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EIFL (originally called EIFL Direct) is created as an initiative of the Open Society Institute (OSI), now Open Society Foundations (OSF), a private grant-making foundation that is part of the Soros Foundation.

The Open Society Institute and EBSCO Publishing Create the Largest Information Consortium

IPSWICH, Mass. - **October 5, 1999** - In an unprecedented initiative called Electronic Information For Libraries Direct (EIFL Direct), libraries in 39 countries will have access to a wealth of electronic full-text scholarly journals. This is by far the largest information consortium in the world. This initiative is a result of a joint project between the Open Society Institute (OSI), a part of the Soros foundations network, and EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO), a leading provider of reference resources.

Countries in the consortium include 27 from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, 10 from Southern Africa as well as Guatemala and Haiti. All academic, research (non-corporate), medical, national and public libraries in these countries are welcome to join the consortium.

LIBRARY JOURNAL INFOTECH

BY MICHAEL ROGERS

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INDUSTRY NEWS

EBSCO and OSI Creating Global Library Consortium

Dubbed Electronic Information for Libraries Direct, members from 39 countries will have access to 3200 journals

EBSCO Publishing is joining forces with the Open Society Institute (OSI) to create what they assert is the "largest information consortium in the world." The joint multimillion-dollar initiative, called Electronic Information for Libraries Direct (EIFL Direct), will include "academic, research (noncorporate), medical, national, and public libraries" in 39 countries. The venture ap-

CD- or DVD-ROM depending on their level of technological sophistication. Michael Kay, OSI's director of Electronic Publishing, contends that the EIFL Direct program is making history. "[Most of the participating countries] had very limited access to the wealth of information available from international scholarly journals," he reported. "This gives instant access to

EBSCO Publishing content because of difficulties in getting content. After the launch of an RFP was selected EBSCO as the preferred provider of quality and quantity content. "Another key factor was the ability to provide a

Electronic Information For Libraries Direct-EIFL Direct

by Michael Kay, Director, Electronic Publishing, OSI, Soros Foundations Network

Historic Electronic Information Project

On September 1, 1999, the Open Society Institute (OSI) and EBSCO Publishing agreed to collaborate in a project to create the largest information consortium in the world. The joint multimillion-dollar initiative, called Electronic Information for Libraries Direct (EIFL Direct), makes information available electronically to academic, research (non-corporate), medical, national, public, and other libraries in 39 countries.

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INFORMATION TODAY

EBSCO Continues International Expansion with 39-Country Consortium Deal

NewsBreaks by Barbara Quint

Continuing its vigorous international marketing program, EBSCO Publishing (<http://www.ebsco.net>) has joined with the Open Society Institute, a part of the Soros Foundations Network, to create the Electronic Information for Libraries Direct (EIFL Direct) consortium. The largest information consortium in the world, EIFL Direct encompasses libraries in 39 countries. It opens up access to EBSCO Publishing's range of full-text scholarly and general interest journals.

Included in the consortium are 27 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, 10 countries in Southern Africa, and both Guatemala and Haiti. Within these countries, EIFL Direct invites participation from all types of libraries: academic, noncorporate research, medical, national, and public.

Under the EIFL Direct arrangement, EBSCO Publishing will supply five databases: Academic Search Elite, Business Source Premier, MasterFILE Premier, Newspaper

Source, and Comprehensive MEDLINE with FullTEXT. Together, these five files contain full text from over 300,000 articles from 3,200 unique journals, magazines, newspapers, and newswires, as well as over 1,300 full-text brochures and reference books. Scholarly journals in the collection cover humanities, social sciences, education, business, and medicine. The program will tailor access format to the available technology—Web, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM—of each participating library.

The colorful George Soros, Hungarian Holocaust survivor, naturalized U.S. citizen, currency speculator, and creative philanthropist, donated over \$500 million to Central and Eastern Europe in 1998 alone. The philanthropy he has administered through the Open Society Institute has caused some controversy. This year, for example, he began major funding to support decriminalization of drugs in the U.S. and abroad.

