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Executive Summary

eIFL.net, the global network of library consortia in developing countries, shows an increasing range of activities and achievements for the year 2005: core activities in consortium building and access to e-resources led to talks about membership with countries from the Middle East (Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon), Iran and Mozambique, and to licensing and trialling of resources from a number of new publishers. Intensive activities focused on developing a network of experts in copyright for libraries in member countries and in training to become advocates at national level. Making local content from member countries more accessible, an integral part of the eIFL vision from the start, became more of a reality through eIFL activities in Open Access and the creation of Institutional Repositories. eIFL also took a leading role in advising member consortia on appropriate new technologies and consolidated its vibrant global network through a number of conferences and workshops.

2005 was marked with intensive negotiations with a broad variety of publishing houses, the closing of agreements with some, the extension of previously signed licenses, some free trials of databases and the attendance at a range of related international events such as the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Boston, 71st IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Oslo, the Frankfurt Book Fair and Online Information in London.

The eIFL Open Access program focused on the benefits available to member consortia from resources available on open access: content made available through open access is free to access and to use; open access can be an important tool in making local content created within the eIFL region available worldwide. In 2005, the Program organized three awareness raising workshops, one institutional repository workshop, sponsored two OA conferences with eIFL members, provided funding for additional OA training for three eIFL members, participated in two international conferences and provided a grant for the development of an institutional repository.

eIFL-IP Advocacy for Access to Knowledge kicked off in 2005 and progress made during the year showed this to be an important new program area. The first six months focused on operational issues such as getting the network in place, establishing communication tools and networking with strategic partners. The second half of the year concentrated on organising the regional training workshops, building the network and planning a national copyright strategy, developing policy positions, and representation at international policy fora. By December 2005, a network of 43 eIFL-IP librarians in 42 eIFL countries was established. Fifty-six librarians from 35 countries in Africa and Europe received training in copyright and advocacy in two two-day workshops in Kampala, Uganda and Tallinn, Estonia. The third regional workshop for former Soviet Union, Asia and the Middle East is taking place in spring 2006. At international level, eIFL established itself during 2005 as *the* premier partner for copyright issues for libraries in developing countries by national government delegates at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), by the WIPO Secretariat and by the NGO community.

eIFL.net launched its Technology Program in 2005 in recognition of the fact that eIFL.net countries typically cannot afford to purchase proprietary software, and that user-friendly Open Source Software (OSS) for libraries could help overcome this problem. A survey of OSS for libraries was followed by a workshop during the 2005 General Assembly to build capacity amongst country coordinators. Following a presentation by the chief engineer of Google Scholar at the General Assembly, it was also agreed that eIFL countries could use the Google

Scholar search engine to get a direct link to the full text resources that have been licensed by their consortium and/or member institutions.

The Middle East regional kick off meeting in Cairo benefited from excellent partnership with the Goethe Institute in Egypt; the two workshops in Palestine (Gaza and West Bank) would not have been possible without the essential support from the British Council in East Jerusalem. The 2005 General Assembly, in Vilnius, Lithuania, brought together 88 participants including 44 country coordinators in an intensive knowledge-sharing event.

Finally, several articles on eIFL.net's activities were prepared (and subsequently published early 2006) and a number or lectures and presentations given at national and international conferences, notably the IFLA World Congress of Library and Information Science in Oslo, August 2005, but also many others.

Rationale

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the activities that eIFL.net has carried out throughout 2005 under its mission framework and agenda.

The report has been divided into a number of separate items in order to enable a simpler "mapping" of the activities in the period from 01/01/2005 to 31/12/2005.

Activities and achievements of the reporting period

Negotiations with Publishers

Negotiations with broad variety of publishing houses took place in 2005 concluding in the closing of agreements with a number of publishers, the extension of previously signed licenses, a number of free database trials and the attendance at various related international events such as the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Boston, 71st IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Oslo, the Frankfurt Book Fair and Online Information in London. In 2006 eIFL.net will seek to intensify ongoing negotiations in order to reach as many agreements as possible within eIFL.net pricing models, licenses and rationale. Equally, attention will be paid to new publishers that have recently approached eIFL.net.

In 2005, a number of previously signed licenses expired. We already extended the license agreements with Cambridge University Press until the end of 2006 and with Institute of Physics until the end of 2007. The American Physical Society transferred all their relationships with developing countries to the American Physical Institute, but we have helped existing eIFL countries that previously subscribed to APS and new subscribers to secure pricing for the upcoming 3 years.

Following the free trials which took place throughout 2004, on 18 February 2005 eIFL.net signed an agreement with *Oxford University Press* to provide access to some 170 journals in several disciplines (these journals contain subjects such as Biomedicine, Computing & Mathematics, Petrology, Humanities, Law, Social Sciences). Again, as has been the case on previous occasions, some eIFL countries enjoy free access. The agreement and the different related licenses are available in the Member Only section of the eIFL website under "Publishers".

