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EIFL update

EIFL team meets Aung San Suu Kyi on Myanmar trip



As part of the Beyond Access delegation to Myanmar, EIFL team members Rima Kupryte and Monika Elbert met with Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Myanmar MP Aung San Suu Kyi.

The delegation met with Aung San Suu Kyi in Naypyidaw to discuss her vision of public libraries in Myanmar and the roles these libraries can play in the communities they serve.

Read more about this remarkable meeting [here](#).

EIFL-Licensing update

Renewal agreement for OED Online and Oxford Reference Online

EIFL has signed a renewal agreement with Oxford University Press for the Oxford English Dictionary Online and Oxford Reference Online.

The agreement runs from 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2013 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia in over 40 countries:

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

The Oxford English Dictionary Online traces the evolution of more than 625,000 words from across the English-speaking world over the last 1,500 years. Oxford Reference Online offers cross-searchable access to over 200 dictionaries and reference books covering a wide range of subject areas, plus more than 16,000 images.

- Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreements for the [Oxford English Dictionary Online](#) and [Oxford Reference Online](#).

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Extension of pilot agreement for Wiley-Blackwell Standard Journals Collections

The pilot agreement for [Wiley-Blackwell Standard Journal Collections](#) has been extended until 31 December 2013.

The agreement is open to members of EIFL partner consortia in the following countries: Albania, Cameroon, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Moldova, Palestine, Senegal and Tajikistan.

The complete 2013 Standard Collection offers access to 1,371 high quality titles, many published on behalf of the world's leading academic and professional societies.

Institutions in eligible EIFL partner countries can choose to subscribe to the complete 2013 Collection or to individual subject collections - Science, Technical and Medicine; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science and Technology; or Medicine and Nursing.

- Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreement for the [Wiley-Blackwell Standard Journal Collections](#).



Mary Ann Liebert Journals now available through EIFL

We are pleased to announce that we have negotiated discounted pricing for the [Mary Ann Liebert Journals Collection](#) for members of EIFL-partner consortia in the following countries:

Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine

Available through [Burgundy Information Services](#), the Mary Ann Liebert Journals Collection includes over 75 journals, including Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News (GEN).



The complete Collection covers the following subject disciplines: Biomedical Research; Biotechnology; Clinical Medicine and Surgery; Complementary and Alternative Medicine; Education, Law and Policy; Environmental Studies; Life Sciences; Neuroscience; Philanthropy; Psychology, Humanities and Social Sciences; Public Health and Policy, Technology and Engineering.

Subject specific journal collections are also available.

- [Find out more](#)

EIFL-OA update

EIFL joins the new DOAJ Advisory Board

Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access Programme Manager, has been invited to join [the new DOAJ Advisory Board](#) – a group of experts who has agreed to help [DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals](#) – to establish their priorities and generate ideas for further development and support.



Having been launched in 2003 with a list of 300 journals, the DOAJ is now the leading source of Open Access journals, and this month lists more than 8 622 journals in all subject areas, published in more than 100 countries in over 50 languages.

EPT awards Iryna Kuchma for her advocacy of OA

On 13th of February 2013, the [Electronic Publishing Trust for Development](#) announced the winner of its 2nd Annual Award, in 'recognition of the effort made by individuals working in the developing and emerging countries in the furtherance of Open Access (OA) to scholarly publications'.



This year, the five EPT Trustees panel unanimously agreed the Award should be given to Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA Programme Manager.

Iryna was recognized for EIFL-OA programme's many achievements, including:

- The establishment of more than 510+ Open Repositories in EIFL's network of 46 developing and transition countries
- The development of more than 3,400+ Open Access Journals in EIFL partner countries
- The development of 38 OA policies in EIFL partner countries (for a list of the policies which have been adopted, click [here](#)).

EIFL would like to congratulate Iryna on receiving this distinguished Award!

We would also like to acknowledge the recognition of the EPT Trustees of Susan Veldman with an award of a certificate of commendation for 'all of her efforts in the progress of OA'. Susan is currently the manager of the [SciELO - South Africa](#). She worked with EIFL from 2005 until 2008 as the Licensing Programme Manager and also spent part of her time on EIFL-OA programme activities before Iryna joined us on a full-time basis in 2008.