Soros created the Soros Foundations Network to build free and open societies by supporting an array of activities dealing with art and culture, the strengthening of

civil society, economic reform, education, human rights, legal reform and public administration, media and communications, and public health. The Soros Foundation Network has actively supported library development with over \$40 million in funding since 1994 for automation, training, preservation, access, collection development, and improved user service. It sees libraries as major impetuses for information dissemination and support for democratic societies. With print journal collections remaining poor in the area, however, the network sees electronic journals as the "only viable and sustainable option for the future," according to the EBSCO Publishing press release.

Michael Kay, director of electronic publishing for the Open Society Institute (OSI), saluted the new EIFL Direct consortium. "We are making history," he said. "Many of the countries that we served previously had very limited access to the wealth of information available from international scholarly journals. This initiative now gives instant electronic access to scholars, policymakers,

and the general public. It will greatly assist these countries' accession into the international information society."

The Open Society Institute has offices in the U.S., Russia, Croatia, Macedonia, and Slovenia. It has funded such programs as the Center on Crime, Communities, and Culture; the Emma Lazarus Fund; Lindesmith Center; Project on Death in America; Burma Project Central; Eurasia Project; Forced Migration Project; International Sorot Science Education Program; Landmines Project; Soros Documentary Fund; Southern Africa Project Chair's Grants; and Presidential Grants.

EBSCO Publishing is part of the EBSCO Information Services group, which also encompasses EBSCO Subscription Services. EBSCO Publishing markets its services actively outside the U.S. Over the past year and a half, it has expanded its sales offices in Australia, Brazil, France, Japan, China, Colombia, India, Taiwan, and the U.K.

Barbara Quint, co-editor with Paula J. Hane for NewsBreaks, is editor in chief of Searcher: The Magazine for Database Professionals, a columnist for Information Today, and a longtime online searcher. Her e-mail address is bquint@netcom.com.