Another agreement was reached with *Emerald Publishing* in February. Five countries have requested Emerald's e-resources so far i.e. Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia.

On September 7, 2005 eIFL.net and *Gale International Publishing* signed a three year agreement which allows access to six databases (Literature Resource Centre, Business and Company Resource Centre, InfoTrac, OneFile, Biography Resource Center, Health and Wellness Resource Center and History Resource Center).

Free trials were available for ***SAFARI Business and Technical e-Books*** for a month and many eIFL.net countries took advantage of this opportunity. Equally, the ***Cornell University EUCLID Project*** has offered free trials to its EUCLID Prime Collections, comprising more than 18 titles in mathematics and statistics. The meeting with ProQuest during the IFLA conference in August focused on free trials that that had been obtained for Safari ebooks; later ProQuest responded that they are unable to offer prices for developing countries. In addition, there had been promising signs from project EUCLID about signing an agreement. However in November EUCLID communicated to eIFL that their primary focus at resent is to promote sales to developed countries and they requested to postpone expanding into developing countries until later stage.

During IFLA World Library and Information Congress in August, the Frankfurt Book Fair in October and London Information Online at the end of November, Rima Kupryte met with Sales representatives from American Physical Society, American Institute of Physics, Institute of Physics, Blackwell, Oxford University Press, SAGE, IEEE, Wiley, Thomson Gale, Springer, Elsevier, ProQuest, JSTOR, project MUSE, Economist Intelligence Unit and AMP, a sales company which offered a package including the following publishers: American Chemical Society Publications, American Chemical Society Archive, American Chemical Society New Journals, Chemical & Engineering News, Journal of Chemical Education, New England Journal of Medicine, Humana Press Online (Journals),"Synthesis" from Morgan & Claypool, Bentham Science and Ebrary "Academic Complete". JSTOR reported that they are not ready at this stage to discuss pricing as they are still producing pricing models for developing countries, the same applies to project MUSE. This is something to follow up in 2006. Meetings with Springer and Elsevier did not bring many results.

As a result of other meetings, eIFL is currently finalising three agreements: with SAGE, who offer access to their full text titles (390 journals), with Wiley InterScience, offering 440 journals and with AMP in order to get access to their above mentioned package.

In 2006 eIFL will look into IEEE and EIU more closely. Also we will follow up with JSTOR, project MUSE and agree on a strategy on how to build a relationship with Springer and Elsevier.

eIFL-Open Access Program

In 2005, the open access movement had been working for three years to promote change in the scholarly communications system worldwide, but for developing and transition countries to reap the fullest benefits, the eIFL OA Program was created. The program resulted from a formalized partnership between eIFL and OSI's Open Access Initiative. Broadly speaking, eIFL members can benefit from open access in two ways: content made available through open access is free to access and to use; open access can be an important tool in making local content created within the eIFL region available worldwide.

To raise awareness of the new Program, eIFL launched an Open Access Call for Interest in February 2005 through which eIFL countries were identified to hold OA events. In addition, a new section was created on the eIFL website for the Open Access Program which provides information on and links to the eIFL OA Program events as well as general information on the open access movement.

In 2005, the Program organized three awareness raising workshops, one institutional repository workshop, sponsored two OA conferences with eIFL members, provided funding for additional OA training for three eIFL members, participated in two international conferences and provided a grant for the development of an institutional repository. However apart from the Program itself, the national library consortia in the countries in which the eIFL OA Program is active have organized many follow-up activities as a result of the awareness raising workshops. It is this work at the grassroots level in each country which will result in the adoption of policies to mandate open access at a national level.

The year kicked off with the eIFL OA Program working with the Lithuanian Research Library Consortia (LMBA) to organize an awareness raising workshop in Lithuania in February targeted at policy makers, scientists, librarians, and information specialists. Due to the interest generated form this workshop, the policy makers asked LMBA to organize a follow-up workshop for vice rectors of the universities in June 2005. In addition, Lithuania has received EU funding to develop the Lithuanian Academic Libraries network which will be a national institutional repository network.

eIFl and the Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (LCAS) co-organized and co-funded the International Conference on Strategies and Policies for Open Access to Scientific Information in Beijing in June. The event included 22 international speakers from the UK, China, US, Finland, France, Brazil, Canada, India, Sweden, and Germany representing some of the largest national and private scientific funding agencies, publishers, academics, and policy makers. The LCAS is in the process of strengthening support for Open Access within China and would like to participate in international Open Access events in the future.

Following the Open Access workshop held in November 2003 in Serbia, the eIFL OA Program and KoBSON organized an Open Access Citation Indexes Seminar in Belgrade in November which was attended by over 150 participants.

