



Newsletter

eIFL Newsletter - July /August 2003

Because of summer vacation, this edition of a newsflash covers events and news for the months of July and August. All previous NewsFlash editions can be found in Members only section under Information Sharing.

OSI Appoints President for eIFL.net Advisory Board

OSI appointed Professor Derek Law as President of the eIFL.net Advisory Board. Derek is at present Librarian and Head of the Information Resources Directorate at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland, where he has most recently led the development of the Glasgow Digital Library within the Centre for Digital Library Research.

He has worked in a variety of senior posts in several academic libraries in the UK for some thirty years, but for the last decade has been particularly associated with the development of electronic libraries and services, notably developing the concept of the Distributed National Electronic Resource in the UK. He was one of the team of three who negotiated the first national site licence in the UK in 1991, managed the UK's first electronic journal initiative in 1997-98 and currently serves as a member of the national Content Committee in higher education. He has a strong international track record and is currently completing his sixth and final year as Treasurer of IFLA. He has also advised national governments or government commissions on a variety of electronic library initiatives in Canada, Denmark, Malawi and Greece, as well as the European Union. A frequent author and lecturer he has spoken at conferences in over thirty countries and has had papers translated into seven languages.

He was awarded the Barnard prize for contributions to Medical Informatics in 1993, Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1999 and was awarded an honorary degree by the Sorbonne in 2000.

Derek Law commented on his new appointment saying that " I began my career as a serials librarian and recently have been heavily involved in developing electronic libraries. My work with IFLA has allowed me to develop personal and professional friendships with colleagues in many countries and to develop a passionate belief in the need to develop an equitable system of scholarly communication which allows true sharing and ready access to information on a global scale. That experience means that I relish the challenges which eIFL will offer in helping to deliver that vision of a community of equals. Librarians have an unsung but real passion for working together and I look forward to contributing to that."

eIFL workshop in South Africa

Johannesburg, 30 June - 04 July 2003

On 30 June to 4 July, eIFL ran a very lively workshop with the African coordinators which was held at the Rosebank hotel in Johannesburg. On the first day, presentations on connectivity solutions for the Education sector in Africa, marketing strategy for a national consortium, the South Africa Site Licencing Initiative were delivered by experts. The second day focused on collection analysis, management of e-resources and integration of electronic resources. The workshop witnessed considerable progress in terms of current and future strategy for consortium building. Presentations given during the workshop and a summary report are available on the members only section of eIFL.net. (Information Sharing/Events section)

MALICO - Malawi library consortia is a pilot country for VSAT

Malawi is the leader in an eIFL connectivity project with VSATs to be installed at 4 MALICO sites - Mzuzu University, Bunda, Chanco/CLS and College of Medicine. The main reason for this investment is to allow improved access to electronic information, especially to scholarly publishing. It represents an investment in

MALICO and we will concentrate on this to ensure maximum result. For example, those whose bandwidth has improved could do the downloading of full text documents for the sites which are still struggling with dial-up connections.

LOCKSS Project

eIFL is pleased to present LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) that developed software which enables institutions to locally collect, store, preserve, and archive authorized content thus safeguarding their community's access to that content. It is a tool for preservation of electronic journals. It was designed and is being implemented at Stanford University Libraries with funding from the National Science Foundation, Sun Microsystems, Inc and the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#).

A press release from the Economist print edition is provided on the eIFL site at:

<http://www.eifl.net/opensoft/storing.html>

To learn more about LOCKSS see: <http://lockss.stanford.edu>. LOCKSS is looking for pilot sites amongst member libraries of eIFL consortia. Please let the eIFL team know if any of your libraries might be interested.

BioMed Central and Open Access

BioMed Central is an independent publishing house committed to providing immediate free access to peer-reviewed biomedical research. The list of journals and free access is available at:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/browse/journals/>

BioMed Central launched "Open Access Now", a newsletter to appear twice a month on open-access publishing. Open Access Now is edited by Jonathan B. Weitzman and will feature interviews with important players in the open-access movement and news from Open Access News blog. The inaugural issue interviews Gerry Rubin of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a moving force behind the Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing.

You can sign up to receive the newsletter at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/openaccess/default.asp>

You will hear later on eIFL.net and BioMed partnership.

Open Society Institute publishes updated business planning guides for open access journals

The "Guide to Business Planning for Launching a New Open Access Journal" and the "Guide to Business Planning for Converting a Subscription-based Journal to Open Access" were first published in February 2003 and are now available in updated editions. A new companion volume, "Model Business Plan: A Supplemental Guide for Open Access Journal Developers & Publishers," is also available. All three publications, which were developed under contract with the SPARC Consulting Group, are accessible online free of charge for viewing and downloading from the OSI Web site <http://www.soros.org/openaccess>.

EBSCO Statistics

Please visit eIFL Member Only section (under Statistics) to check the latest on EBSCO usage statistics as well as the list of institutions that are registered to access EBSCO. We will be updating this information every month.

General Assembly

Cagliari, Italy 18-22 October 2003

The program will include meetings with the publishers that are currently on the eIFL menu as well as the new ones; session on cost sharing models of subscriptions among the members of the consortium as well as cost sharing of administration of the consortium; presentations by similar initiatives such as WHO, INASP, TIB will be held as well as a session on technologies that help better manage electronic resources and facilitate search among various content providers. In addition to the General Assembly, we will be holding a one day workshop on statistics. Program will be available soon on the web. Please confirm your participation.

Coming events in August

eIFL.net at IFLA

Berlin, 3-7 August 2003

eIFL.net will participate in the 69th IFLA General Conference in Berlin, Germany, from 3 – 7. August 2003. Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert and Isabelle Rouquet from the eIFL team will be pleased to welcome you at our stand B6A. We expect quite a few eIFL members from around the world to network at IFLA, and would

like especially to invite you to our stand during the exhibition opening on Sunday 3.8. 17.00 – 19.00.

The programme is available at: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/prog03.htm>

eIFL.net Advisory Board meeting

Berlin, 2-3 August 2003

The second Interim Advisory Board Meeting will be held before the IFLA Conference in the Hamburg Hotel in Berlin. As mentioned in the previous newflash, a special responsibility of the Board will be the guidance of the negotiation progress with publishers as well as other policies. The election of the Board will take place during the eIFL GA in October 2003.

The following persons are planning to participate in the meeting:

Jean Claude Guedon (OSI Information Sub-Board representative), Arnold Hirshon (Executive Director, NELINET, USA), Johanna Sander (COSALC, South Africa), Abdulsalami Rilwandu (eIFL country coordinator, Nigeria), Alexander Kuznetsov (eIFL country coordinator, Russia), Olga Kvochkina (eIFL country coordinator, Kazakhstan), Martin Svoboda (Director, State Technical Library, Czech Republic), Derek Law (Director Information and Communication, Strathclyde University), Monika Segbert, Rima Kupryte and Isabelle Rouquet (eIFL.net team).

eIFL workshop in Laos and Cambodia

Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia 13-14 August 2003

National University of Laos, 18-19 August 2003

Monika Segbert, together with Tim Colvey from EBSCO and local library contacts, will run 3 workshops to discuss consortium building and access to electronic resources in Laos and Cambodia.

Looking forward to receiving updated information about the activities and events organised in the country members of eIFL.net

The eIFL Team