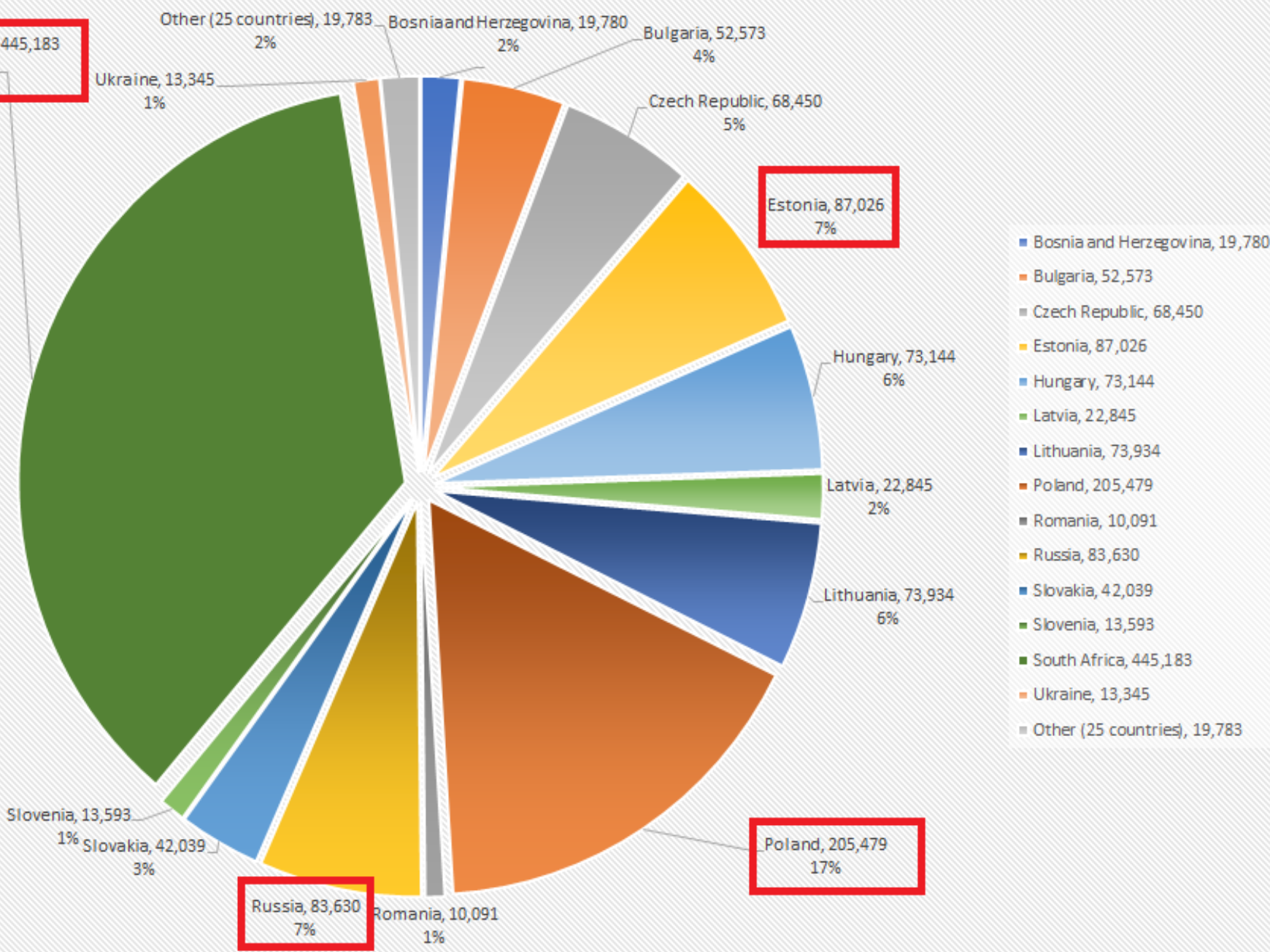
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South Africa, 445,183
36%

