Newsletter

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eIFL.net Web site restructured

The new eIFL.net web site is up and running at www.eifl.net! As announced in previous issues, the new web site's look and feel reflects the objectives of the eIFL.net Foundation, aiming to be a dynamic and informative tool for both the eIFL community and external users. Please send us your comments, suggestions as well as information and related documents on your activities and events at : info@eifl.net.

eIFL Central Asia Web site

The section eIFL Central Asia on the Uzbekistan Web site provides information in Russian, English and Uzbek on eIFL events organised in the Central Asia republics. The section is accessible from: http://ula.uzsci.net.

What kind of consortium do we need and what kind do we have?

An interesting article by Jan Andrzej Nikisch, coordinator of the Polish Library Consortium (http://www.pfsl.poznan.pl/eifl/), illustrates the case study of the Poznanska Fundacja Bibliotek Naukowychì (PFBN - The Poznan Foundation of Scientific Libraries). The article is now available on the eIFL web site from: http://www.eifl.net/docs/PolishCons_article.doc.

Study: EBSCO and ProQuest in eIFL Countries in 2003

A study produced by the Serbian library consortium makes a comparative and qualitative analysis of the full text journals offered by EBSCO and ProQuest aggregators.
The study is available from the Members-Only section of the eIFL web site (Information sharing sub-folder). Those who do not have access to this section and are interested in this document can request it directly from the eIFL team at info@eifl.net.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all the country coordinators to send us any documents (studies, articles, reports etc.) they may have produced, which, might be of interest to the other eIFL consortia and could therefore be shared through the 'Information Sharing Section' of our Member-Only area.

Macedonian Electronic Library Consortium established

Following the eIFL country visit to Macedonia, in March 2003, the MEL - Macedonian Electronic Library Consortium has been formally established! The consortium has already gathered around 50 people who belong to the relevant institutions in the consortium. More information on the consortium's future activities will be published on the eIFL web site as they are available.

eIFL at IFLA

As most of you might know, eIFL will have a stand at the IFLA exhibition 2003. This year the IFLA conference and exhibition will be held in Berlin, on 1-9 August. We would like to encourage those of you who plan to participate in the event, to come and visit us at our stand B6, in area B.

Coming events in May:

Consortium Stakeholder Meeting in Malawi
Blantyre, Malawi, 7 May 2003

This is a one-day workshop on Consortium Building for Information Sharing with a particular focus on the area of Electronic Resources, organised by the Malawi Library and Information Consortium (MALICO) and aimed to facilitate the establishment of MALICO.

Consortium building workshop in Namibia
Namibia, 12-14 May, 2003

Hannie Sanders, from South Africa, and Buhle Mbambo from Zimbabwe, will contribute to this event.

Training for eIFL coordinators workshop for CEE and CIS countries
Istambul, Turkey 13-18 May 2003

The programme of the event will soon be available from the eIFL web site.

Workshops on Copyright & Licensing

Two workshops on Copyright & Licensing will be held in Armenia and Georgia.
The workshops will be delivered by Tuula Haavisto and will take place on the following dates:

- Armenia, 19-20 May 2003
- Georgia, 22-23 May 2003

Consortium Building Workshop in Azerbaijan
Baku, Azerbaijan, 20-21 May, 2003

Emilija Banionyte, President of the Lithuania Consortium, will run the workshop.

As usual, we look forward to receiving updates on the activities and events organised in the eIFL.net country members.

The eIFL Team