- Read the full press release on EPT's [website](#)

EIFL releases results of OA advocacy grants

EIFL-OA programme is pleased to release the case studies of the results of its advocacy grants. These case studies describe the results of the 2012 [national and institutional open access advocacy campaigns](#) to reach out to research communities. They illustrate key achievements, activities, advocacy strategies, tactics and tools, success stories and lessons learnt, thus libraries everywhere can benefit. Read about the efforts and results of institutions in Africa and Europe.



Students and OA

- Lithuania: [Open access from the perspective of young researchers](#)

Promoting OA publishing

- Ghana: [Promoting open access through the implementation of OJS \(Open Journal Systems\) for the KNUST research community](#)

Advocacy of OA

- Belarus: [Belarusian national open access \(OA\) website as a focal point for advocacy campaigns to reach out to research communities](#)
- Kenya: [Knowledge without Boundaries: Advocacy campaign in Kenya for open access and institutional repositories](#)
- Serbia: [Promotion of open access at the University of Belgrade](#)
- Sudan: [Open Access Advocacy at Sudan Higher Education Institutions National Level \(SudHENL\)](#)
- Uganda: [Promoting the adoption of campus-based, faculty-driven open access \(OA\) policies in Uganda](#)
- Zimbabwe: [Capacity building for the adoption and implementation of open access \(OA\) policies and OA repositories in Zimbabwe](#)

OA policies adoption and implementation

- Kenya: [Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Open Access Institutional Repository, Kenya](#)
- Moldova: [Open Access – Optimizing Scholarly Communication in Moldova](#)

The results of our grantees are very impressive and we will be issuing a new call for proposals soon. Stay connected and watch for the announcement.

The EIFL-OA Programme is supported by the Information Programme, Open Society Foundations.

EIFL Call for proposals: Open access advocacy campaigns

Following the success of 2012 and 2011 grant competitions, the EIFL-OA programme invites new proposals for organising national or institutional open access advocacy campaigns to reach out to research communities.



We particularly wish to involve researchers and students, research administrators and policy makers, university presses and society publishers.

Some examples of the advocacy actions that could be implemented in partnerships with faculty, students and senior management:

- encouraging more student engagement in the open access movement;
- encouraging more engagement from researchers, research organisations, scholarly societies and Academies of Sciences in the open access movement;
- expanding educational materials on open access targeted toward researchers and students;
- preparing and distributing open access brochures along with supporting web and multimedia materials;
- using new media to educate researchers about open access and share best practices;
- presentation series at faculty meetings;
- hosting workshops and events;
- collaborating with university presses and scholarly societies on campus-based publishing partnerships;
- developing case studies to illustrate successful open access journals and repositories;
- describing business models and sustainability plans for open access journals and monographs, open access repositories;
- promoting the adoption of campus-based, faculty-driven open access policies;
- collecting success stories, forming collaborations and networks that can deliver joint advocacy efforts;
- building national communities of open access practitioners;
- embedding research repositories into institutional processes, systems and culture (library management systems, research information systems and students information systems, other internal and external databases) ensuring that the repository is seen by both researchers and senior managers as part of the institutional research infrastructure and as a natural tool for disseminating research and for raising researchers and institutions profiles;
- educating journalist who write about research and development issues about open access.

Application procedure

Proposals should:

- Provide an overview of current open access activities in your country and institution.
- Describe your advocacy strategy: how do you plan to reach out to research communities.
- Describe your project work plan and time frame. Note that the duration of the grant can be from three to eight months.
- Describe how your advocacy work will improve the current situation or how it will add to the evidence base.
- Describe your goals and the measurement(s) of success that you will use.
- Provide a budget to support your action plan. Note that EIFL financial contribution is limited up to 4,000 USD.
- Be written in English.

Application deadline is Monday, April 15, 2013.

We encourage you to read [EIFL-OA case studies](#) describing the results and lessons learnt of 23 projects supported in 2012 and 2011 that implemented national and institutional open access advocacy campaigns to reach out to research communities and open access publishing initiatives.

You can also see other recommended resources:

- [Open Access Week](#)
- [Repository Support Project \(RSP\)](#)
- [RSP's practical guide to embedding research repositories into institutional processes, systems and culture](#)
- [SPARC](#)
- [NECOBELAC Project Training Activities](#)

The EIFL-OA programme manager will be available to support your work during implementation of your projects.

Who can apply

Libraries and organisations from [EIFL partner countries](#) are eligible to participate. Applications are invited from any individual libraries and organisations or pairings or groups of libraries and organisations under EIFL partner consortia umbrella.