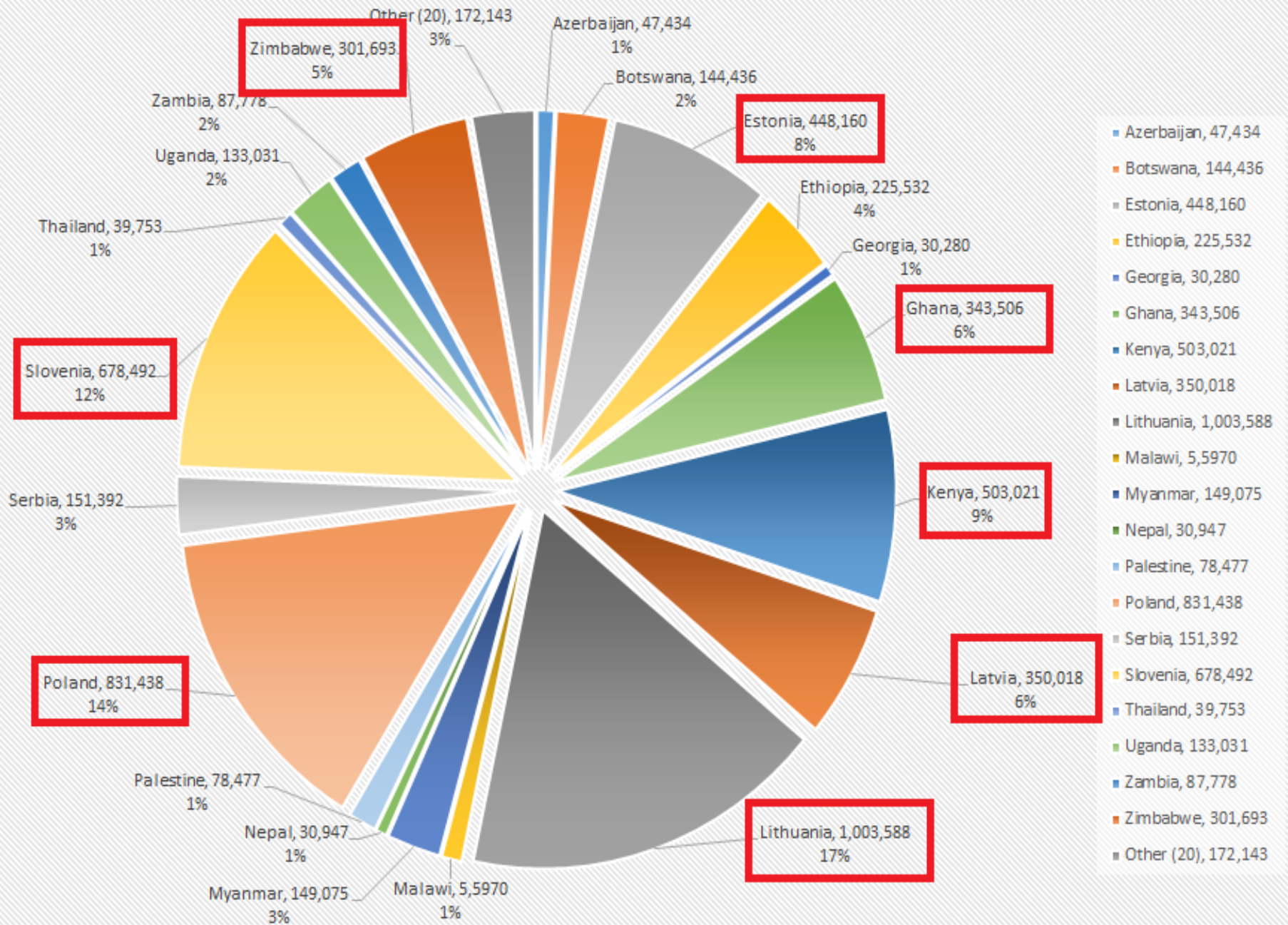
Estonia, 87,026
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Poland, 205,479
17%

Russia, 83,630
7%



Full Text Articles Downloads 2018 (total 5,807,164)



Total number of full text article
and book chapter downloads

57,854,054

TESTIMONIES

Over the past 20 years, EIFL has been a forum for sharing knowledge and new ideas within a strong international community, helping make access to library e-resources in Slovenia considerably more effective.

Karmen Štular Sotošek
EIFL Country Coordinator in Slovenia



EIFL helped solve challenges faced by Nepalese researchers and scholars by providing access to online databases.

Jagadish Aryal
EIFL Country Coordinator in Nepal



EIFL has uncovered a treasure trove of e-Resources for teaching, learning and research in Myanmar, leading to a dramatic change for universities and academic libraries.

Myat Sann Nyein
Local Coordinator EIFL eLibrary Myanmar Project

EIFL continues to play a prominent role, developing a culture which encourages the use of electronic information resources in Ukraine and other Eastern European countries.

Oleksii Vasyliiev
EIFL Country Coordinator in Ukraine

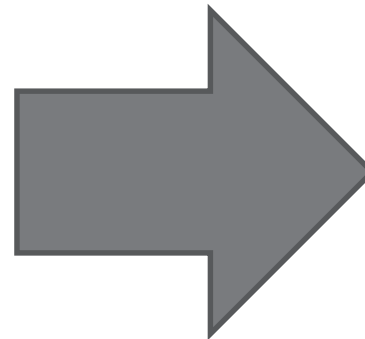


SIGNS THE BUDAPEST OPEN ACCESS DECLARATION

2002 – 2012 – 2017



Celebrating a decade
of OPEN ACCESS



EIFL was one of the original signatories to the Budapest Open Access Initiative, which first coined the term "Open Access".

