

EIFL update

eLibrary Myanmar - exciting new EIFL project to increase access to knowledge



Access to knowledge in Myanmar will take a big leap forward from January 2014 as a result of an important new project, eLibrary Myanmar, which will be coordinated by EIFL. For the first time, academics and students will gain online access to a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary collection of scholarly resources.

A look ahead – EIFL focus areas in 2014



Happy New Year! The EIFL team has been busy preparing and planning a wide range of activities to be implemented this year to help improve access to knowledge. Read more to see what each EIFL programme will be focusing on in 2014.

EIFL-Licensing update

Renewal agreement for the Oxford Journals Collection



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Credo Online Reference - 19 extra countries now eligible



EIFL-partner library consortia, and their members, in an additional 19 countries can subscribe to the Credo Online Reference Service, Academic Core Collection at highly discounted rates from January 2014.

EIFL-OA update

EIFL partners in new EU project FOSTER



EIFL is pleased to announce that it is a partner in a new European Commission (EC) funded project FOSTER (Facilitate Open Science Training for European Research) that will deliver training programmes for researchers and other stakeholders. The project will start in February 2014.

EIFL partners in new EU project PASTEUR4OA



EIFL is pleased to announce that it is a partner in a new European Commission funded project PASTEUR4OA (Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research) that will address policymakers and will encourage open access policy alignment across

Europe to simplify compliance for researchers and to adhere to the spirit of the European Research Area's harmonisation agenda.

Kenyatta University adopts an OA policy



Kenyatta University (Kenya) adopts world's 334th open access (OA) mandate: OA institutional repository (IR) policy. The policy became the fourth OA policy in the country. The EIFL-OA Programme was pleased to be a part of OA policy discussions contributing to a workshop to sensitize the Kenyatta University Management Board on OA.

EIFL-IP update

UN Day of Persons with Disabilities: breaking legal barriers



International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2013 was marked with the theme "Break Barriers, Open Doors: for an inclusive society and development for all". EIFL celebrated the achievement of the Marrakesh Treaty that dismantles a major legal barrier for persons with print disabilities.

European orphan works examined in EIFL-IP webinar



The recording and slides from an EIFL-IP webinar on the European orphan works Directive are available online.

EIFL-IP update

WIPO starts discussing libraries and archives in earnest



The 26th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) began discussing in earnest topics in the Committee's working paper on libraries and archives, during two days devoted to libraries and archives.

EIFL-FOSS update

OJS questions answered in EIFL FOSS and OA webinar



A webinar that was a joint venture between EIFL's FOSS and OA programmes is now online and includes a presentation from Bozana Bokan (Center for Digital Systems (CeDiS): Open Access/e-Publishing, Freie Universität Berlin) who gave an overview of OJS software functions and recent and new features.

Empowering disabled library patrons in Malawi and Serbia: two FOSS case studies



Two case studies from the EIFL-FOSS programme are now available online which outline how the Malawi National Library Service and National Library of Serbia both used FOSS tools to improve the library experience for patrons with a print impairment.

EIFL-FOSS looks back at four years of achievements



The latest phase of funding for the EIFL-FOSS programme ran from 2010 to 2013. As the EIFL Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) programme draws to a close, we look back on a four-year programme of innovative activities using and promoting free software in libraries.

EIFL-PLIP update

Grants for libraries serving children and youth



Calling innovative public libraries! There is still time to apply for an EIFL-PLIP grant to develop an innovative service for children and youth. This exciting opportunity is open to public and community libraries in developing and transition economy countries. Deadline January 31, 2014.

How a modern library keeps mothers healthy in rural Ghana



An EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (PLIP) project that connects expecting mothers with needed health information through mobile phones was featured in the Impatient Optimist development blog. The Northern Regional Library Technology for Maternal Health project was implemented to help reduce maternal mortality by improving pregnant women's access to vital health information.

Macedonian public library association formed



Macedonian librarians have formed a new association – Innova Lib – to promote development of public libraries and innovative public library services across the country. The idea for the association was born at a national conference supported by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP).

Congratulations to six EIFL-PLIP award winners



We are delighted to name six winners of the sixth EIFL-PLIP Innovation Award – for Creative use of ICT (information and communication technology) in public libraries.

Events

- 23 Jan 2014 Webinar: [New EIFL Model Licence for e-book purchases](#). Location: Online
- 3 Feb 2014 Consulting with [Ethiopian public library stakeholders](#). Location: Addis Ababa and Mekele - Ethiopia
- 6 Feb 2014 Webinar - [Text and data mining: what librarians need to know](#). Location: Online
- 10 Feb 2014 [KE Workshop Sustainability of OA Services](#). Location: Utrecht - Netherlands
- 11 Feb 2014 [Implementing the Marrakesh Treaty](#). Location: London - United Kingdom
- 20 Feb 2014 [Kick-off meeting of FOSTER & PASTEUR4OA](#). Location: Guimarães - Portugal
- 24 Feb 2014 [EIFL-PLIP visit to Tanzania](#). Location: Dar es Salaam, Bagamoyo - Tanzania

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