How to apply and deadline

- Please fill in the application form that can be downloaded here [\[DOC\]](#).
- Then, you MUST submit your project application online [here](#).
- In case you have technical problems, you can send your project application to [iryna.kuchma [at] eifl.net]

Application deadline is MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013.

Programme support

This programme is supported by Information programme, Open Society Foundations.

Evaluation procedure

Funding is granted on a competitive basis. Winners will be notified by May 31, 2013.

Contact person

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact the EIFL-OA Programme Manager, Iryna Kuchma [iryna.kuchma [at] eifl.net].

EIFL-IP update

EIFL statement in support of LDC TRIPs waiver



In the run-up to the World Trade Organization (WTO) TRIPs Council meeting on 5-6 March 2013, EIFL issued a statement in support of the request by least developed countries (LDCs) for an extension, without pre-condition, of the LDC transition period, in the interests of access to knowledge, libraries and development. EIFL and member consortia in Ghana, Lesotho and Lithuania also joined an open letter signed by hundreds of civil society organizations to members of the WTO.

While developing countries argued strongly for the need for the extension, developed countries did not support the scope of the request. Therefore informal consultations will take place between now and the next TRIPs Council meeting in June 2013, when agreement must be reached before the expiry of the current extension period on 1 July 2013.

[Read the EIFL statement, the civil society letter to members of the WTO, and a round-up of news and Member State interventions.](#)

Thanks to CFL tweeters!

Since we announced [the launch of "Copyright for Librarians: the essential handbook" \(CFL\) in January 2013](#), we are very gratified for the feedback we have received, especially the scores of tweets from diverse individuals and institutions in different parts of the globe from the [University of the Western Cape Library in South Africa](#) to the [Metropolitan New York Library Council](#).

We also enjoyed the humour - the quip from journalist [Glyn Moody](#), "looks good; now we need one for politicians", and surely we don't detect a note of sarcasm? "[Must... resist... joke... RT @laurajwilkinson So, wanna read "#Copyright for Librarians"? For free, in many languages, in different formats?"](#)

In January, copies were posted to the EIFL-IP network in developing and transition countries around the world. Congratulations to Moi University School of Information Science in Eldoret, Kenya, who were the first on the continent of Africa to receive their copy. As noted by [Jeremy Malcolm](#) from Consumers International, "Just got my copy of EIFL's "Copyright for Librarians" - a great resource, and not just for librarians". While many copies have since been delivered, others are still on their way so perhaps there are some customs officials who now have a very good knowledge of copyright exceptions and limitations!



Since January, over 2,600 copies have been [downloaded](#), and 38 printed copies [ordered online](#). (We know that there is a problem with the copy and paste function in the pdf, and we are working to fix it. In the meantime, text can be re-used freely from the wiki version).

CFL is also available online in various formats including Moodle, the learning management system. We plan to provide a backup of the Moodle version suitable for uploading to a compatible Moodle server, for example, for re-use in a new course that might especially be of interest to followers of [Open Education Week \(OEW\) that takes place on 11-15 March 2013](#). Arabic, Chinese, Polish, Romanian/Moldovan and Russian translations of CFL are all featured resources on the [OEW website](#).

[Visit the CFL webpage for more information.](#)

EIFL supports open dialogue on text and data mining



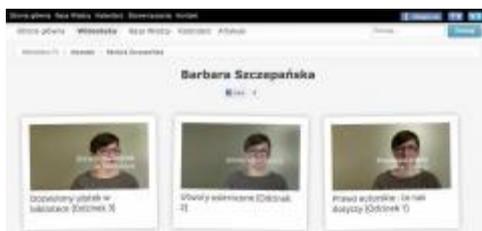
In an [open letter to European Commissioners Barnier, Geoghegan-Quinn, Kroes and Vassiliou](#), EIFL joined an eminent group of over 60 individuals and organizations from all over Europe involved in funding, undertaking and disseminating scientific research results, to express deep concern at the workings of the group on Text and Data Mining (TDM), established by the European Commission as part of its initiative "[Licences for Europe – A Stakeholder Dialogue](#)".

Despite its title, members of the Working Group from the research and technology communities feel they are being presented, not with a dialogue, but with a predetermined outcome – namely that additional

licensing is the only way forward for those wishing to undertake text and data mining. In order to ensure their continued participation in the process, representatives from the European research and technology sectors ask the Commission for assurance that no solution is ruled out of scope from the outset, and that DG Research and Innovation becomes an equal partner in the Working Group.

