



**eIFL.net**

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## 1 Introduction

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This document provides a short report for the activities carried out by eIFL during the year 2003, in terms of workshops, participation in conferences, addition of new participating countries, and signature of new agreements with publishers, its own internal organization and development.

## 2 Organization and development within eIFL

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### Website

Since April 16 2003, the eIFL.net Web site has been fully restructured and it has taken on a completely new look and feel. Its content has been revised and updated and we will continue to further expand and enhance it in the coming weeks. The portal aims to be a dynamic information tool where news, events, documents and any eIFL.net related material will be announced and made available to the eIFL community.

A real important framework is devoted to the news section. Newsflashes, offering continuously updated information not only on the eIFL related news, are published, and above all, a large section describing all the international news of interest for the entire eIFL community is provided.

Three new sections have been added on the eIFL web site. These are:

- **Open Access Init.** - The Budapest Open Access Initiative promoted by the Open Society Institute and aimed at boosting the process of making research articles in all academic fields freely available on the Internet;
- **Open source software** - OSS - a section providing resources, material and useful links aimed to support eIFL library consortia and any other library or institution interested in OSS, to get familiar with the main aspects of Open Source Software's usage and implementation;
- **Free Journals** - Linking to the Directory of Open Access Journals - DOAJ, a newly established initiative currently offering information about 350 open access journals.

### General Assembly

The 2003 eIFL coordinators general assembly has been organised in Pula, Sardinia, Italy from 18th to 22nd of October in the framework of the Science and Technology Park of Sardinia. The GA joined more than 70 people from 41 different countries and more than 20 publishers. Sardinian local authorities and Science and Technology park contributed 25,000 euro to the event.

### Board

In January eIFL.net has become an independent foundation with a small office in Rome, Italy. In February, Frances Pinter completed the tasks as interim CEO to establish the foundation. The first Advisory Board meeting was held on the 27-28 March 2003 in Rome. The second and third Advisory Board meetings, chaired by Law Derek, took place respectively on 2-3 August in Berlin, on 22 October 2003 in Cagliari.

### Logo

eIFL.net as a new independent organisation has produced a new leaflet and a logo.

These are available for the country coordinators from the members-only section on the current eIFL web site, under 'Marketing'- 'Marketing templates'.

### Partners

During the summer, meetings were held with Goethe Institute, IFLA, ICOLC, FAO, INASP, Biomed Central and TIB, the German National Library of Science and Technology, on how to collaborate and how eIFL consortia could make the best use of the resources that are being offered by those initiatives.

### 3 Workshops

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eIFL had a variety of different events that ranged from national consortium building workshops and licensing, to training of eIFL coordinators, round tables on eIFL, workshops on electronic resources. All the workshops are listed in the table below:

National consortium building workshop	January 2003	Bulgaria
Country visit	March 2003	Lesotho
Country visit	March 2003	Serbia
Awareness raising meeting	March 2003	Montenegro
Awareness raising meeting	March 2003	Macedonia
Workshop on copyright and consortia building	April 5-10	Kyrgyzstan
Awareness raising meeting	April 27-29	Albania
Training for eIFL coordinators workshop for CEE and CIS countries	May 13-18	Istanbul, Turkey
Workshop on Consortium Building for Information Sharing	May 7	Blantyre, Malawi
First Consortium building workshop in Namibia	May 12-14	Namibia
Workshop on Copyright & Licensing	May 19-20	Armenia
Workshop on Copyright & Licensing	May 22-23	Georgia
Consortium Building Workshop in Azerbaijan	May 20-21	Baku, Azerbaijan
Consortium Building Workshop in Zambia	May 26-27	Zambia
Training for eIFL coordinators (for all southern African countries)	June 30 to July 4	Johannesburg, South Africa
NEICON, the Russian consortium, held a one day workshop during the Crimea 2003 conference	June	Russia
eIFL workshop in Laos	August 18-19	Vientiane, Laos
eIFL workshop in Cambodia	August 13-14	Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia
Second Consortium building workshop in Namibia	September 8-9	Namibia
Workshop on Electronic Resources offered to the Armenian consortium	September 11-12	Armenia
Workshop on consortia negotiations and licensing	October 9-11	Beijing, China
Issyk-Kul Conference: eIFL round table for Central Asian countries	October 1-6	Issyk Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan
Workshop on copyright and licenses	October 8-9	St Petersburg, Russia
SCAULWA - Standing Conference of African University Libraries West Africa: eIFL plenary	November 3-5	Accra, Ghana
WALA - The West African Library Association :	November 6-8	Accra, Ghana

