30 Sep 2013	WIPO General Assemblies. Location: Geneva - Switzerland
3 Oct 2013	OHCHR seminar on the right to benefit from scientific progress. Location: Genève - Switzerland
13 Oct 2013	2013 ICOLC Europe meeting. Location: Vilnius - Lithuania
15 Oct 2013	OA awareness at Nkumba University. Location: Entebbe - Uganda
18 Oct 2013	OA awareness at Ndejje University. Location: Luwero - Uganda
18 Oct 2013	EIFL-PLIP visit to Uganda. Location: Kampala - Uganda

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