Text and data mining is the automated processing of large amounts of digital content for the purposes of information retrieval, meta-analysis and knowledge discovery. [Studies show that the potential of TDM is enormous](#) and will create significant benefits for industry, citizens and governments.

Copyright reform in Poland: libraries are prepared



In 2012, the [EIFL-IP programme invited proposals for advocacy campaigns in support of copyright law reform in EIFL partner countries](#). Funding was granted to seven projects in Africa, Asia, and Europe lasting from three to eight months. At the end of each project, we will produce a case study with activities, achievements and lessons learnt so that the library community in other countries can apply the strategies and tools to their own national situations.

The first case study in the series is from [Centrum Cyfrowe Projekt: Polska](#), our grantee in Poland, where for the first time, librarians were invited to participate in high-level discussions on copyright, becoming recognized as important stakeholders in a national reform process.

[Read the case study.](#)

[Read about the other advocacy campaigns.](#)

EIFL-FOSS update

EIFL FOSS launches disability tools for libraries guide and support community



Many libraries today offer a wide variety of e-resources, with electronic catalogues and databases also commonplace. These are much more flexible and easy-to-use for the majority of library users than the former paper-based equivalents. However, some library users need assistance in order to use these online facilities successfully. Some may need assistance with viewing what is on the screen due to a visual impairment (or indeed blindness); some may prefer to listen to text being read aloud (for a variety of reasons including visual impairment, dyslexia, or simply poor literacy skills); some may wish to have support entering text or making notes about what they discover; and some blind users may be unable to use a computer at all without screen reading software.



There are FOSS tools to meet all of these needs. In fact, there are hundreds of FOSS tools that could be used, and even if librarians are willing and able to consider installing some of them, it can be a difficult task sorting out which software to choose.



EIFL-FOSS have produced a Disability Tools for Libraries step-by-step guide, providing information on a small number of key software tools to assist with a variety of library user needs. The guide includes screen captures to illustrate exactly how each type of software can be implemented. The guide includes details of how to download and install each type of software, as well as details of how the software can be used and which types of user may benefit from it. These details could then be used to create training materials for library staff and users, for example.



The guide is not intended to be a comprehensive review of all of the tools available to support disabled library users. It is intended to be a clear guide for libraries setting out to improve their provision for disabled users, highlighting the best and most easy to use tools in each category. Many other tools are available and libraries are encouraged to explore further - this guide is simply a way for libraries to get started and to understand the kinds of users each type of tool will benefit.

To access the guide, click this link.

EIFL has also created a **Facebook Group** to provide more information about Disability Support Tools for Libraries - here you can ask questions; provide anecdotes about how your library has (or has not) used them, and what the reactions of the library patrons has been; comment on which tools you prefer; or whatever you want to discuss related to the topic! To Join

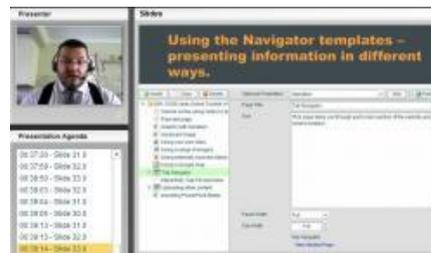
the Group just go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/344556955645236/> and request to Join. Once your membership has been approved please post and add your comments - we want to make the Group as active and vibrant as possible!

Webinars survey reveals FOSS progress

'The webinars I attended were of great value. I learned and shared the output with my colleagues,' says Mandy Taha, Senior Librarian at Library of Alexandria, Egypt

This and other positive comments reveal the value of EIFL-FOSS webinars, expressed by participants in a follow-up survey about the knowledge gained from these seminars.

The survey of 70 respondents from 31 country highlights that 73% of respondents had never heard of the tool being presented or knew a little about it before attending the webinars or viewing the recordings.



Key Findings

- 39% of respondents went on to view the recording of the webinar they had attended. In addition 61% of respondents viewed a recording of a webinar in which they did not participate in the live session of.
- 73% of respondents had never heard of the tool being presented or knew a little about it before attending the webinars or viewing the recordings; 14% had already implemented a tool and attended to gain more knowledge about it; and 13% were familiar but had not implemented the tool.
- 58% of respondents had attended the webinars to increasing their personal knowledge.