individual meetings with WA countries		
Workshop on copyright and licensing	November 21-22	Alamaty, Kazakstan

## **4 Participation in conferences**

eIFL participated in a variety of conferences during the year 2003 by giving presentations in most cases.

VLIR Workshop	February 12-19 2003	Leuven, Belgium
ICOLC	March 27-28 2003	Las Vegas, USA
International Conference Culture: from information to Knowledge	April 7-9	Moscow, Russia
IFLA conference (eIFL stand)	August 3-7	Berlin, Germany
eICOLC Conference	October 23-25	Elsinore, Copenhagen, Danemark

## **5 Addition of new countries and welcome to new coordinators**

eIFL welcomed 6 new coordinators, and 8 new countries joined the participants' list. The list is presented in the table below:

Kyrgyzstan	Elmira Shapolavova	January 2003	New coordinator
Cambodia	Chheng Pharin	March 2003	New country
Mongolia	L. Ariunaa	March 2003	New coordinator
Macedonia	Ana Pejcinova and Miodrag Dadasovic	March 2003	New coordinator
Latvia	Gunta Lunse	May 2003	New coordinator
Swaziland	Dr. Zipho Ngcobo	May 2003	New coordinator
Laos	Mr. Chansy Phuangsouketh	October 2003	New country
Sudan	Mr. Khalid Abusin	October 2003	New country
Albania	Farfuri Xhaja	October 2003	New coordinator
Ghana	Mrs. Helena Asamoah-Hassan	November 2003	New country
Mali	Cheick Oumar Diawara	November 2003	New country
Senegal	Henri Sene	November 2003	New country
Cameroon	Chantal Moukoko	November 2003	New country
China	Xiaolin Zhang	October 2003	New country
Uganda	Beatrice Sekabembe	October 2003	Member of email list
Kenya	Salome Mathangani	October 2003	Member of email

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## **6 New agreements with publishers**

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During this period, eIFL has signed several agreements in Science and Technology. These are listed in the table below. In particular, a column was added to show the number of titles that were added as a consequence.

<b>Name of publisher</b>	<b>Date of agreement</b>	<b>Number of titles</b>
IOP	15 August 2003	39 of the World leading edge journals /10 year electronic archive
CUP	19 September 2003	76 journals for Science and Technology
APS		9 reviews
Proquest	20 June 2003	1900 journals

Although eIFL did not sign any agreement with EBSCO, it facilitated the contracts for the next 3 years.

eIFL contacted Content Complete to advise 6 countries which originally expressed an interest in signing the contracts with Elsevier.

A trial access to Russian content databases was opened in March for the eIFL members interested in Russian language resources. This activity has been coordinated by NEICON Russian Consortium, headed by Alexander Kuznetsov. Russian databases are provided by Integrum-Tehno and Eastview, representing 24 and 6 databases respectively. These databases contain massmedia, reference books, social science journals and others. 273 libraries from 11 countries have taken part in the trail.

The eIFL project has produced a model contract and a model licence that will be used in connection with the deals negotiated by eIFL.net with an individual publisher.

The final eIFL model licenses are available both for publishers and for countries. on the website at: [http://www.eifl.net/services/services\\_model.html](http://www.eifl.net/services/services_model.html).