Awareness raising, advocacy and training OA:

From 2004 to 2018, EIFL:

- Trained 250,000+ people in open access, open data and open science;
- Led or organized 1,100+ training events;
- Reached 69 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe.



Setting up infrastructure for open access through institutional repositories

- 2005 first OA repository at the University of Zimbabwe
- In 2019 we have 1,100+ in our network.



Established two entities / founding members of

- **COAR** - an international association that brings together the repository community and major repository networks in order build capacity, align policies and practices, and acts as a global voice for the repository community
- **OpenAIRE** - European Open Science Infrastructure for open scholarly communication



Confederation
of Open Access
Repositories



Advocated for and supported drafting of institutional and national open access policies mandating open access to research outputs

- **158** institutions in the EIFL network have adopted OA policies.
- **6** national OA policies: Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Lithuania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia



TESTIMONIES

Thanks to EIFL, Kenya has significantly advanced openness in science and research and benefited from free and affordable subscriptions.

Arnold Mwanzu
EIFL Country Coordinator in Kenya



EIFL has helped Palestinian universities to set up institutional open access repositories and open their research and publications to the world.

Diana Sayej Naser
EIFL Country Coordinator in Palestine

Since joining EIFL Uganda has seen a tremendous increase in open access awareness and implementation.

David Bukenya
EIFL Country Coordinator in Uganda



EIFL'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT REFORM

- In 2005, observer status at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- Libraries on the WIPO agenda! We have a draft *'Treaty Proposal on Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries and Archives (TLIB)'*.
- Supported *'The Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled'* at WIPO and contributed to ratification of the Treaty by 17 EIFL countries (20% of overall countries):

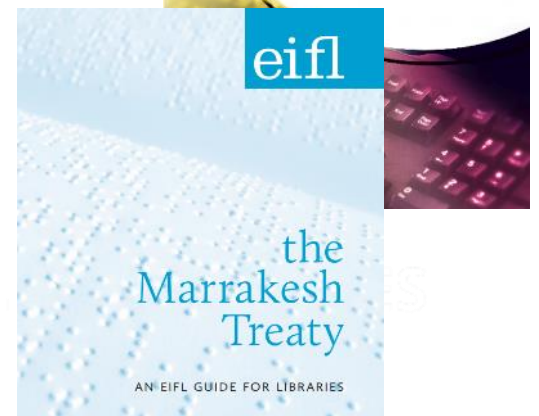
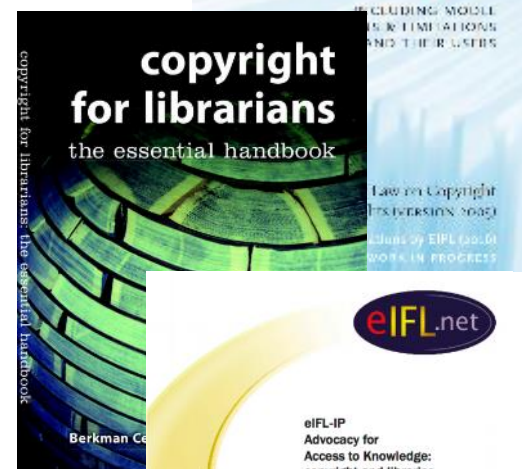
Azerbaijan, Botswana, Estonia, Ghana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malawi, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Thailand and Uganda.



Produced many resources to support advocacy and capacity building of librarians – 143 in 14 languages

The most famous:

- Copyright for Librarians, available in 9 languages.
- EIFL Draft Law on Copyright & Rate My Copyright Law & The EIFL Core Library Exceptions Checklist
- EIFL Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues for Libraries, available in 7 languages
- The Marrakesh Treaty: an EIFL Guide for Libraries, available in 8 languages
- Getting Started. Implementing the Marrakesh Treaty for Persons with Print Disabilities, available in 4 languages



- Helped shape copyright laws or draft laws of 14 countries
 - Laws adopted: Poland, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Moldova, Ukraine, Myanmar, Kuwait
 - Draft laws: Armenia, Belarus, Botswana, Kenya, Palestine, South Africa and Nigeria

Created a network of copyright librarians who are knowledgeable about copyright and can advocate with their governments for change.