Outside the eIFL OA programme, OSI and the International Renaissance Foundation (IRF, the Soros national foundation in Ukraine) organised a large regional conference on Open Access in Kiev in February, and it is planned that the follow up activities will be jointly led by eIFL and IRF. Since the workshop, IRF has continued to advocate for OA and in December the Ukrainian Parliament recommended an Open Access mandate for all publicly-funded research.

With regard to the development of Institutional Repositories, eIFL sponsored the South African Site Licensing Initiative (SASLI) to organise a training workshop on "Creating Tomorrow's Information Infrastructure for Today's Scholarly Community" in Pretoria in May. Within South Africa, SASLI has formed an Open Access Advocacy Group called "Sivulile" which has gone on to raise outside funding from UNESCO to hold a specialized workshop on the Greenstone institutional repository software in November.

One of participating institutions to the training workshop in Pretoria and an eIFL member, the University of Zimbabwe, also received a grant which will provide the technical infrastructure for the repository. The University of Zimbabwe began the preliminary steps of the project during 2005. These first efforts included the organisation of training workshops in April and June in order to get familiarised with D-Space; the creation of subject communities that have allowed for the first content submissions; several marketing and promotion activities such as meetings with deans of faculties and directors of institutes to guarantee the uploading of an increasing number of articles; the acquisition of part of the software and finally the discussion of matters involved in the project such as management and copyright issues. The project will

be further developed in these directions in 2006 and a workshop on IR building is already planned for April 2006.

To complement the training which the national eIFL coordinators receive through the OA workshops, eIFL sponsored the three most active coordinators to attend the TICER International Summer School on Open Access in the Netherlands.

Melissa Hagemann presented the eIFL OA Programme at several international conferences to raise awareness of eIFL's work. She participated in the International Conference on Open Access in Developing Countries in September in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. The participants drafted the Salvador Declaration on Open Access: the Developing Countries Perspective (http://www.eifl.net/docs/Dcl-Salvador-OpenAccess-en.pdf) which is the first declaration to clearly state how OA can benefit transition and developing countries and provides recommendations on what governments can do to actively support OA. In addition, she presented the eIFL OA Programme at the Union of Slovene Library Associations in October.

During the Open Access session at the eIFL GA in October, the eIFL members actively engaged in promoting OA in their countries (Serbia, South Africa, Lithuania, China, and the IRF in Ukraine) provided an update on their activities. Heather Joseph, Director of SPARC, discussed SPARC's work in advocating for OA on the policy level in the US and Leo Waaijers of the DARE Project presented the Cream of Science project in the Netherlands. The Open Access roundtable at the GA attracted 15 coordinators, thus it would appear that interest in OA within eIFL is growing.

In 2005, the eIFL OA Program was managed by the OSI Open Access Initiative and in 2006 Lilian van der Vaart (the former Director of the DARE Project in the Netherlands) was hired for the Program.

eIFL Intellectual Property Service

eIFL-IP Advocacy for Access to Knowledge kicked off in 2005. The first six months focused on operational issues such as getting the network in place, establishing communication tools and networking with strategic partners. The second half of the year concentrated on organising the regional training workshops, building the network and planning a national copyright strategy, developing policy positions, representation at international policy fora.

To achieve maximum impact, eIFL must work at two levels: internationally where copyright agreements are first made and nationally where international copyright agreements are implemented. eIFL is unique because it is operating at both levels.

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For the majority, copyright is a new subject and they are often the only librarian in their country with knowledge of library copyright issues. Each country must produce a national strategy plan e.g. to form a library copyright group, identify allies, raise awareness at national

library events, engage with policy makers. The plans will be monitored to measure progress and achievements.

At international level, eIFL established itself during 2005 as *the* premier partner for copyright issues for libraries in developing countries by national government delegates at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), by the WIPO Secretariat and by the NGO community. The two main international issues in 2005, discussions at WIPO for a development agenda and an NGO proposal for an international treaty on access to knowledge (A2K), enabled eIFL to quickly become a key player on the international stage.

This led eIFL to deliver presentations at two high level seminars at WIPO on digital copyright and development, and educational content and copyright. In June 2005, eIFL sponsored the first ever librarian from Africa to attend a WIPO meeting, enabling government delegates to hear at first hand the realities of access to resources in a developing country. In September, eIFL organised a joint IFLA meeting with senior WIPO staff to discuss areas of co-operation e.g. WIPO regional seminars for national policy makers and the WIPO draft model copyright law. This is an opportunity to achieve results at WIPO that will have a ripple effect in developing countries for decades to come.

eIFL is recognised as a credible and constructive partner for library copyright issues in developing countries by NGOs across the library, education, disability, free software, consumer and development sectors. The Project Manager was appointed as a Resource Person to the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) and was instrumental in encouraging IFLA to take an active role at WIPO. eIFL co-organised a flagship event at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress on the WIPO development agenda, with one of the biggest attendances at the Congress, as well as a workshop on free trade agreements.

eIFL is consulted by NGOs for input into policy papers e.g. Electronic Frontier Foundation report to the International Telecommunications Union on digital rights management (February); IFLA Position on Public Lending Right (March); Consumers International report on Copyright and Access to Knowledge (May), ensuring that the issues for libraries in developing countries are not forgotten.