Since the webinars had taken place, 6% had gone on to achieve full implementation of the tool in their library, another 6% were in a pilot phase of implementation during the survey timeline and additional 6% had attempted to proceed to pilot phase but had experienced other difficulties (those quoted most often were inadequate hardware and insufficient web connectivity capacity).

Other survey Findings

- The most popular webinar, in terms of participation in the live webinar and viewing of the recording, among the respondents were the ones focusing on DSpace/Fedora, VuFind, SubjectsPlus and Drupal.
- The software tools that inspired most people to try to implement among those who knew little about it before the webinar were SimpleSAMLphp and Xerte Online Toolkits, followed by DSpace/Fedora.
- DSpace/Fedora and SubjectsPlus were the tools most commonly implemented or taken to pilot phase following the webinars.
- Shibboleth, CUFTS and Open Journal Systems (OJS) were the most commonly reported tools that respondents failed to implement successfully.

The results from the survey reveal that most of participants evaluate the webinars as useful or helpful and a large number of them finds the entire FOSS programme valuable. Only 6% of comments were negative and they are all related to connectivity.

The online survey was done in December 2012 and January 2013. Questionnaires were sent to all (272) participants of the 17 EIFL-FOSS webinars that took place between January [2011](#) and August [2012](#) (this cut-off point was chosen to allow time for substantive actions by the attendees between the webinars and the survey).

You can access all of the 2012 EIFL FOSS webinar recordings and further information here: <http://www.eifl.net/eifl-foss-webinars-2012>

You can access the 2011 EIFL FOSS webinar recordings and further information here: <http://www.eifl.net/foss-themed-weeks-2011>

EIFL-PLIP update

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Libraries tell impact stories

We take pleasure in sharing impact assessment results of two public library services funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme ([EIFL-PLIP](#)).

Read about how –

- [Lyuben Karavelov Regional Library](#) in Bulgaria helped 44 long-term unemployed people aged over 40 find jobs.
- [Zagreb City Libraries](#) in Croatia created new opportunities for support for the homeless, and helped 22 homeless people find employment.



In November 2011, EIFL-PLIP funded 14 public libraries to implement innovative services by using information and communication technology (ICT) to meet community needs. A year later, the libraries assessed the impact of their services. Here, we profile two services that show how public libraries improve community economic wellbeing by contributing to employment.

For more stories about innovative public library employment services see [Public Library Braka Miladinovci](#) in Macedonia and [Ulaanbaatar City Public Library](#) in Mongolia.

Over the next three weeks we will be publishing case studies that show how public library services contribute to community health, improve agriculture and farmers' lives, and support vulnerable children and youth at risk.

Library health services showcase their impact

Three public library health services funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme ([EIFL-PLIP](#)) have assessed their impact. We take pleasure in sharing the results.

Read about how –

- [Lori Regional Library](#) (Armenia) used information and communication technology (ICT) to connect people to their doctors, and helped improve community health.
- [Kyrgyz Libraries Information Consortium](#) (Kyrgyzstan) mobilized 190 public libraries to support a major national government programme to combat the spread of TB.
- [Kaunas County Public Library](#) (Lithuania) contributed to healthy lifestyles of the over 60s through free access to computer skills training, reliable information and organizing healthy activities.



These three services are among 14 innovative public library services funded by EIFL-PLIP in November 2011. We have already shared results of services that show how [public libraries improve community economic wellbeing by contributing to employment](#). Over the next two weeks, we will be publishing further case studies to show how public libraries improve farmers' lives and support vulnerable children and youth at risk.

Five library ICT services improve farmers' lives

Five public library agricultural services funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme ([EIFL-PLIP](#)) have assessed their impact. We take pleasure in sharing the results.

Read about how –

- [Berd Public Library](#) in Armenia increased farmers' interest in organic farming.
- [Public Library Laboratorio del Espiritu](#) in Colombia improved access to information and communication in remote rural communities.
- [Klintaine Public Library](#) in Latvia connected farmers to agricultural



experts through interactive webinars.

- [Pasvalys Marius Katiliskis Public Library](#) in Lithuania created opportunities for farmers to market and advertise their produce.
- [Regional public and university library Goce Delcev-Stip](#) in Macedonia helped farmers apply for agricultural and equipment grants.