In order to achieve library friendly copyright legislation EIFL has helped Estonia form a clear and understandable position by encouraging and supporting action.

Karmen Linask
EIFL Coordinator in Estonia



TESTIMONIES

In Poland EIFL taught us the importance of advocacy, invested in the education of local leaders and experts and built structures and networks for the benefit of libraries, librarians and local communities.

Barbara Szczepańska
EIFL Coordinator in Poland



EIFL has empowered librarians in Botswana through building skills in areas such as copyright and open access. This made them better able to serve their communities, especially in the provision of digital knowledge.

Kgomotso Radijeng
EIFL Coordinator in Botswana

EIFL has been a great source of information and help to me in my work, it has been very supportive of our Copyright Amendment Bill and has provided useful resources and documents.

Denise Nicholson
former EIFL IP coordinator in South Africa



CHANGED PERCEPTIONS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In 2009 libraries were about books and reading.
Now many of them are equipped with technology -



From 2009 - 2019 the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme worked with 869 public libraries in 27 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

1224 public librarians directly benefited from EIFL-PLIP training:

- use of technology
- developing and managing new library services;
- advocacy.

In Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana, Zambia:

- Improved library infrastructure (connectivity and computers)
- Trained 75 librarians to serve as trainers



Public libraries have been recognized as partners in development.



IGF Policy Options for Connecting the Next Billion
Final Compilation



POLICY OPTIONS FOR CONNECTING AND ENABLING THE NEXT BILLIONS – PHASE III

Compiled Output Document



POLICY OPTIONS FOR CONNECTING & ENABLING THE NEXT BILLION(S)
PHASE II (2016 edition)



Since our first PLIP grant in 2010 we have been innovating in bigger and better ways, pushing the boundaries of library impact in Africa!

Jane Kinney Meyers
President, Lubuto Library Partners



I have definitely become a better librarian and leader after the training. Thank you EIFL for including me as a participant in this life-changing program, my life will never be the same!!!

Fatima Demohey
Chief Librarian, Lusaka City Council



The 'IT Yurt' project, which EIFL-PLIP funded, was copied in all public libraries in our region and today they are all training people to use computers and enter the modern virtual space. We constantly track innovations through the EIFL-PLIP website and are inspired by the achievements libraries in other countries.

Bibigul Shagiyeva
Deputy Director, East Kazakhstan Regional Public Library

The EIFL Public Library Innovation award has put us on the map in our country (Philippines), enabling us to inspire other librarians to replicate our activities and practices!

Jessica Clarito
Officer in charge of Butuan Public Library, Phillipines



EIFL STAFF MEMBERS OF VARIOUS BOARDS



EIFL as an organization and its staff
won numerous awards.



August 14, 2008

EIFL Director receives IFLA Medal

Director of EIFL, Rima Kupryte, receives the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) medal for her contributions to international librarianship and sharing information at a global level.

Rima Kupryte (left) holds her IFLA medal with Claudia Lux (right), IFLA President 2007-2009.



Photo: Inge Angevaere

Emilija Banionyte, EIFL Open Access Advisory Board member, received the award certificate and a bottle of champagne on behalf of EIFL OA Program manager Iryna Kuchma.

July 4, 2011

EIFL Open Access programme recognized by SPARC

EIFL Open Access programme chosen as the winner of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) Europe Award for Outstanding Achievements in Scholarly Communications.



July 24, 2012

EIFL Director receives Armenian Jubilee Medal

EIFL Director Rima Kupryte awarded the 'Hakob Meghapart' Jubilee Medal for her personal and EIFL's overall contribution to development of the Armenian library system.