Librarians in developing countries are often not even considered as stakeholders and are seldom invited to national copyright conferences and meetings. To encourage participation, eIFL helps to prepare presentations together with eIFL librarians e.g. in Cameroon, Malawi, Russia and Senegal. eIFL also provides statements, papers and other resources for the development of national position papers.

Documents are available on the eIFL-IP website. The main channel of communication is the eIFL-IP mailing list which currently has 89 members.

Experience in 2005 has demonstrated that there is a need for a process of education and training in copyright issues for librarians and government officials in developing countries, and that there are opportunities for libraries to exert influence at national and international policy levels. In 2006, the policy focus will be sharpened and deepened in selected priority countries and areas.

Technology News

Libraries in eIFL.net countries typically can not afford to purchase proprietary library software. The initial outlay is expensive, and annual licensing fees render the available packages unaffordable. User-friendly OSS software for libraries could help overcome this barrier, enable libraries in most countries in the world to produce online public access catalogues of their holdings, link them to digital full texts, and allow users to search via their OSS library portal for the electronic resources necessary for study, research and personal and professional development. Based on these assumptions, eIFL.net launched its Technology Program in 2005, and many accomplishments have occurred in a relatively short period of time. Work in 2006 will build upon the results of the ongoing surveys as they will help learn the most pressing needs and preferences of eIFL countries as far as both OSS and commercial vendors are concerned.

The Technology Survey distributed to eIFL coordinators at the end of November was a follow up to the NELINET Technology Report which looked at proprietary open linking solutions, federated searching and electronic resources management software and presented by Arnold Hirshon first during the Rosora Board Meeting in June and later during GA in October. The survey intends to gauge the potential interest of the eIFL countries in the two finalists of the Technology Report, TDNet and SFU. Based upon the survey results, eIFL.net will get in touch with the above mentioned vendors in order to get realistic price offers.

Following extensive talks with Anurag Acharya from Google Scholar about partnership and his presentation during the General Assembly in Vilnius, it was agreed that eIFL countries could use the Google Scholar search engine to get a direct link to the full text resources that have been licensed by their consortium and/or member institutions. At the end of November all eIFL countries that had purchased link resolvers from commercial vendors or who have developed their own link resolver, were contacted and were put in touch with Google Scholar. Furthermore, Google Scholar was willing to provide assistance to set up access through a free hosted link resolver provided by ExLibris called ScholarSFX. A good number of countries responded to the request to use the free link resolver and everybody is waiting to share the results of this new service with the rest of the eIFL community. Google Scholar is also working with eIFL countries with union catalogues to index them and direct Google Scholar users to the closest library to borrow materials.

The Open Source Software Survey prepared by Art Rhyno and Fred Guy and presented during the Rosora board meeting was made possible thanks to a grant of $11,000 from OSI. As it turned out to be a very important first step towards the design of the eIFL OSS strategy, the findings of the survey were edited and uploaded onto the eIFL website (Member Only section). As a second step in the OSS dissemination and knowledge-sharing efforts, Art Rhyno and Mark Leggott ran a pre-GA workshop on 27th of October on open source software for libraries targeting 20 eIFL country coordinators with technical skills. The workshop provided background on the use of open source software in general as well as direct, hands-on experience with link resolvers and electronic resource management software.

As a result of discussions initiated at the GA, eIFL.net has started to look into deploying community building and knowledge sharing and production software tools such as blogs and wikis, with the help of the OSI Information Program.

Advisory Board Meetings

In 2005, as it is customary in eIFL.net work dynamics, there were three Advisory Board meetings in January, June and October, respectively. Minutes of all the Board meetings are available on the eIFL.net website (Member Only section).

The 7th eIFL Advisory Board meeting took place in London on 7-9 January 2005. On that occasion, the main goal of the meeting was to discuss the eIFL strategic agenda for 2005-2007, thus paying attention to new programmes such as the Open Access and Intellectual Property Rights Services. At the same time, the meeting also addressed the way ahead in consortium building and management, along with content related issues. Consideration was also given to the eIFL geographical expansion and further cooperation with similar initiatives in the world.