## **7 Guidelines**

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Among the services eIFL.net is providing, there is the provision of guidelines to support the country coordinators in their consortia activities. The following guidelines are available on the website on the members only section at: [http://www.eifl.net/members/members\\_knowledge.html#report](http://www.eifl.net/members/members_knowledge.html#report)

Guide for internet users with low-bandwidth connections

Guidelines for librarians in negotiating the purchase of electronic resources

Guidelines and manuals on statistics

Guidelines for Conducting Effective Focus Group

## **8 Grants**

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Start-up grants for consortium building were given to the following countries. This list is available on our web at: [http://www.eifl.net/services/services\\_grants.html](http://www.eifl.net/services/services_grants.html)

## ALBANIA

Project Name	Creating the Albanian Library Consortium Infrastructure
Grant recipient	Albanian Library Association
Short Description	<p>The purpose of this grant is to create the Albanian Libraries Consortium infrastructure. To achieve this we have planed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of consortium building in the professional publications, newspapers and TV.</li> <li>• Creating a consortium office with the appropriate equipment which will be used for consortium activities and training programs</li> <li>• Holding a conference on building the consortium with the participation of Albanian librarians.</li> <li>• Training sections in Tirana and in four other cities where there are universities</li> </ul>
Project Period	20th January 2004 to 31 December 2004

## AZERBAIJAN

Project Name	Establishing Azerbaijan Libraries Consortium: AzLIB eIFL Consortium
Grant recipient	Baku State University
Short Description	The purpose of this grant is to provide Consortium with eIFL education and information materials, training, technical support, publishing, clarification of mission and legal aspects, fundraising, establishing communication networks.
Project Period	1st November 2003 to 1st November 2004

## BOSNIA

Project Name	Electronic Information Consortium for BiH Libraries
Grant recipient	National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Short	The purpose of this grant is to create the Electronic Information Consortium for

Description	BiH Libraries infrastructure, which ensures professional support for member libraries in selecting, subscribing and using electronic information, expanding the access to electronic information, providing member libraries with educational and consulting services, establishing and maintaining professional contacts with publishers and library consortia in other countries; looking for funding: participating in professional international projects and working together to influence the global information environment.
Project Period	from 1st January 2004 to 1st January 2006

## GEORGIA

Project Name	eIFL Consortium Building
Grant recipient	Georgian Library Association
Short Description	The purpose of this grant is to provide Consortium with eIFL education and information materials, training technical support, publishing, clarification of mission and legal aspects, fundraising, establishing communication network.
Project Period	1st October 2003 to 31st December 2004

## KOSOVO

Project Name	Inauguration of the Consortium of Electronic Library in Kosova
Grant recipient	The National and University Library of Kosova (NULK)
Short Description	The purpose of this grant is to consolidate the Consortium of Electronic Library in Kosova, which offers professional support for librarians and users in using electronic information, expanding the access to electronic information, providing them through all country library educational and training services, establishing contact with vendors and publishers, participate in international project to expand information environment in Kosova.
Project Period	1st January 2004 to 1st January 2005

## KYRGYZSTAN

Project Name	Creating the Kyrgyz Library Information Consortium Infrastructure
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Grant recipient	Library and Information Consortium
Short Description	The purpose of this grant is to create the Kyrgyz Library Consortium Infrastructure, which ensure professional support for member libraries in selecting, subscribing and using electronic information, providing access to electronic information and educational seminars. Informational Consortium will be looking for funding and coast sharing for electronic information, will participate in international projects, and will be working on establishment on the fields of creation of informational environment in Kyrgyzstan and in global informational environment.
Project Period	from 1st February 2004 to 1st February 2005

## MACEDONIA

Project Name	Establishing MEL (Macedonian E-Libraries) consortium
Grant recipient	The National and University Library "Kliment Ohridski"
Short Description	The purpose of this grant is to establish MEL (Macedonian e-libraries) consortium as a network of multiple functions: coordinated activity, negotiations and representation, informative function, training, consultancy and marketing.
Project Period	1st February 2004 to 31 December 2004