Rima Kupryte (right) receives the 'Hakob Meghapart' Jubilee Medal from Tigran Zargaryan, Director of the National Library of Armenia.

EIFL



Leslie Chan, EPT Trustee, presents the 2012 Open Access Award to Iryna Kuchma (right), EIFL Open Access Programme Manager.

February 13, 2013

EIFL staff wins EPT Award for support of open access

Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access Programme Manager, receives the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development's Annual Award for Individual Effort in Support of Open Access.



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May 13, 2013

EIFL wins prestigious WSIS Prize

EIFL wins the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society Project Prize (WSIS), in the capacity building category. The award was in recognition of our Public Library Innovation Programme.

Rima Kuprytė (left), Director of EIFL, is presented with the WSIS Project Prize by Dr Hamadoun Touré (right), Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the opening ceremony of the WSIS Forum 2013 on May 13, 2013.

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innovation closed open access delay
globalingenuityknowledgejobcreation
barrier visionary businesses public health
advocate embargo economic engine
unlock content leadership **impact** remix
restricted possibilities constrained curation

open access

November 6, 2013

ASAP recognizes EIFL as 'high-impact open access organization'

The Accelerating Science Award Programme (ASAP) selects EIFL to be one of seven high-impact Open Access organizations, among public action advocates.



EIFL staff (top left to bottom right): Rima Kupryte, Teresa Hackett, Iryna Kuchma, and Monika Elbert.

July 4, 2014

SPARC recognizes EIFL with its 2014 Innovator Award

SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) recognizes EIFL with its July 2014 Innovator Award.



Teresa Hackett, Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager.

November 30, 2015

EIFL copyright programme manager awarded Shuttleworth grant

Teresa Hackett, EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager, has received a Shuttleworth Foundation Flash Grant in recognition of her work. Flash Grants are awarded on the basis of nominations by Shuttleworth Fellows – smart people implementing ideas for social change.



Teresa Hackett, Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager.

August 29, 2018

EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager receives IFLA Medal

EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager Teresa Hackett receives the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Medal in recognition of her distinguished contribution to IFLA and international librarianship, particularly in the field of copyright and for her commitment to enabling equal access to information.

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EIFL has become a “window to Europe” for academic and university libraries from Moldova.

Silvia Ghinculov
EIFL Country Coordinator in Moldova



EIFL has greatly supported us in Ethiopia over the years.

Derib Erget
EIFL Country Coordinator

EIFL has enhanced access to electronic information in Malawi’s libraries, increasing internet bandwidth and enabling universities to establish important open access policies.

Geoffrey Salanje
EIFL Country Coordinator



TESTIMONIES

EIFL is a key partner in Latvia, the warmest of thanks to EIFL staff for travelling on the road with us towards modern and advanced libraries!

Agrita Sagalajeva
EIFL Country Coordinator



EIFL has paved the road to help all countries reach the same level as other well-developed nations, for a fraction of the price.

Emilija Banionytė
EIFL Copyright Coordinator in Lithuania

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EIFL played a significant role in establishing the
Zambian library consortium!

Eness Chitumbo
EIFL Country Coordinator

EIFL is one of the best things that happened to
Northern Macedonian librarianship in the past two
decades.

Miodrag Dadasovic
EIFL Country Coordinator



20 years of EIFL –
remembering our meetings

GA2005 – Vilnius, Lithuania



GA2006 – Amman, Jordan



GA2007 – Belgrade, Serbia



GA2008 – Sofia, Bulgaria



GA2009 – Alexandria, Egypt



GA2010 – Lund, Sweden



GA2011 – Minsk, Belarus



GA2012 – Yerevan, Armenia

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GA2013 – Istanbul, Turkey



GA2014 – Istanbul, Turkey



GA2015 – Riga, Latvia



GA2016 – Chisinau, Moldova



GA2017 – Tbilisi, Georgia



GA2018 – Doha, Qatar



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