The 8th eIFL Advisory Board meeting took place in Rosora, Italy, on 30 June- 2 July 2005. The Advisory Board gathered to review progress over the first six months of 2005 and to discuss next steps in the eIFL agenda, especially the programme of the eIFL General Assembly at the end of October, and to analyse results of surveys of portal solutions from commercial vendors and Open Source Software options for library applications. Most of the time was spent discussing technology issues as well as eIFL's role in promoting open source software for libraries.

The 9th Advisory Board meeting took place on October 27 and October 30 in Vilnius, Lithuania. The agenda of this meeting was very full with detailed discussion around the new eIFL sustainability strategy for the upcoming years, the eIFL advocacy draft paper, GA preparations, follow up of the membership survey and portal study. On October 30, Board members gave feedback on the just finished GA. That was the last Advisory Board meeting for Biljana Kosanovic, eIFL country coordinator for Serbia. During the GA the elections for the two vacancies at the Advisory Board were held. Buhle Mbambo, eIFL country coordinator for Zimbabwe, was re-elected as a Board member, and Irakli Garibashvili, eIFL country coordinator for Georgia, was welcomed.

Dissemination Efforts

In 2005 eIFL.net started to strengthen its Public Relations Campaign in a bid to share its accomplishments and mission with several audiences, including like-minded initiatives at an international level, potential donors, the media and professional circles such as reviews, conferences and congresses. By following this strategy, eIFL.net intends to raise its profile internationally, and reach out to a broader public.

To begin with, two articles on eIFL.net will be published in two library reviews during Winter 2005/2006, namely:

1) An article on the consortia situation in Europe where eIFL.net contributed a section on Central and Eastern Europe will be released in the next Library Trends issue of winter 2006 and
2) "The eIFL.net Initiative: Access and Management of Electronic Resources by Library Consortia in Developing and Transition Countries" will be published in the next issue of Serials Review.

Secondly, eIFL.net delivered presentations and lectures in several international professional venues, either individually or as part of joint statements with other organisations. By way of illustration, eIFL gave lectures at SURF headquarters in Utrecht, the SOLINET Annual Members Meeting in Atlanta, the LIDA Conference in Dubrovnik, the 34th LIBER Conference in Groningen, the WSIS Pre-Conference in Alexandria, and the WSIS Congress in Tunis.

Apart from this, eIFL.net was invited to the ICOLC Spring Meeting in Boston, the JISC International Colloquium in London, and the International Workshop on e-Science in the UNESCO headquarters. The International Conference on the Preservation of Digital Objects in Goettingen was co-organised by eIFL, and the e-ICOLC Fall Meeting was hosted by one of the eIFL countries, namely Poland.

By the same token, together with these eIFL contributions to international related events, there were eIFL presentations on specific work programmes such us eIFL-OA.

eIFL-IP was sponsored to attend an international copyright conference at Colombia University, New York and receives regular invitations to speak at events. In November, eIFL gave a lecture on education and copyright to over 100 library students at the East African School of Library and Information Science in Kampala, Uganda.

eIFL is an active member of the global campaign for a Treaty on Access to Knowledge, known as A2K. eIFL contributed 35 of the 50 languages for the campaign poster "How do **you** say A2K?" which is used on stickers, posters and t-shirts.

The eIFL Public Relations efforts have also set in motion a media campaign emphasizing how eIFL countries have benefited from participation in the eIFL network. During the eIFL General Assembly a press conference was organised and several radio interviews were given to Lithuanian media.

In March 2005, eIFL co-authored a letter published in The Monitor, an independent daily newspaper in Uganda about planned WIPO/Comesa workshops on IP. In July, eIFL attended a press briefing by NGOs on the WIPO development agenda to the United Nations press corp in Geneva. This which was widely reported amongst government circles in Geneva. In August, eIFL and IFLA issued a joint press release on the WIPO development agenda during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress.

Partnerships

Folllowing Rima Kupryte's country visit to Ghana in February 2005, eIFL.net signed an expression of interest with SIST (Système d'Information Scientifique et Technique), aiming to join efforts in the development of a scientific and technical information system for research in Africa, in concrete in Cameroon, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal. Up to now, though, this declaration of partnership has not achieved any concrete results.

Equally, as a consequence of the cooperation between eIFL and the Goethe Institute in the organisation of the Middle East Kick-off Meeting in April, an agreement of willingness to partner in future endeavours was reached. By the same token, the assistance offered to eIFL

by the British Council Palestine in the preparation of its workshops in Gaza and West Bank led to the signing of a declaration of intent to collaborate further in the Palestine Territories.