These services are among 14 innovative public library services funded by EIFL-PLIP in November 2011. We have already shared results of services that show how public libraries [improve community economic wellbeing by contributing to employment](#), and how public libraries [contribute to community health](#). Later this week, we will publish further case studies to show how public libraries support vulnerable youth.

Three public libraries help young people find jobs

We take pleasure in sharing impact assessment results of three public library youth development services funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme ([EIFL-PLIP](#)).

Read about how –

- [East Kazakhstan Oblast Pushkin Library](#) in Kazakhstan helped 55 young people find work, develop small businesses or improve their jobs
- [Masiphumelele Public Library](#) in South Africa built ICT skills of vulnerable youth living in an impoverished community, connecting them to jobs and opportunities for further study.
- [National Library of Uganda, with Lira and Masindi public libraries](#) used mobile phones to alert unemployed youth to life-changing career opportunities.



These services are among 14 innovative public library services funded by EIFL-PLIP in November 2011, focused on four vital community development areas: youth development, economic wellbeing, health and agriculture. Click the links to read how public libraries [improve community economic wellbeing by contributing to employment](#), [contribute to community health](#) and [improve farmers' lives](#).

Five libraries win EIFL-PLIP award for social inclusion

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is proud to announce the winners of our third Innovation Award – for library services that contribute to social inclusion in the community.

Congratulations to five public libraries in Africa, Europe and Latin America –

- [Kitengesa Community Library in Uganda](#) for their information and communication technology (ICT) skills training programme which includes deaf children and reduces prejudice surrounding hearing impairment.
- [Public Library Fran Galovic in Croatia](#) for their ICT skills and public awareness programme that contributes to social inclusion of marginalized Roma communities.
- [Twardogóra Public Library in Poland](#) for getting seniors connected through ICT training focused on practical daily needs.
- [Luhansk Region Universal Scientific Library named after A. N. Gorky in Ukraine](#) for their mobile information literacy school for people living with disability.
- [Biblioteca Pública Fernando Gómez Martínez in Colombia](#) for their ICT training and social inclusion programme for people living with disability.



Each winner receives a prize of US\$1,500. A certificate and a trophy will be presented during major library events in the libraries' regions. Our European winners will receive their awards at the [Next Library 2013 conference](#) in Aarhus, Denmark, in June. Our Africa winner will receive the award at the [Africa Library Summit 2013](#) in Pretoria, South Africa, in July. We are currently investigating an exciting opportunity for our Latin America winner.

Thanks to the winners and to all the other libraries that applied for sharing stories about their innovative services with us.

The EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards recognize innovative services that use ICT to improve lives and livelihoods. The awards are open to all public and community libraries in developing and transition countries.

[Read more about the winners of Award No. 3.](#)

New PLIP award to mark international women's day



Today is international women's day and to celebrate, EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is launching a fifth innovation award call – for public and community libraries that empower women and girls through ICT.

The award includes a prize of US\$1,500 and is open to public and community libraries in developing and transition countries. The deadline for submitting applications is May 8 – just two months away – so start preparing your application now!

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

This is the fifth award in our series of EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards for libraries that improve lives in their communities. We are seeking exciting stories about how libraries contribute to community development because we want to tell the world about the good work that libraries are doing, and to inspire other libraries to start similar services.

To read more about this exciting award [click here...](#)

Events

- 4 Mar 2013 [EIFL-PLIP and IREX visit Uganda](#). Location: Kampala, Kitengesa, Masaka, Mubende and Zigoti - Uganda
- 11 Mar 2013 [Open Education Week 2013](#). Location: Global
- 12 Mar 2013 [German Library Association Conference](#). Location: Leipzig - Germany
- 13 Mar 2013 [OA in Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda kick-off meeting](#). Location: Dar es Salaam - Tanzania
- 15 Mar 2013 [NewGenLib ILS for Windows and Linux: Free Webinar from EIFL FOSS](#). Location: Online
- 25 Mar 2013 [Bosnia&Herzegovina consortium meeting](#). Location: Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 26 Mar 2013 [5th annual seminar in Tashkent, Uzbekistan](#). Location: Tashkent - Uzbekistan
- 8 Apr 2013 [UKSG 36th Annual Conference and Exhibition](#). Location: London - United Kingdom
- 12 Apr 2013 [IFLA CLM mid-term meeting](#). Location: The Hague - Netherlands
- 18 Apr 2013 [Libraries and RROs – an introduction](#). Location: Online

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