Geographical Expansion and Consortium Building

In 2005 eIFL undertook its geographical expansion to the Middle East region, Iran and Mozambique, thus raising the number of eIFL.net members to 50.

eIFL.net launched its Middle East kick-off meeting in Cairo, Egypt on 18-19 April, thanks to collaboration with the Cairo Goethe Institute and the OSIDEV Foundation. The meeting brought together senior representatives from key library research centres from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine (West Bank and Gaza) and Syria. Discussion tackled how best to address the barriers faced by these countries when trying to get access to scholarly e-resources. Apart from looking into possibilities towards the creation and strengthening of library consortia in the region, more specific problems pertaining to individual countries were also taken into account.

This Middle East geographical expansion was reinforced in a series of national workshops on consortium building and licensing in Palestine (both in Gaza and the West Bank) and Jordan over the summer and in Syria on21-22 November (which was also attended by 2 Iraqi library directors sponsored by the Goethe Institute). These workshops were attended by a large representation of local librarians, policy makers and senior university representatives and generated much interest. This round of workshops will be completed with similar workshops in Egypt and Lebanon in February and March 2006. Another regional 'evaluation meeting' to benchmark progress and share problems and solutions is currently being planned in Aleppo (Syria) for April 2006.

Likewise, the investigative visit that Monika Segbert paid to Iran in March 2005 was well received by ConsIran, the library consortium in Iran and it was followed up by the organisation of a national workshop in Tehran on September 8-13.

Progress with Mozambique has been delayed due to unexpected problems encountered by the national consortium in 2005. Although a national workshop has not taken place there yet, Margaret Ngwira, eIFL country coordinator for Malawi paid a visit in May 2005. Aissa Mitha Issak, the country coordinator for Mozambique, has recently reported ongoing restructuring and progress in the consortium.

On a related front, NELINET prepared a consortium building model presentation for use by eIFL member county institutions, which is available on the eIFL website. eIFL also carried out an online survey on consortia details from member countries which will be used as a benchmark.

Fundraising

In 2005 eIFL.net signed the following grant contracts:

1. OSIWA granted 90,000 USD to continue eIFL's work in existing Western African countries
2. FOSI granted 4,000 USD to support attendance of Laos and Cambodian representatives at eIFL General Assembly
3. UNESCO granted 34,000 USD for running a workshop for former Soviet Union, Asia and the Middle East on copyright and advocacy
4. OSI Information Program granted 6,000 USD for a workshop on open source software for libraries. The grant was transferred directly to the hosts of the workshop, the Lithuanian Research Library Consortium
5. OSI Information Program granted 11,000 USD consultancy contract to Art Rhyno and Fred Guy to research available open source software applications for libraries and make recommendations for eIFL.
6. OSI Central Eurasia Project granted 5,588 USD for investigative visit to Iran.
7. OSI granted 19,300 USD for eIFL's work in Iran in the area of consortium building and knowledge sharing among library community.
8. OSIDEV granted 84,402 USD for eIFL's work in the Middle East (Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Palestinian territories)

We had very encouraging meetings with the Carnegie Foundation, but an invitation for a proposal from eIFL in the end had to be postponed. We are expecting to hear from Mellon Foundation on initial ideas that eIFL proposed for funding in order to move ahead with writing a full proposal.

Equally, a fund raising strategy prepared with the help of David Fuegi was presented at the Board meeting in Vilnius and its discussion by the Board led to further talks on how to develop the strategy for the eIFL endowment fund in 2006.

In December Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert and Arnold Hirshon met to discuss the strategy for the eIFL Endowment Fund in more detail.

2005 General Assembly

The 2005 General Assembly took place in Vilnius, Lithuania on October 28-30. It was preceded by the first part of the 9th Advisory Board meeting, the newcomers meeting, a press conference and a workshop on Open Source Software for Librarians run by Mark Leggott and Art Rhyno for 20 eIFL country coordinators with some technological and software skills.

The GA programme gave an overview of 2005 eIFL activities and challenges in all its areas of work, and was enriched by lectures from speakers from relevant initiatives, including Google Scholar, Wikipedia, Connexions, Creative Commons, and the DARE Project.

The General Assembly was sponsored by the Lithuanian Research Libraries Consortium, the Martynas Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania, the Culture and Sport Support Fund of the Republic of Lithuania, Publishers, the Open Society Institute, and eIFL.net. The venue was

the National Library of Lithuania and was attended by some 88 participants including 44 country coordinators, the eIFL Board, eIFL staff and several speakers, resource persons and invited vendors.

During the GA, the eIFL country coordinator Munir Assad offered to host the 2006 General Assembly in Jordan, and for her part, the eIFL country coordinator Susan Veldsman proposed to organise it in South Africa in 2007.

Actions of the referenced period

2005 has been full of initiatives, meetings, workshops and visits as you can see below. We aim to keep it up in 2006.

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
7th Advisory Board Meeting	London, UK	January 7-9	Board, eIFL staff
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting	Boston, USA	January 14-18	Rima Kupryte
Meeting with the Dutch National Library	Amsterdam, the Netherlands	January 19-20	Rima Kupryte and Monika Segbert
Knowledge Society Symposium	Cairo, Egypt	February 1-6	Monika Segbert
Access to Knowledge Expert Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	February 3-4	Teresa Hackett
Meeting with CARLIGH, INASP, INSTI-CSIR, and SIST	Accra, Ghana	February 9-10	Rima Kupryte and Hannie Sander
Country Visit	Skopje, Macedonia	February 10	Biljana Kosanovic
Workshop on Open Access Scholarly Communication	Kyiv, Ukraine	February 17-19	Melissa Hagemann
Workshop on Open Access	Vilnius, Lithuania	February 21-22	Melissa Hagemann
Bulgarian Information Consortium's Seminar on Open Access Journals	Bulgaria	February 28	Lund University
Country Visit	Namibia	March 3	Buhle Mbambo
Meeting with Derk Haank	Amsterdam, the Netherlands	March 7	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert and Marika Meltsas
Needs Assessment Visit	Teheran, Iran	March 10-17	Monika Segbert
Daisy-Microsoft Digital Library Working Group and Daisy Knowledge Network	London, UK	March 31-April 2	Teresa Hackett
Lecture at SURF	Utrecht, the Netherlands	April 7	Monika Segbert
Attendance to ICOLC Spring Meeting	Boston, USA	April 10-13	Jan Andzej Nikisch
WIPO Intersessional Intergovernmental Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	April 11-13	Teresa Hackett
4th Session of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Cooperation for Development related to Intellectual Property	Geneva, Switzerland	April 14-15	Teresa Hackett

eIFL Middle East Kick off Meeting	Cairo, Egypt	April 18-19	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Emilija Banionyte, Alexander Kousnetzov
Meeting with SURF	Utrecht, the Netherlands	April 24	Monika Segbert
Presentation at the WIPO-UNCTAD-WHO-UNIDO-WTO International Seminar on Intellectual Property and Development	Geneva, Switzerland	May 2-3	Teresa Hackett
Launch of MALICO VSATs-Internet Project	Blantyre, Malawi	May 4-8	Rima Kupryte
Participation at the Columbia University Briefing "Correcting Course: Rebalancing Copyright for Libraries in the National and International Arenas"	New York City, USA	May 5-7	Teresa Hackett
Presentation at the SOLINET Annual Members Meeting and several funding-related meetings	Atlanta and New York City, USA	May 5-10	Monika Segbert
Country Visit	Maputo, Mozambique	May 9-13	Margaret E. Ngwira
Institutional Repositories Workshop	Pretoria, South Africa	May 11-13	Susan Veldsman
Participation in the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue Meeting regarding the Access to Knowledge draft treaty	London, UK	May 12-13	Teresa Hackett
Participation in the OSI Information Sub-Board Meeting	Amman, Jordan	May 17-22	Monika Segbert
Presentation at the LIDA Conference	Dubrovnik, Croatia	May 30-June 3	Monika Segbert
Meeting with Goettingen University Library Director Prof. Elmar Mittler and Dr.Heika Neuroth on ways for cooperation	Goettingen, Germany	June 6	Monika Segbert
Country Visit	Botswana	June 6-8	Buhle Mbambo
Partipation in the WIPO Intersessional Intergovernment Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	June 20-22	Teresa Hackett and Dick Kawooya
China Open Access International Conference	Beijing, China	June 20-25	Rima Kupryte, Melissa Hagemann, J.C. Guedon
Invitation to JISC International Colloquium	London, UK	June 21-22	Jan Andzej Nikisch
Country Visit	Minsk, Belarus	June 22-25	Emilija Banionyte, Ausra Vaskeviciene
8th Advisory Board Meeting	Rosora, Italy	June 30-July 2	Board members and eIFL team
Presentation on eIFL at LIBER 34th Annual Conference 2005	Groningen, the Netherlands	July 8	Emilija Banionyte
National workshop on consortium building and licensing	Gaza, Palestine	July 10-11	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert and Margaret Ngwira

National workshop on consortium building and licensing	West Bank, Palestine	July 13-14	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert and Margaret Ngwira
National workshop on consortium building and licensing	Amman, Jordan	July 17-18	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Arnold Hirshon
Participation in the Third Intersesional Intergovernmental Meeting to discuss a Development Agenda for WIPO	Geneva, Switzerland	July 20-22	Teresa Hackett
Attendance to the First International Wikimedia Conference	Frankfurt, Germany	August 4-8	Irina Razumova
Stand at 71st IFLA World Library and Information Congress	Oslo, Norway	August 14-18	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Teresa Hackett and Isabel Bernal
IFLA WLIC Business meetings of the Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters	Oslo, Norway	August 13 and 19	Teresa Hackett
IFLA WLIC Co-organised and presented at Developing a Library Agenda for IP	Oslo, Norway	August 15	Teresa Hackett
IFLA WLIC Co-organised Free Trade Agreements: not free not fair	Oslo, Norway	August 19	Teresa Hackett
Attendance to the International Workshop on "Creating the Information Commons for e-Science" jointly organized by CODATA, UNESCO, ICSU, ICSTI, INASP, TWAS and OECD	Paris, France	September 1-2	Rima Kupryte
National workshop on consortium building and licensing	Tehran, Iran	September 8-13	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Susan Veldsman and Alexander Kouznetsov
Participation in the WIPO Interactive Session with NGOs in the framework of the WIPO Development Agenda framework	Geneva, Switzerland	September 15	Teresa Hackett
Attendance to the International Conference on the Preservation of Digital Objects (Ipres) co-organised by eIFL	Goettingen, Germany	September 15-16	Jan Andzej Nikisch
Presentation on eIFL OA activities at the International Conference on Open Access in Developing Countries	Salvador, Brazil	September 21-22	Melissa Hagemann, J.C. Guedon
Attendance to the Annual General Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO	Geneva, Switzerland	September 26-October 5	Teresa Hackett
Attendance to the e-ICOLC Fall meeting hosted by the Poznan Foundation of Scientific Libraries	Poznan, Poland	September 28-October 1	Rima Kupryte
Meeting to discuss eIFL OA strategy	Rome, Italy	October 7	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert and Melissa Hagemann

Attendance to the Frankfurt Book Fair	Frankfurt, Germany	October 19-22	Rima Kupryte
Presentation on OA at the Annual Conference of Slovene Librarians	Portorob, Slovenia	October 24	Melissa Hagemann
9th Advisory Board meeting	Vilnius, Lithuania	October 27 and 30	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Isabel Bernal + all Advisory Board
Workshop on OSS for libraries	Vilnius, Lithuania	October 27	Art Rhyno, Mark Leggott + 20 participants
Session for a newcomers of the General Assembly	Vilnius, Lithuania	October 27	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Isabel Bernal + Advisory board+21 participants
EIFL General Assembly	Vilnius, Lithuania	October 28-29	About 80 participants
SCAULWA Conference, eIFL workshop on consortium building	Dakar, Senegal	November 7-11	Rima Kupryte, Kate Nevins, Sandra Phoenix
Workshop on OA Citation Indexes	Belgrade, Serbia	November 10-11	Jean Claude Guedon, Melissa Hagemann, Lilian van der Vaart, Biljana Kosanovic and Tim Brody
Presentation at the WSIS Pre-Conference: Libraries-the Information Society in Action	Alexandria, Egypt	November 11-12	Helena Assamoah-Hasan
Presentation at the World Summit on Information Society	Tunis, Tunisia	November 13	Emilija Banionyte
National workshop on consortium building and licensing	Damascus, Syria	November 21-22	Monika Segbert, Marika Meltsas and Ann Okerson
Lecture at the WIPO Information Meeting on Educational Content and Copyright in the Digital Age	Geneva, Switzerland	November 21	Teresa Hackett
Attendance to the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Issues Session	Geneva, Switzerland	November 21-23	Teresa Hackett
Lecture on copyright and education at East African School of Library and Information Science	Kampala, Uganda	November 24	Teresa Hackett
Africa workshop on IP issues	Kampala, Uganda	November 25-26	Teresa Hackett
Presentation at Africa Copyright Forum Conference	Kampala, Uganda	November 28-30	Teresa Hackett
London Information Online 2005	London, UK	November 29-December 1	Rima Kupryte
OA Workshop	Sofia, Bulgaria	December	Melissa Hagemann, Nadya Terzieva
eIFL Fundraising Team Meeting	Rosora, Italy	December 9-11	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, and Arnold Hirshon
Europe workshop on IP issues	Tallinn, Estonia	December 11-12	Teresa Hackett

Financial summary 2005.

January 1 through December 31, 2005

Income	Received amount	%
OSI core activities funding	€ 547.018	54%
Program income	€ 372.272	37%
Participation fees	€ 33.951	3%
Indirect costs from grants	€ 8.496	1%
Interest Income	€ 1.337	0%
Advance payments	€ 46.050	5%
TOTAL	**€ 1.009.125**	

Expense	Amount Spent	%
Program Delivery	€ 425.967	66%
Personnel & Contracted Expenses	€ 133.097	21%
Operating Expense	€ 88.689	14%
TOTAL	**€ 647.753**	

Carry Forward to 2006	**€ 361.372**

eIFL FY2005 Revenues

eIFL FY2005 Expenses